Reading questions for Quine, "On What There Is."

(1) What is Quine's dispute with McX? How is he at a disadvantage in this dispute?

(2) "McX and Wyman supposed that we could not meaningfully affirm a statement of the form 'So-and-so is not'...unless so-and-so be. This supposition is now seen to be quite generally groundness." Why is it groundless?

(3) "Does nothing we say commit us to the assumption of ...entities which we may find unwelcome?" Explain Quine's answer.

(4) According to Quine, how should we determine what entities to believe in, that is, what ontology to accept?

(5) "The quality of myth...is relative." Explain.

Reading questions for Carnap, "Empiricism, Semantics and Ontology."

(6) "...we must distinguish two kinds of questions of existence..." What are the two kinds of questions?

(7) Is it correct, according to Carnap, to say that numbers exist?

(8) What is involved in accepting a new kind of entity?

(9) How does Carnap think we should decide which entities to accept?