

# CRITICAL UPDATES

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*Instructions: for each of the quantitative questions below, please give a lower and an upper bound, such that you believe with about 90% certainty that the correct answer lies within the interval given. This means that you should expect to guess correctly for about 9 questions out of 10.*

- ☐ What was the date of birth of Bram Stoker, author of *Dracula*?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ What is the population of the Republic of Brazil?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ What is the height, in meters, of the tallest living redwood tree?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ How many standardized (ISO 6346) steel shipping containers exist in the world?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ How many Boeing 747 (all models) have been built at this date?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ What is the total number of human deaths attributed to H5N1 “avian” flu?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ How many Syrian conflict refugees were registered by UNHCR as of 1 Nov 2012?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ What was the total wine production of France in 2009, in hectolitres?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ How many Olympics medals altogether have been won to date by Austrian athletes?  
Low: ..... High:.....
- ☐ What is the half-life, in years, of the isotope Plutonium 239?  
Low: ..... High:.....

Answers are at <https://dl.dropbox.com/u/41034465/CriticalUpdatesAnswers.pdf>

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