1. When your first grader asks for help solving a Common Core math problem involving subitizing and stable order, how do you respond?
   (a) I strangle my child while shrieking, "This . . . is . . . why . . . we . . . bought . . . you . . . that . . . fancy . . . computer, Liam!"
   (b) I tell my child, "Go ask your mother. Your birth mother. I think she lives in Canada."
   (c) I ask to see the equation, then discuss it with my child using nonsense terms. Example: "Simply tri-dram the hexabop until the tetramint indoles." If my child appears confused, I say, "I wish you were smarter."

2. If you need to divide a restaurant check by four and calculate the tip, do you:
   (a) Leave your wife's earrings on the table instead?
   (b) Hand the server a printed card reading, "I have math anxiety. Please add an appropriate gratuity to my portion of the check. I don't care if you overcharge me. I don't care."
   (c) Calmly hand the check to your husband and say, "Here. Justify your existence."

3. When you watch a movie in which the main character rapidly scribbles long, complex equations across a blackboard, what are you thinking?
   (a) I read somewhere that Russell Crowe used a hand double for that scene.
   (b) I bet that after they filmed this scene Eddie Redmayne fired his agent.
   (c) In real life, Benedict Cumberbatch can't remember his PIN number.

4. What is a hypotenuse?
   (a) A very graceful Hypot.
   (b) An overweight Chanteuse.
   (c) The French word for profound boredom.

5. How do you calculate your car's gas mileage?
   (a) By driving off a bridge.
   (b) I put my head on the hood and listen for the mileage fairy.
   (c) I ask Siri to do it, and then wait patiently for her to stop laughing and calling me "a sad little man."

6. True or false: \( E=mc^2 \)
   Answer: D-minus.

7. When was the last time you needed to do math?
   (a) Never, just like everyone else in the history of the entire world.
   (b) When I was measuring a wall for a bookcase and then decided that I'd rather move.
   (c) I don't remember, because the last time I heard the words "subprime interest rates, "the Dow," and "refinance," I blacked out, and when I woke up everyone in the bank was dead.

8. Which would you rather do:
   (a) Use a slide rule to solve a trigonometry problem.
   (b) Use a slide rule as a rectal thermometer.
   (c) Give a slide rule to a math geek as a gift and say, "Finally, you have a genital."

9. Who is the greatest mathematical genius of all time?
   (a) The person who invented the accountant.
   (b) Whoever realized that an abacus is just a decorative accent piece on an East Hampton coffee table.
   (c) The "Sesame Street" character who, when asked to add two plus two, replied, "Ask a Muppet who gives a damn."

10. What do you do when you travel to a foreign country and need to figure out the currency?
    (a) I ask, "How much is that in real money?"
    (b) I remind every salesclerk who won the Second World War.
    (c) I hold my American Express card in front of my face and say, in a Pepé Le Pew accent, "Oh, I thee-enk ju understand vat I'm talking about, Señor Funny Money."