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1. The NAQT Correctness Guidelines are maintained at <https://www.naqt.com/go/correctness-guidelines>  
This version is current as of August 1, 2024.
2. These guidelines are written for tournaments using questions provided by NAQT, but are available free of charge for other events provided that...
  - a. The guidelines are identified as NAQT guidelines.
  - b. Any variations from these guidelines are announced before the tournament begins.
  - c. The tournament is not advertised as using NAQT questions (though it may bill itself as an NAQT-style tournament).
  - d. If you would like to use these guidelines under other circumstances, please write to [naqt@naqt.com](mailto:naqt@naqt.com).
3. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to moderators, players, and tournament directors as to when answers meet NAQT's criteria of **accuracy** (correctness) and **precision** (proper specificity) for judging them to be correct. As such, this document expands on Section I of the NAQT Gameplay Rules.
4. It is not intended that *moderators* memorize this document prior to reading at a tournament; its contents should logically follow from Section I of the NAQT Gameplay Rules and/or be explicitly embodied in the underlining of answers. This document is primarily intended as a guide to players, so they know what kinds of answers will be considered acceptable; to writers and editors, so they can produce questions that consistently meet NAQT's standards and players' expectations; and to tournament directors, so they can resolve protests in a manner consistent with NAQT's standards and players' expectations.

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1. The required part of an answer will be underlined (e.g., **George Washington** or **The Scarlet Letter**); a player who gives only the underlined portion(s) should be ruled correct.
2. Some answer lines will have multiple underlined sections. In this case, all of the underlined information must be given, but the intervening material need not be. In the case of the answer **William Henry Harrison**, answers of **W. Harrison**, **W. H. Harrison**, and **William Harrison** would all be accepted. Such an answer line would likely also give an instruction to prompt on **Harrison** alone (as correct but imprecise).
3. Some answer lines will have instructions like **or Soviet Union** or **accept Russia**

6. An instruction of the form **accept similar answers that mention Beethoven and piano sonatas** indicates that the moderator has wide latitude to accept responses that include the specified terms in any reasonable order and with any reasonable connecting information (e.g., **Beethoven’s piano sonatas** or **the sonatas by L. Beethoven for the piano**).
7. Instructions may also be provided to prompt on specific responses, either in general or before certain words. In addition, instructions may be provided to not prompt on specific responses, either in general or after certain words. In general, moderators should not prompt in the absence of a specific directive to do so.
8. The instruction **prompt on partial answer** means that the player should be prompted on any subset of the underlined words in the answer.
9. If an underlined section includes a generic word (e.g., “war” in **Korean War**) and that generic word is used in the question itself to refer to the answer, then a player need not repeat that word if they are answering after it has been read. For instance, if the above question ended “For 10 points—name this 1950–1953 war,” a player would need to give **Korean War** prior to the final word, but could just give **Korean** after the question was completed.

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1. The following guidelines define NAQT’s interpretation of what constitutes accurate and precise knowledge in several specific cases of answers. The underlining in answer lines will conform to these guidelines.
2. Real persons:
  - a. The following are generally acceptable: surnames, family names, nicknames that are nearly universally known (e.g., **LBJ** but not **Landslide Lyndon**), pseudonyms, birth names, unmarried or married names, and regnal names.
  - b. Responses consisting of a given name and a family name or surname may be given in either order (e.g., **Richard Nixon** and **Nixon, Richard** are both correct). If one or more middle names are included, they must immediately follow the first name (e.g., both **Martin Luther King** and



19. Scientific names and common names for generic members are acceptable for taxa (e.g., either **Echinodermata** or **echinoderm(s)** is acceptable).
20. Answers that are shared by multiple religious or mythological traditions may generally be given in a form appropriate to any of those traditions so long as the clues that have been read (in a tossup) or that appear in the entire question (in a bonus) do not directly contradict the tradition suggested by the form of the response. This applies until the question explicitly indicates a tradition for the answer. For example, a question beginning “This god was the father of Apollo...” could be correctly answered with either **Zeus** or **Jupiter**. In contrast, if it began “This Greek god was the father of Apollo...,” then only **Zeus** would be correct (and **Jupiter** would not be promptable).
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acceptable so long as, in the moderator's judgment, the answer was not given with the intention of delaying of the game.

27. Probabilistic answers may *not* generally be given in terms of odds, but may be generally given as either fractions, percents, or decimals.

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question referenced Hamiltonian paths) and **German chancellor** would be promptable for **Germany** (if the question referenced the chancellorship).

4. The determination of whether a response is of the same general class as the answer will generally be based on language in the question like this color **is...** or **identify** this class of particles **that...** If the response matches that description, it will be considered to be of the same general class. For instance, in the case of a question about **James Monroe** beginning "This U.S. president gave his name to an 1823 'doctrine'...", a related response of **Monroe doctrine** would not be considered to be in the same general class, as it is not a "president." In the case of a question about **plants** beginning "This group of organisms...", a related response of **flowering plants** would be considered to be of the same general class.
5. In the case of questions that specifically ask for a shared name (given name, family name, or surname) by giving clues about different people who have borne it, the full name of any referenced person will be acceptable (even if the people are relatives). Note that this does not apply to questions asking for a specific person, even if the family name or surname is the only part of the answer that is required.
6. In all cases, for a related response to be accepted or prompted, it must be relevant to the question (in the sense of providing the name of a topic referenced by the question).
7. For a related response to be accepted or prompted, it must be an accurate version of the topic's name. For instance, if a question about **Lord Byron** referenced **Byronic heroes**, a response of **Byronesque hero** would be rejected.
8. For a related response to be accepted or prompted, it must contain a modified form of the entirety of the required portion of the answer. For instance, **Daniel Shays** is neither acceptable nor promptable for **Shays's Rebellion** (but **Shays's Rebellion** could be acceptable for **Daniel Shays**).

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1. Correctly pronounced responses are always acceptable. For non-English responses, that may involve either a correct pronunciation in the foreign language or a correct pronunciation of a standard English form (e.g., **loh dz**, **lah dz**, and **wooch** are acceptable for the Polish city of Łódź).
2. A plausible pronunciation using English phonetics is generally acceptable, unless it demonstrates a fundamental lack of understanding about the correct answer (e.g., **Malcolm the Tenth** is not acceptable for **Malcolm X**). As a general rule, while leeway may be given to vowel sounds, consonants should be in the correct order (e.g., **Olduvai** is not the same as **Olvudai**), and syllables may not generally be added or omitted. In some cases, however, a pronunciation may still be deemed plausible (and thus acceptable) even if it is not the correct one (e.g., **Olduvai** is acceptable for **Olduvai**).

4. As a specific case, questions about modern-day countries will accept any foreign-language name listed for that country in the CIA World Factbook. This does not necessarily include every official language used by the country.
5. Titles of, and proper names from, works in the original language of the answer are generally acceptable. English titles under which translations have been published, or major performances held, are generally acceptable (e.g., for the Camus work, **L'Etranger** is acceptable, as are **The Stranger** and **The Outsider** — the original British translation — but **Der Fremde** is not, as the work was not originally written in German.) Potential translations of foreign-