Humans are allergic to change. They love to say, "We’ve always done it this way." I try to fight that.
Grace Hopper

1. Name this Paul Simon great: $\forall x \exists y \lceil x \rceil = \lfloor y \rfloor$. (Web search encouraged.)

2. Envision an array of the 40000+ students at New York University.
   (a) Sort the array using intelligence as the key. Where are you?
   (b) Sort the array using moral values as the key. Where are you?
   (c) Sort the array using gregariousness as the key. Where are you?
   (d) Which of the three sorts is most important?
   (e) Envision the students themselves. Their hopes and dreams. Their successes and failures. Their minds and their hearts. How many petabytes would be needed to capture their full humanity?

3. Who said “The people have faith. The nation has hope. The state has strength.”?
   (a) Donald Trump
   (b) Aung San Suu Kyi
   (c) Xi Jinping
   (d) Narendra Modi
   (e) all of the above

4. Look at one of the bridges of New York. Softly.

5. (a) Do nothing in Washington Square Park.
   (b) Do it well.

6. Consider the popular TV show “The Big Bang Theory.”
   (a) Which character do you most resemble.
   (b) Really? How about an honest answer.
(c) You are struggling with your Fundamental Algorithms assignment. Which character would you seek assistance from.
(d) Which character would you seek solace from.

7. Presidential Trivia:

(a) Which president had a great stamp collection?
(b) Which was the fattest president?
(c) Which two presidents died on the same day?
(d) Which presidents were divorced?

I wasn’t sure anymore and I will tell you, it is a strange process to feel one’s mind changing, allowing ideas into your brain which it had once considered unthinkable. I cannot say it’s painful, or particularly pleasurable, but that it requires a certain relaxation of the hold one keeps over oneself, and is to that degree both a thrill and a horror.
– from The Chess Garden, by Brooks Hansen