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☐ (A) Please send the preliminary test to do at home without supervision. Enclosed find U.S. \$6; please inform me of my score.
☐ (B) I claim exemption from testing and enclose evidence from a qualified psychologist that my I.Q. is in the top 2% of the general population. I enclose U.S. \$10 non-refundable processing fee. (If the evidence is to be sent to us by a psychologist or testing institute, see page 8, please give name and address of same:)
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mensa — THE HIGH IQ SOCIETY

Every year about 30,000 people in 50 countries accept the challenge of Mensa and apply to join. Why?

Well, yes, they want to find out if they are really intelligent. They know that intelligence is not everything, but it is not nothing, either. They also know that in a modern technological society a small cadre of trained and intelligent people have most effect on people's lives. They would like to know their I.Q., the same as they know their height and weight, for while we cannot measure honesty, morality, loyalty or drive, we can measure intelligence.

What is Mensa? The idea of a panel composed of people of high intelligence was first suggested in 1945 in a broadcast talk over the BBC by the late Professor Sir Cyril Burt, who held the Chair of Psychology at London University and who later became our first President. In the same year Mensa was founded by Mr. Roland Berrill and Dr. L. L. Ware, both barristers.

Mensa is a unique society. The only qualification for membership is a score on an intelligence test higher than that of 98% of the general population. Its primary purpose is providing contact between intelligent people, but its other function of research in psychology and social science is scarcely less important. Mensa is an international society: at present there are over 50,000 active members in 14 countries. In the U.S.A. applications are processed by the American Mensa Selection Agency located in Brooklyn, NY. We have members of almost every occupation — businessmen, clerks, doctors, editors, factory workers, farm laborers, housewives, policemen, prisoners, lawyers, teachers, soldiers, scientists, students — and of every age.

Mensa is the Latin word for table. We are a round table society where no one has special precedence. We fill a void for many intelligent people otherwise cut off from contact with other good minds — contact that is important to them, but

elusive in modern society. Besides being a source of many new friendships, Mensa provides its members with a receptive and critical audience on which to try out new ideas.

Mensa is protean: Its most visible feature is its diversity. It recruits, not like other societies by persuading people to think as they do, but by scientifically selecting people who are able to think for themselves. Yet, though there is little surface agreement between members, we find there is an underlying unity which gives an unexpected strength to the society. In a world which must increasingly make intelligent use of intelligent people, we feel that our potential is very great.

Organization: Mensa is organized by a voluntary committee accountable to the membership; the Local Secretaries are also volunteers. (Mensa has only a small administrative staff and we therefore ask your indulgence if there is any delay in answering your inquiries).

Local Groups: There are over 120 local groups in the United States, more than a dozen in Canada, and in excess of fifty in the United Kingdom. In each local group there is a local-group secretary who is responsible for coordinating local activities. About sixty of the American groups currently have their own local publications. If the name of the local group in your area does not appear as the sponsoring group on the application stub, a list of local-groups should be enclosed in this brochure.

Meetings: Many local groups hold general meetings each month, usually featuring a specially qualified speaker, who may or may not be a member. In all cases, however, speakers devote their time without fee. Smaller study or special interest groups meet separately, and there are informal social get-togethers, at members' homes, restaurants, coffee-houses.

Many of the major cities in the United States have Mensa Activities. Aside from the monthly meeting there is usually a dinner planned during the month as well as open houses, special interest and committee meetings in which members are encouraged to become active. Several local groups

have Young Mensa groups within them, catering specifically to those members 25 or under. And others have college groups, which cater to students and faculty, and complement the local-group activities. There are also groups who work with intelligent prisoners and continue helping them after their release.

(In London and in cities throughout the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, France and many other countries there are five or six meetings a month. Often a scientific or literary paper is read, usually by a member, to provide food for the good conversation which will fill the rest of the evening.)

