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Here's a Pacifica quiz. Get half right and you pass. Seventy-five percent and you become an honorary Montara Mountaineer. Ninety-five percent and you qualify for the Reactor quiz hall of fame.

1. Only two American states have parts lower than Pacifica's lowest point. Which states are they?
2. In how many American states is the highest altitude below Pacifica's?
3. Which states are they?
4. WHO WAS THE "Pastor of the Coastside?"
5. Spell his first name, correctly.
6. Which famous writer spent a year of his childhood in Pacifica? (Clue: he referred to the area, now Pacific Manor, as the "bleak, sad coast.")
7. An easy one. Who was Pacifica's last city manager before Al St. Cyr?
8. WHO IS PACIFICA'S city engineer?
9. Going around the world in Pacifica's latitude, would you be north or south of the Ayotollah Khoemeini?
10. North or south of Madrid, Spain?
11. North or south of Tokyo?
12. VALLEMAR WAS not a natural forest. The trees were planted by a landowner developer. What was his last name?
13. Who was in charge of planting the early trees now growing in the area of Sharp Park Golf Course?
14. What two communities combined to form Sharp Park?
15. IN WHAT DECADE did that take place?
16. Name a restaurant in Rockaway Beach, excluding Nick's, the Moonraker, Captain Charles and Romano's.
17. What was the Ocean Shore Railroad known as before it was called Ocean Shore Railroad?
18. Pioneer developer Ray Higgins, who died recently, has a street named after him. Andy Oddstad, who pioneered Linda Mar, has a school and a boulevard.

Name a monument in Pacifica named after the developer of Fairmont.

19. NAME THE PIONEER San Francisco banking family which once owned vast tracts in Pacifica.
20. Who owns the Linda Mar shopping center?

ANSWERS:

1. California and Louisiana. Pacifica is at sea level, Louisiana five feet below, California's low point 282 below.
2. Five.
3. Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Rhode Island, none of which approach Pacifica's 1200 foot high altitude.
4. H. H. Harkins.
5. Herschel.
6. Jack London, at the age of seven, in 1883.
7. Don Weidner.
8. Ernest Renner.
9. North, but not by too much.
10. South.
11. North
12. Rich.
13. John McLaren, famous primarily for Golden Gate Park.
14. Salada Beach and Brighton Beach.
15. The mid-'30s.
16. How about the Acapulco Mexican restaurant, or Golden Lantern?
17. The Ocean Shore Railway had financial problems and reorganized to become the Ocean Shore Railroad.
18. I know of none. Henry Doelger deserves a street, don't you think?
19. The Tobins, of the Hibernia Bank.
20. The Fifty Associates of Boston, a real estate investment trust headed by elderly Harvard graduates, some of them in Who's Who.