

# Your Amazing **Brain**

## Are You An “Everyday Genius”?

(NAPSA)—If you pride yourself on your intelligence and reasoning ability, then check out these puzzles of logic (answers below):

1. When Al and George ran a 100-meter race, Al won by five meters. So to give George a chance, they raced again, but this time Al started five meters behind the starting line. Each man ran the race at the same speed as in the first race. What were the results of the second race? a. Al won; b. George won; c. It was a tie.

2. A contractor estimated that one of his two bricklayers would take nine hours to build a certain wall and the other 10 hours. When the two bricklayers worked together, however, 10 fewer bricks got laid per hour. With both men working on the job, it took exactly five hours to build the wall. How many bricks did it contain? a. 680; b. 860; c. 900; d. 1024.

These questions are just two of the many posted on various free qualifying exams for membership in the International High IQ Society. The tests, which are posted on the Society’s Web site, are linked to an automatic online signup—for people who score a 126 or higher, or in the top five percent of the population.

Rather than putting on elitist airs, the Society is looking for “everyday geniuses”: smart people from all walks of life. The Society is the second-largest organization



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of its kind in the world, with members in more than 65 countries.

“I wanted to harness the power of the Internet to bring together people from all over the world and let them interact in our virtual community,” explains Nathan Haselbauer, president and founder of the Society.

The Society’s Web site now includes seven professionally designed IQ tests—to date, they’ve been taken by more than a million people. To become a member, simply visit the site and take one the seven free IQ tests. If you score high enough, you have an opportunity to join.

To learn more, or to take any of the IQ tests, visit the Web site at [www.highiqsociety.org](http://www.highiqsociety.org).

1. a. Based on the results of the first race, it takes George the same amount of time to run 95 meters as it does for Al to run 100. When Al then runs 105 meters, it is a five percent increase in distance. George, on the other hand, in running 100 meters, has a 5.26 percent longer distance—giving Al just enough time to win.  
2. c. Bricklayer #1 lays bricks at the rate of  $x/9$  bricks per hour, with  $x$  being the total number of bricks in the wall. Bricklayer #2 works at the rate of  $x/10$  bricks per hour. If they were to work together, they would work at the rate of  $(1/9 + 1/10)$  bricks per hour. Over five hours, they would lay 900 bricks.