

SBMS Season 2 Trivia Week
Week 10, 12th August 2020

1. When first launched, this online book retailer soon found a glitch in the system whereby customers could purchase a negative number of books and get a refund. Which book seller was it?	C	Book Depository - UK	Fishpond - Aust	Amazon - USA
2. I am Excite, an internet search engine. In 1999 I turned down an offer to buy a start up rival for \$750,000. This "start up" is now worth over \$395billion. Who did I turn down?	A	Google	Yahoo	Bing
3. Chrysler is one of the Big 3 car makers in the USA. In 1998 I spent a lot of money to merge with Chrysler but things didn't work out. I sold 80% of my share in 2007 for a loss of \$20billion. Who am I?	B	Roles Royce	Daimler-Benz	Renault
4. Kodak filed a patent for a digital camera in 1977. One of the first to do so but shelved the technology as it made a lot of money on film.	A	TRUE	FALSE	
5. In 1999 a Mars orbiter that was designed and built by Lockheed Martin for NASSA was lost in space due to a simple mathematical error. Lockheed worked in Imperial, NASA in Metric. The cost of this error was?	A	\$125 million	\$250,000 Million	\$75 million
6. Former United manager, Ferguson, offloaded his midfield player to Juventus claiming "the player had no respect for United" Who is this player who has been vital in helping Juventus to 3 Serie A titles.	B	Richie De Laet	Paul Pogba - for free	Ben Amos

7. Arsenal coach offered a 16 YO a trial in 2000. The lad replied "I don't do auditions." A striker, he has scored over 550 career goals. Who is he?	C	Olof Melberg	Roland Nilsson	Zlatan Ibrahimovic
8. In 2003 Chelsea bought Claude Makelele from a European club. Chelsea has since triumphed in Premier League, League cup and FA Cup. The selling club described Malelele as average, lacking speed and skill. Which club?	A	Real Madrid	Barcelona	Milan
9. The purchase of this territory, in 1867, was described as "Dangerous and Inconvenient to the USA". But the seller lost out on over \$100B. Who was the seller?	B	The Native Indians on sale of Manhattan - 1626	Russia on sale of Alaska	Pacific Islanders on sale of Hawaii
10. In 1961 a little known rock band gave a performance to Decca Records rep Mike Smith. He signed another group because "guitar groups were on the way out". Which group did Mike turn down?	C	The Kinks	The Rolling Stones	The Beatles
11. In 1958 Edwin Drake invented the Oil Drill to get oil out of the ground without contaminating it. The drill worked so well that others soon copied it. Drake eventually went broke. What went wrong?	A	He failed to patent the drill	He lost the plans in a poker game	The drill didn't work.
12. James Howells bought 7,500 Bitcoins in 2009 for next to nothing. By 2013 his portfolio was worth UK 4.5million pounds. Why couldn't he collect?	A	He had thrown out his hard drive and now it's landfill.	His computer was stolen and never found.	He forgot about the investment.
13. In 2009 Facebook rejected Brian Acton and Jan Koum for programming jobs. They went on to develop WhatsApp. How much did Facebook have to pay to buy it?	B	\$20million	\$19billionn	\$150million

14. Which country spent \$15billion on new trains only to find they were too wide for the stations.	B	USA	France	UK
15. The battle of Karansebes in 1788 is one of the greatest military blunders. The Austrian army sent out their vanguard to look for the enemy, Turk. Instead they found some merchants who sold them alcohol. The vanguard refused to share their drink with the rest of the army when they caught up. Fighting broke out which some of the military mistook as a Turkish ambush. How many Austrian lives were lost?	C	5,000	1,000	10,000

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