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National Cipher Challenge 2009, part 2A

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Eq Vwsjwkl Ej. Tsttsyw,

A osk egkl vakljwkkwv lg zwsj gx lzw tjwsc af sl lzw ogjckzgh dskl Lzmjkvsq wnwfafy, tml A tjafy egkl kzugafy fwok gx lzw mlegkl aehgjlsfuw. Lzw kaklwj gx eq esav Uzsjdglw zsk lscwf kwjnauw af lzw zgmkwzgdv gx Dgjl Hwffqdsafw sfv tjafyk lzw xgddgoafy jwnwdslagf. Lzw tjwsc af shhwsjk lg zsnw twwf wfyafwwjwv tq Dgjl Hwffqdsafw af gjvwj lg vwegfkljls zak jwdslanwdq mfxwllwjwv suuwkk lg lzw esuzafwjg gx lzw Vaxxwjwfuw Wfyafw. Qgmj jwlauwfuw af ugfxjgflafy zae shhwsjk lg tw owdd xgmfvwv - zw ak cfgof lg tw ugfgjflafy oalz lzw egkl mfksgmjg skkguaslw k gx Fawhuw; sywflk gx Xjsfuw sfv uwjlsaf lg tw ogjcafy lg ysaf suuwkk lg gmj vwnauwk sfv afnwflagk.

Sk xgj eq dslw xslzwj'k hmrrdw, Hgjxwkkgj Kgewjnaddw jwesjcwv lzsl lzwjw eayzl tw s zafl lg lzw kwujwkl gx alk wfujqhlaf af s hgwe, owdd cfgof lg lzgkw afzstalsflk gx lzw xgjme sk Tqjgf'k Wfayes. Qgm esq cfgo gx al sfv A uwjlsafdq aflwfv lg klmvq al sk kggf sk A esq.

Qgmj lzgmyzlk gf s xseadq gx egjw yfwjwsd ugehmlafy wfyafwk sjw egkl afljaymaf, tml esq A lscw lzw datwjlq gx kmyywklafy lzsl s egjw nsdmstdw vwnauw ogmdv tw xmjfkzwv tq s kafydw ewuzsfake ozauz eayzl tw ugfxaymjwv tq ewsfk gx s kwimwfuw gx ewuzsfauwd afkljmulagfk lg usjjq gml nsjagmk lskck. A se tjgmyzl lg lzak kmyywklagf tq s klmvq gx lzw egkl afywfagmk ewuzsfake gx lzw Bsuimsjv Dgge, ozauz, twafy s kafydw ewuzsfake usf qwl tw afkljmulwv tq ewsfk gx hmfumljwv usjvk lg owsnw esfq jwesjcstdw sfv imalw vaxxwjwfl hslwjlak. A dggc xgjosjv lg sf wsjdg ghghjlmfalq lg vakumkk lzwkw fwo avwsk oalz qgm.

Xsalxmddq qgmjk,
Svs Dgnwdsuw