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The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

Got what it takes to join a startup civilization?

This 15-question multiple choice quiz will help determine your potential suitability as a Virgle Pioneer. Finish the test, then click "Submit." Good luck!

- 1. I would characterize my overall level of physical fitness as:**
 - Great. I'm totally buff.
 - Good. I can do the stationary bike roughly as long as it take to watch a *Talk Radio* rerun on my gym's cable system.
 - Okay. I could probably do a few crunches if you really insisted.
 - Poor. The mere sight of a treadmill gives me chest pains and a weird tingling feeling in my extremities.
- 2. I am a world-class expert in**
 - physics
 - medicine and first aid
 - engineering
 - Guitar Hero II
- 3. I _____ algae (as food).**
 - like
 - dislike
 - utterly loathe
 - would be willing, if absolutely necessary, to endure
- 4. I _____ 1/3rd gravity (as the inverse-square electro-magnetic force binding me to the surface of my planet).**
 - like
 - dislike
 - utterly loathe
 - would be willing, if absolutely necessary, to endure
- 5. If I had to wait up to 40 minutes for a response to email, I would**
 - Die.
 - Rejoice.
 - Choose my words more carefully.
 - What's email?
- 6. If I was unexpectedly confronted with the emergence of a bewilderingly alien and frighteningly advanced Martian life form which appeared bent on killing me if I failed to quickly and**

effectively communicate my peaceful intentions and potential value to its civilization, I would

- Die
- Whip out my handy universal transcoder and start schmoozing my ass off.
- Well, given that there's no such thing as a transcoder that works for a Martian language that we haven't even heard yet, I guess I'd just do my best to seem non-threatening while communicating my peaceful intentions with subtly universal hand gestures.
- Run straight toward the Martian while screaming wildly and brandishing whatever weapon happens to be handy.

7. I consider creature comforts like designer clothing and satellite TV with DVR service:

- Utterly essential.
- Utterly pointless.
- Utterly essential if I'm going to spend the rest of my life stuck here on Earth anyway, but utterly pointless if (hint, hint) you all decide to send me on the Adventure of Many Lifetimes™.
- Does the satellite service include Showtime, because I am soooo into *Weeds*.

8. The concept of a large group of equal individuals all working hard every day toward the collective good of our shared community sounds to me like

- A utopian ideal.
- A Communist plot.
- A dreary stage that Virgle Pioneers will all have to endure while building a civilization robust enough to sustain a blessed return to mankind's usual selfish, materialistic, backbiting ways.

9. A multi-stage heavy lift rocket built using established solid and liquid propellant technology with solid boosters doubled for increased payload capability could start a burn for insertion into a lunar trajectory and then back toward Earth for final insertion into a modified Hohmann Transfer Orbit, increasing its final Earth-to-Mars transfer velocity through a periapsis delta-v burn performed at the closest lunar and subsequent Earth approach, with the additional delta v gained on account of the potential energy from the mass of expended propellant,

- Actually, I would think fairly quickly and easily
- Only with significant time and fuel expenditure
- My SAT tutor said to always guess C if you aren't sure

- goo goo ga ga hee hee ha ha
10. **If I were to find myself a passenger on a cramped three-month journey from Earth to Mars with nothing to do with my free time except play a thousand consecutive games of backgammon with a fellow crew member whom I didn't particularly like to begin with, I would probably:**
- Kick some serious backgammon butt, yo.
- Be sure to lose enough games to ensure that my fellow player doesn't build up unsustainable levels of frustration and go postal.
- Go postal.
11. **If I were to find myself a passenger on a long-haul, multi-generational voyage to a distant solar system, and deteriorating on-ship ecological conditions, steadily weakening community stability and ever-rising number of missing backgammon pieces led some colonists to revolt against the ship's government, I would**
- Join the bloodthirsty populist revolution without thinking twice
- Instinctively defend the reigning neo-fascist military regime
- Hide in the infirmary until things blow over
- Find a working Holistic Artificial Language interface and beg the on-board computers to take over the ship, and by extension the entirety of extra-solar-system humanity. For our own good, of course.
12. **"If I am accepted as a Virgle Pioneer, I will enthusiastically embrace my solemn responsibility to produce as many offspring as I can in order to help develop our fledgling Martian civilization." This statement, in my case, is**
- True. *Hell*, yeah, it's true. Could we have some, like, Virgle Pioneer keggers in advance just to sort, you know, um, break the ice?
- Um, definitely *false* -- and you'll be hearing from my attorney for insinuating otherwise.
- Could I maybe see a few head shots of my fellow Pioneers before answering this question?
13. **When I gaze up at a gleaming starscape late on a clear autumn night, I experience**
- A sense of wonder at the miraculous bounty of God's infinite universe.
- A head rush.
14. **I feel _____ the unknown**

- considerable trepidation toward
- soul-crushing boredom when forced to confront
- utter awe at the very idea of
- a calm determination to vanquish

15. **The next step in the application process is to submit a 30-second video explaining why you want to live on Mars. Click the Submit button below to receive your test results and continue on your glorious journey**

Well, you're distressingly normal and could conceivably adjust to life as a deep space pioneer, though we recommend instead that you leave the Mars missions to the serious whack jobs who scored over 130 and instead finish year 3 of law school, tuck your toddler into bed, design Web 2.0 applications, run for Congress or do whatever other normal, healthy, middle-of-the-road thing you're currently doing with your normal, healthy, middle-of-the-road life. If you're determined to give Virgle a try, though, you can [submit your video here](#).

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