Parsha Questions

1. How many types of items were the Jews to donate?
2. The donation of silver for the mishkan differed from the donation of the other items. How?
3. What property do techelet and argaman share that do not share?
4. What property do the above three share that shesh and orot techashim do not share?
5. Why?
6. What kind of trees did Yaakov plant in Egypt?
7. Describe two uses of: a) oil; b) spices; c) jewels.
8. The aron was made with three boxes, one inside the other. Exactly how tall was the outer box?
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10. What did the faces of the keruvim resemble?
11. On what day of the week was the lechem hapanim baked?
12. What does miksha mean?
13. (cups)?
14. How did Moshe know the shape of the menorah?
15. What designs were embroidered into the tapestries of the mishkan?
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17. How long was the mishkan?
18. How wide was the interior of the mishkan?
19. Why was the altar coated with nechoshet?
20. Which function did the copper yetedot serve?

Kasha!

How would you answer this question on the Parsha?

I can understand the purpose of everything in the Mishkan except for the silver sockets. The wooden beams were carved out on the bottom with just two wooden prongs left sticking down, and the empty space was filled with the silver sockets. What purpose did this serve? It silver coating would have sufficed. For the of the wood where moisture from the ground beams to each other in any way. So, what purpose did it serve?

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Answer: It added weight to the beams, as silver is denser than shittim-wood. This added stability.

I Did Not Know That!

(Exodus 25:8)

The word (I will dwell) hints at the number of years that both the First and Second Temples stood, as follows: Read as two words,

First Temple for 410 years, until its destruction. Rearranged, spells , which means stood for 420 years.
2. 25:3 - No fixed amount of the other items was required. The silver was given as a fixed amount: A half shekel.
3. 25:4,5 - They are wool, orot eilim are not.
4. 25:4,5 - They are dyed: shesh and orot techashim are not.
5. 25:5 - The tachash delights (sas) in its multi-colors ( ).
6. 25:5 - Arazim cedars.
7. 25:6-7 - a) The oil was lit in the menorah and used for anointing. b) The spices were used in the anointing oil and for the incense. c) The precious stones were for the ephod and the choshen.
8. 25:11 - The outer box was one and a half amot plus a tefach plus a little bit, because it rose a little bit above the kaporet. (The kaporet was a tefach thick see 25:17).
9. 25:16 - It testifies that Hashem commanded us to keep the mitzvot.
10. 25:18 - The faces of children.
11. 25:29 - Friday.
12. 25:31 - Hammered.
13. 25:31 - Purely ornamental.
14. 25:40 - Hashem showed Moshe a menorah of fire.
15. 26:1 - On one side a lion; on the other side an eagle.
16. 26:15 - The wooden beams were to be upright and not stacked one upon the other.
17. 26:16 - 30 amot.
18. 26:23 - 10 amot.
19. 27:2 - To atone for brazenness.
20. 27:19 - They secured the curtains against the wind.