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**"A Beautiful Mind" Question Set  
Due Monday, April 29 (after 3 days of movie)**

1. Describe the opening sequence when John Nash sees the others. What patterns does he see? Why is this important?
2. What is Nash's role at Princeton?
3. What are the prizes the students talk about?
4. How does Nash relate to the other students? What does he think of them? What do they think of him? What does he do that is inappropriate?
5. Describe Nash as a student. What are his problems? Why does he have these problems?
6. What does Nash think of himself? Is his self-assessment accurate?
7. What does Nash mean when he says, "The game is flawed"? Why does he say this?
8. How does Nash's mind work? How does he see patterns? How do the filmmakers show this?
9. What is meant by the statement, "In competitive behavior, someone always loses"? Do you agree?
10. What is meant by the statement, "My odds of success dramatically improve with each attempt"? Do you agree? Do human relationships depend on probability?
11. What does John mean when he says, "I can't fail! This is all I have!" Do you agree with him? What will happen to him if he fails?

12. What is John's theory? Explain it in your own words. Why is it important?
13. What does John get for his theory?
14. Describe John's relationship to the others after he gets the prize. Does he have friends now?
15. What code does he break?
16. Describe Nash as a teacher. What is his attitude toward his students? What is there attitude toward him? Why?
17. How does the female student handle the problem? Explain how this relates to Nash's theory.
18. How does Nash act toward his date at the party? Why does he act this way?
19. Why is the woman attracted to Nash?
20. Why does Nash take packages to the drop box? What is in the packages?
21. Explain the conversation at the picnic. Does Alicia love Nash? Why? Does Nash love Alicia? Why?
22. What does Nash think of marriage? Summarize his talk with Charles. What are Nash's concerns? How does Charles respond to those concerns? Do you agree with Charles?
23. How does Nash respond in the car chase? Is he a hero? Is he a coward?
24. How does Alicia respond when Nash returns home? Why?
25. Hypothetical: What should John do? What should Alicia do?