PREZ TRIVIAL QUIZ

Below is a Presidential Trivia Quiz.

GRADING CRITERIA: 33 questions, 3 points each, and 1 free point. If the answer is a list which has $L$ elements and you get $x$ correct, you get $x/L$ points. If any are wrong you get 0 points.

You can take the quiz one of three ways.

1) Take it WITHOUT using the web and see how many you can get right. Take 3 hours.

2) Take it and use the web and try to do it fast. Stop when you want, but your score will be determined as follows: If $R$ is the number of points and $T$ is the number of minutes then your score is $\frac{180R}{T} + 1$.
   
   If you get all 33 right in 60 minutes then you get a 100. You could get more than 100 if you do it faster.

3) The answer key has more information and is interesting. Do not bother to take the quiz and just read the answer key when I post it.

THE QUIZ BEGINS!

1. How many people have been president without having ever held prior elected office? Name each one and, if they had former experience in government, what it was.

2. How many different people have been or are president?

3. How many different people have been or are vice president?

4. List all of the presidents that died in office.

5. List all of the presidents who have resigned.

6. List all of the vice presidents that have died in office.

7. List all of the vice presidents that have resigned.

8. List all of the vice presidents that went on to be president.

9. What is the max number of ex-presidents alive at the same time? List all of the times this has happened. Your answer should be a list of statements of the following form: Shortly after $X$ took office there were $Y$ ex-presidents: $Z(1)$, $Z(2)$, … , $Z(Y)$.
10. What is the min number of ex-presidents alive at the same time? List all the times this has happened. Your answer should be a list of statements that (roughly) say During X’s term there was a time when there were only Y living ex-presidents. They were Z(1), . . . , Z(Y).

11. List all of the presidents who got a patent. Hint: The answer is NOT Jefferson.

12. What is the most common first name for a president? List all of the presidents that had that name.

13. Which last names have occurred the most times for a president?

14. What president lived the longest after leaving office? (as of Jan 2021).

15. List all of the presidents who later served in Congress or on the Supreme Court.

16. List all of the presidents that ran again four or more years after leaving office.

17. Name a fictional street gang named after a president.

18. Who was the first president elected after women could vote?

19. In what movie did a main character get John Quincy Adams’ vice president wrong?

20. Which presidents have won Nobel Prizes? For each one say if they won it before, during, or after their term of office, and which Nobel Prize they won. Also include what they won it for.

21. Name THREE fictional presidents have won Nobel Prize. For each one say what they won it for. If you name ONE OR TWO, but at least one of yours is NOT in the answer key than (1) you get full credit, and (2) email me about it.

22. Which vice presidents have won Nobel Prizes? For each one say if they won it before, during, or after (I do not know of any fictional vice presidents who won a Nobel Prize. If you do then (1) you get full credit on this question, and (2) email me about it.)
23. Name four of the presidents who, at some point of their presidency, did not have a spouse. Also specify the circumstances. (There were more than four, but you only have to name four.)

24. Which presidents never went to college?

25. Which presidents have had advanced degrees beyond College. (Note that Abe Lincoln practiced law but did not have a Law Degree. In those days you didn’t need to.)

Just for these presidents I also comment on their veep.

26. Which presidents who were ELECTED once but never ran for president again after their term was over? (Excluding those who died in their first term.)

27. Who was the first female to run in the general election for president of the United States? Note that running just in the primaries does not count, so Elizabeth Dole’s attempt to get the Republican nomination in 2000 does not count (She was a serious candidate in the primaries.) Even with that proviso, this is an ambiguous question so I’ll take several answers as being correct.

28. Name all of the presidents who won an election despite having one of their opponents have a larger percent of the popular vote. This can happen because of the electoral college. List the president, the year, and who the opponents were.

29. What is the max number of 2-term presidents we’ve had in a row. List all president involved.

30. Name all of the presidents whose first language was not English, and what it was.

31. List all the sitting VPs who ran and won a Presidential election?

32. How many former (not sitting) VPs won a presidential election? List all of them.

33. How many times has the prez and VP had the same first name? For each such time list the prez and VP.
34. We define *running of president* as getting a nonzero number of electoral votes. List all of the people who have ran for president and lost, but then ran later and won. (Note: If Donald Trump runs in 2024 then that would count since he lost in 2020. The fact that he won in 2016 is not relevant to the question.)