AYSA World Cup Day Trivia Quiz
USA vs Ghana

Your Name………………………………………..
Your Age (if under 16)…………………………..

1. Which five nations have won the World Cup more than once?

2. Who is the only man ever to have scored a hat trick in a World Cup final?

3. Where will the next World Cup be played?

4. Among the greatest teams not to have won the World Cup, most fans would place in the top two a certain magic team who (in friendlies) had twice spectacularly humbled the founder-nation of the modern game, but a year later were themselves a surprise victim of West Germany in a World Cup Final. Name that unlucky loser (hint: this great team was broken up not by age or dissent, but by a major historical event), and the year in which they lost in the Final.

5. Among the greatest teams not to have won the World Cup, most fans would place in the top two a certain total team, who, playing with one of the greatest players of all time, fell in the Final first to West Germany, to the disappointment of many fans of the Beautiful Game, and then, four years later, fell at the last hurdle to Argentina. Who are those unlucky losers, and in which years did they reach the Final, but lose (hint: the second time around they played without their greatest player)?

6. Who, among current US internationals, play for the following clubs: PSV Eindhoven; Reading; Fulham; Everton (on loan); Borussia Monchengladbach?

7. Whom did the USA defeat (and outplay) – to universal surprise – in their first match of the last World Cup?

8. Whom did the USA defeat (if not outplay) in their second World Cup match of the 1950 finals?

9. Match years with countries hosting the World Cup:
   1986     Italy
   1990     USA
   1994     Mexico
   1998     South Korea/Japan
   2002     France
10. Many people think that the winner of the 1970 World Cup was the greatest national team of all time. Name three players from that squad.

11. One of the greatest players of all time scored two famous goals in a single 1986 World Cup match, one with the help of the “hand of God”, and the other with his own divine foot. Who was that; who was his team’s opponent?

12. Every team bus at this year’s World Cup has a message painted on it (except the USA’s). The French bus reads “Liberté, Égalité, Jules Rimet”. Explain.

13. What does FIFA stand for?

14. Name three nations that have hosted or co-hosted the World Cup, but never won it.

15. No one has ever coached two nations to World Cups, but one coach has a chance this year – who is he, with whom did he win the World Cup, and with whom is he hoping to win this year?

16. Until the 1970s, there were no squad numbers – the starting lineup for a match, whoever was in it, was numbered 1-11. What position did 1 always indicate; what positions did 2 and 3 usually indicate; what position did 9 usually indicate?

17. The following stadiums have all hosted World Cup finals – identify them: the Centenario, The Empire Stadium, the Bernabéu, the Estadio Azteca.

18. George Best and George Weah are, without doubt, among the game’s great players of the past; Ryan Giggs is one of the finest of current players. All three have the same unfortunate relationship to the World Cup finals – what is it, and why?

19. Name five cities hosting World Cup finals matches this year.

20. Place the following players in the 2006 finals with the correct nations:

   Luca Toni            Germany
   Samuel Kuffour       Poland
   Oguchi Onyewu        Italy
   Pavel Nedved         Ghana
   Lukas Podolski       USA
   Artur Boruc          Czech Republic