

1. In January 2010, a legislator from this country, David Bahati, announced plans to attend a February session of the U.S. National Prayer Meeting. Meeting organizer Bob Hunter has said that Bahati is not invited, due to sponsoring a bill in this country's legislature that introduces penalties of life in prison and execution for homosexual acts. Other controversial figures from this place include Joseph Kony, the leader of a group that has rebelled against President Yoweri Museveni for the past twenty years, called the Lord's Resistance Army. For 10 points, identify this African country, whose previous rulers include alleged cannibal Idi Amin.

ANSWER: Republic of **Uganda**

2. This man's chief political opponent is proposing to reverse this person's defunding of the Council on Learning. Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff also denounced as "a crazy way of running democracy" this head of government's decision to petition Governor-General Michaëlle Jean to prorogue Parliament. Since defeating Paul Martin in 2006, he has led a minority government as the head of the Conservative Party. For 10 points, name this current prime minister of Canada.

ANSWER: Stephen Joseph **Harper**

3. This politician and his wife both admitted to extramarital affairs after he had been in office for only one day. His was widely criticized passing over Caroline Kennedy to select Kirsten Gillibrand for a vacant Senate seat. This governor came to prominence after his predecessor was forced to resign after being revealed as "client number nine," in a bust of a high class prostitution ring, causing that predecessor to give a public apology as his wife looked at him with disdain. For 10 points, name this blind governor of New York, the successor of Eliot Spitzer.

ANSWER: David **Patterson**

4. A breach in the security of this company in December 2009 led this company's chief legal officer David Drummond to conclude that some of its offices might have to be closed down. By shutting down those offices, this company may lose even more of its share of the market in one country to its competitor Baidu. This company's reaction came in light of the illegal accessing of e-mail accounts held by human rights activists in a certain country. For 10 points, name this American company that allowed censorship of its search engine after 2006 in China.

ANSWER: **Google** Inc. [prompt on **Gmail**]

5. In 2005, Burger King stopped serving ice cream cones in the United Kingdom because a swirl on the cone allegedly spelled out this word. A similar situation with this word led to a recall of Nike Air shoes in 1998. In January 2010, several churches in Malaysia were firebombed in opposition to Christians using this word. For 10 points, what is this word that most Arabic speakers of any religion use to mean "God," but which is most frequently used to refer to the supreme figure of Islam?

ANSWER: **Allah**

6. Lumumba Di-Aping likened one part of this event to demanding that Africa sign a "suicide pact." Evo Morales declared this event to be a failure, blaming a group of countries led by the United States. A demand for limousines exceeded the supply in the country in which this event occurred, requiring importation from Germany and Switzerland. Despite expectations of a legally binding resolution, the end result of this meeting does not require nations to sign a successor to the Kyoto Protocol. For 10 points, name this fall 2009 international conference that came to a weak accord on fighting global warming.

ANSWER: the **Copenhagen** Summit [or **2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference**]

7. In 2009, the CIA announced that half of the twenty most wanted Al Qaeda suspects in Pakistan had been killed using these devices, though Pakistani groups named hundreds of civilian casualties resulting from their use. In 2010, the U.S. Department of Defense announced that these vehicles's monitoring systems were being hacked by Iraqi insurgents using the program SkyGrabber, which is sold to the public for thirty dollars. For 10 points, an increasing number of aerial bombings by the U.S. military are being conducted using what remotely controlled, pilot-less aircraft?

ANSWER: **Predators** [or **Predator** RQ-1 planes; or **Predator** MQ-1 planes; or **Predator** MQ-9 planes; or **Reapers**; or **drone** planes; or **UAVs**; or **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**]

8. One candidate for this position threatened to invoke a state law against defamatory political statements after being accused of wanting to turn women away from emergency rooms. A candidate who lost in the primary election for this office was Alan Khazei, the founder of the service program CityYear. The primary winner who defeated Khazei committed a gaffe during the general campaign by claiming Curt Schilling was a Yankees fan. State attorney general Martha Coakley lost to Republican Scott Brown in a January 2010 special election that, for 10 points, filled what office, that was left vacant by the death of Ted Kennedy?

ANSWER: United States **Senator from Massachussetts** [accept obvious equivalent such as **Massachusetts Senator**; prompt on partial answer]