Members meet weekly, monthly, yearly, in groups of all sizes, for amusement, pleasure, discussion, education and to solve problems. Groups combine for sports, pastimes, games, and to form pressure groups with special aims. Meetings can be anything from offbeat parties to international congresses to discuss concrete world problems. There are special interest groups which range from the Apathy Group to the World Government Group. One particular concern is with the special problems of gifted children, especially in underdeveloped countries, and helping society to get the best from them. But while Mensa hopes to foster the recognition of gifted children, and holds seminars and lectures on many subjects, it is most of all a social organization. No matter who you are, it is likely that there is a Mensa group or section which has something for you. If there isn't you can organize your own in Mensa.

The atmosphere at Mensa meetings is of a kind seldom found elsewhere: tolerant, forthright, at times profound, witty, even ribald, at other times intensely serious; always good-humored. A newcomer may embark on discussion of any subject with reasonable expectation that he will be understood . . . and challenged.

Each June there is a three-day Annual Gathering in America of members from all parts of the country. Each year a different city is selected to be the

site of this A.G. There are A.G.s in U. K., Canada and other countries as well.

Mensa's Research: Mensa has established the Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) which carries out educational and research projects. MERF manages the Mensa scholarship program for post-secondary-education students. Grants are awarded on the basis of ability with no regard as to sex, race, age, creed, financial status or even Mensa membership. MERF publishes the *Mensa Research Journal* to which members may subscribe.

We also seek members' opinion on current questions. Surveys are conducted by mail and through our publications; they ask where in the pattern of growth and change of public opinion does the opinion of the highly intelligent people fit? Can it have a formative influence on public opinion, or anticipate changes in it? Further does society make the best use of them? Should intelligent people accept more responsibility than those less endowed? With technological and sociological advances creating a greater demand for able people, should the nurturing of intelligent people be accentuated?

Mensa further provides volunteers for bona fide research workers who need a high I.Q. group. Membership is now statistically significant and has been made available as a sample to leading universities in the United States and England. Researchers and scholarship applicants should contact Dr. Max L. Fogel, Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19436, Mensa's Director of Science and Education and Director of MERF.

The *Mensa Journal*, published ten times a year, is sent to all members. It contains letters and articles by members on many subjects, as well as features and personal advertisements. All members are encouraged to submit material to this journal on any subject which they feel might be of interest.

In the U.S., Canada and England, as well as other parts of the world, members receive a *Bulletin*, also issued ten times a year, which reports on the

doings of the national and other committees, and other subjects of interest to the members.

A complete membership list is published annually, and is available to each member at little cost. Some local groups issue more detailed directories. Through these many members have found employment or useful business contacts. Mensa helps its members to help each other.

Mensa's Political, Ideological and Religious Aims: Mensa has none. Members are selected by an objective criterion, not for adherence to any view. Mensa, a collection of all kinds of able people, represents all views, so, as a whole, Mensa can have no corporate views. Individuals and groups within Mensa, of course, have pretty vociferous opinions.

Policy: Mensa aims to include intelligent people of every opinion and calling. Therefore:

1. No opinion is expressed as being that of Mensa; individual members or groups within Mensa have many opinions but Mensa itself, as a whole, has no opinion.
2. Nothing is done in the name of Mensa that may alienate or exclude people of any shade of opinion.
3. No political action is taken by Mensa beyond the publication of its findings.
4. Mensa has no political or religious affiliations, nor does it discriminate of race, creed, sex, class, age or educational level.
5. Mensa is not concerned with making money. It is a non-profit organization.

Obligations of Members:

1. To pay their annual dues or provide a satisfactory reason for their failure to do so.
2. To permit the use of their names in a printed list.
3. To answer confidential postal surveys.

American Mensa Limited is headed by the American Mensa Committee, among whose members are:

Chairman:
Gabriel Werba (Public Relations Consultant)
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Hans Frommer (Engineer)
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Henry Schofield Noble (Attorney)
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Beth A. Sample (Attorney)
Director of Science and Education:
Dr. Max L. Fogel (Psychologist)

There is a small staff, headed by:
Executive Director:
Margot Seitelman
Office Manager:
Sheila Skolnik
Local Groups Secretary:
Rita Levine

Mensa's International Honorary President is R. Buckminster Fuller; Dr. L. L. Ware and Dr. Isaac Asimov are Vice-Presidents.



Why should you join MENSa?

