Hewlett-Packard Queensferry Quiz

The stories behind the stories of HP's innovations in Silicon Glen
A lighthearted journey through the facts and trivia from HP's history in Queensferry

Q1: What was the product number and Queensferry revenue of the largest grossing product manufactured in Queensferry, and the largest grossing product in HP/Agilent's history?

Q2: What was the first product to bear the 37xx number?

Q3: What was the first microprocessor-controlled communications test equipment from HP? When was it developed and when did it hit the field service test-equipment folks?

Q4: Reading Vol.2 p113 and Vol.3 xiii you find the 4934A Special Options J01 & J02 the CCITT version for countries outside North America. This was an "under the bench" development so was allocated a Special number, not a product number. Standard options were called 001, Specials were normally H01, so why was the 4934A called J01 & J02?

Q5: What was the highest unit volume generating product, highest revenue generating product and longest lived in production product wholly designed in Queensferry?

Q6: Who is the employee hired at Queensferry or Bedford with the longest service? Measured using the *Benefit Service Start Date* on the HP/Agilent/Keysight HR system.

Q7: As an HP employee you were allocated an employee number, but some had two. Name the employee with the lowest number, mentioned in the books?

Q8: The Volume 3 editors avoided duplicating photographs, but one image deliberately appears on 2 separate pages. What are the page numbers?

Q9: Just like working on the development of a HP product, we allocated part-numbers for this 3-volume project. So, 6 new part-numbers were allocated to the 3 volumes. What is the number of the new product? What are the part numbers and where did you find them?

Q10: Some documents reproduced in the books were edited to hide sensitive detail and protect people's privacy. rather than unsightly redaction. Can you find any documents that have been modified?

Q11: Some page numbers turned out to be uncannily sympathetic with the page contents. Looking at Volume 3, what is the sympathy with v and 63?

Q12: How many maps of Scotland can be found?

Q13: How many times in the 3 Volumes is the HP logo explicitly used?

Q14: Connecting the three volumes, there is a homage to author Roger Hargreaves' "Mr Men and Little Miss" books. Where is it, and how was it covered?

Q15: There were hundreds of employee pranks over the years, many are unprintable. What is the significance of the lonely carry-on suit-carrier on Vol.3 p191?

Q16: What sports club played a team game and unusually dispensed with the goalkeepers?

Q17: This is one for owners of the full set of 3 volumes. In Vol.3 p299, By looking at the 3 volumes side by side, what attribute do you think Hugh selected for Volumes 1 and 2?

Q18: Three fonts are used in the books, what page are they identified on?
Which font replaces an HP proprietary font?
Which font was used by Hewlett-Packard?
Which font was not used by HP and so is the odd one out?

Q19: The 1980s Recruitment brochure promoting engineering careers in Queensferry used on its cover an effect that looks like window panes, Vol.3 xv. What is the significance of placing this graphic immediately before the main sections in Volume 3?

Q20: The author strap line at the bottom of the three spines says WALKER, HP and SQF respectively. What is HP an abbreviation for?

Q21: The editors have built in an anti-theft mechanism into each Volume 1, 2 or 3. What page can it be seen on?

Q22: What and why is one of the editors' business cards on the back cover of Volume 3 inconsistent with the HP Style Guide?

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