Most intelligent people have intelligent friends, but they usually come from one circle, profession, or discipline. Mensa is the last stand of the intelligent against the encroachments of professionalism and sectional interest. Mensa meets not as cliques of specialists, people who know more and more about less and less; Mensa returns to the Renaissance man who knows enough about everything and is not afraid to find out more when he needs to.

Mensa is not an assembly of experts who have to see any disagreement as an attack on self-esteem. It is healthy, enjoyable and enlightening to forget, sometimes, for a while, that we are the disciple of some discipline or an organ of some organization. Mensa is protean. It helps make you an all-round person.

How You Can Join Mensa: This brochure contains an application blank. With it, you can obtain

a preliminary intelligence test to be taken without supervision at home. (At present we do not test persons under fourteen years of age). Our test is a standard test and we believe it to be as good as any now available. If the result of this test indicates that the applicant's intelligence quotient appears to be high enough to qualify for Mensa, (s)he will undergo another test, under supervised conditions, which will be decisive. The cost of the preliminary test is \$6, a supervised test at one of our local centers carries a charge of \$10. If either of these charges presents a hardship, candidates may ask for a partial or full waiver.

Admission to Mensa may also be granted on the basis of previous tests, if the candidate can provide evidence that is satisfactory to our Supervisory Psychologist. There is no age limit when membership is based on prior evidence of testing. A list of such alternate qualifying tests can be found on page 8 of this pamphlet. A non-refundable processing fee of \$10 is charged for such applications.

Finances: Apart from test fees, outside research and a number of other small items, the activities of the society are paid for entirely by members' dues.

Dues: The annual dues to Mensa are \$20 payable prior to March of each year for the uniform membership year commencing on April 1st. Members joining during other months will pay on a prorated basis. The dues include the subscription to the Society's national *Bulletin* and international *Journal*. The dues also maintain the membership rolls and records, support local groups, and cover the cost of our administrative staff.

In Conclusion: We hope that you will not be deterred by diffidence, but rather that you will be challenged by the idea of Mensa. Do not underestimate your intelligence; many members were surprised when they passed. Remember, one out of every fifty people qualifies for Mensa.

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ALTERNATE PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

Admission to Mensa also may be granted on a basis of evidence of a previous intelligence test. A list of the qualifying scores for several of the major intelligence tests is given here. Candidates must supply the evidence or make the necessary arrangements to have it sent. Such documentation is returned only if request is made at onset; notarized photostatic copies of original documents are usually acceptable.

QUALIFYING TEST SCORES*

Army General Classification Test (AGCT or GT)	136
Navy GCT (Standard Score)	68
California Test of Mental Maturity	IQ 132
CEEB or SAT (Verbal & Math combined) prior to 9/77	1300
CEEB or SAT (Verbal & Math combined) effective 9/77	1250
GRE (Verbal & Math combined)	1250
LSAT	662
ACT Composite	29
Miller Analogies Tests — raw score	66
Stanford Binet, Form L or Form M	IQ 133
Stanford Binet, Form L-M	IQ 132
Wechsler Adult Intelligence (Full Scale)	IQ 130
Wechsler-Bellevue 1	IQ 128
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children	IQ 130
Otis Tests: Alpha	IQ 138
Beta	IQ 128
Gamma	IQ 131
Lennon	IQ 132

Many other intelligence tests may also be accepted subject to individual appraisal of the documentation by Mensa's Supervisory Psychologists; e.g.

Henmon-Nelson	ACE
National Teachers Exam	SRA Primary Mental
Cattell Culture Fair	Abilities
Graduate Management	Law School
Admission Test	Admission Test
NY State Regents	Medical College
Scholarship Test	Admission Test
(Aptitude section only)	

Mensa reserves the right to alter or modify these norms as the tests indicated are renormed or restandardized. All prior evidence submitted to Mensa will be appraised individually, and Mensa reserves the final determination as to the acceptability of any test.

*It should be noted that the term "I.Q. score" is used as a convenient, easily understood reference, but that candidates for membership in Mensa must achieve a score at or above the 98th percentile on a standard test of intelligence. The "I.Q. score" varies from test to test, as indicated by the list above.

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