JANUARY 2013 CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ

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1> On February 24th 2013, the annual Academy Awards are to take place. Which ceremony will it be?

   a. 85th
   b. 87th
   c. 86th
   d. 88th

2> French actor Gerard Depardieu has recently become a citizen of which country?

   a. France
   b. Belgium
   c. Russia
   d. Switzerland

3> France recently started a military intervention in Mali. What is the capital of Mali?

   a. Timbuktu
   b. Bamako
   c. Gao
   d. Segou

4> Who won the Golden Globe 2013 for best director?

   a. Stephen Spielberg
   b. Ben Affleck
   c. Quentin Tarantino
   d. Ang Lee

5> Star Wars episode VII now has a director! Who is it?

    a. Gore Verbinski
    b. Stephen Spielberg
    c. J.J. Abrams
    d. Matthew Vaughn

6> Millionaire Kim Dotcom, the creator of Megaupload.com who clashed with the US government over copyright issues, has started a new website. What is it called?

    a. Mega
    b. Fast Click
    c. Super Upload
    d. Upload Mania

7> A public debate over the new banknotes issued in Canada has ensued. What is the problem?

    a. Maple leaf on the note belongs to a Norwegian species
    b. The notes are too easy to counterfeit
    c. There is a typo on the bills
    d. The bills change their colour after a year.

8> A famous Internet activist named Aaron Swartz appeared in the headlines of every major newspaper recently. Why?

    a. He committed suicide
    b. He was murdered
    c. He laundered a huge sum of money
    d. He was accused of hacking a government website.

9> One of the most prestigious tennis tournaments occurred this month. What tournament are we talking about?

    a. Wimbledon Championships
    b. Australian Open
    c. French Open
    d. US Open

10> What controversial decision has recently changed operations within the US

army?

    a. Landmines are banned from usage
    b. Homosexuals allowed in the army
    c. Women allowed in direct combat
    d. Only robots can be used as minesweepers

11> Who is the new president of the Czech Republic?

    a. Karel Schwarzenberg
    b. Jan Fischer
    c. Milos Zeman
    d. Vladimir Franz

12> What natural disaster struck Australia?

    a. Fire
    b. Flood
    c. Tsunami
    d. Earthquake

13> A riot broke out in Egypt over a court ruling. What were the football fans sentenced to?

    a. Exile
    b. Death
    c. A life in prison
    d. Public whipping

14> Where is the economic forum taking place?

    a. London, UK
    b. Davos, Switzerland
    c. New York, USA
    d. Oslo, Norway

15> The president of Venezuela was recently diagnosed with what illness?

    a. Lupus
    b. Alzheimer's disease
    c. Cancer

d. Asthma

Answers:

1> 85th - The awards were first given in 1929.
2> Russia - Depardieu called Russia 'A great democracy'.
3> Bamako - Although Timbuktu is the biggest region of the country, the capital is Bamako.
4> Ben Affleck - Affleck won the award for his movie 'Argo'.
5> J.J. Abrams - The plot has not been announced yet.
6> Mega - The new website uses a special form of data encryption to protect the users from 'third party spies'.
7> Maple leaf on the note belongs to a Norwegian species - The bills are made of a special plastic fiber, that lasts longer than the previous bills.
8> He committed suicide - A hero to many, Aaron Swartz fought for a free Internet and free access to the academic resources.
9> Australian Open - The winner of 2013 Australian Open men's singles is Novak Djokovic, and Victoria Azarenka for women's singles.
10> Women allowed in direct combat - Previously, the women were not allowed to be in the frontlines.
11> Milos Zeman - Zeman was a member of the Communist Party, then - The Social Democratic Party, and finally - Party of Civic Rights.
12> Fire - The front line of the fire reached more than 100 km long.
13> Death - The riots forced president Mohammed Morsi to officially announce a crisis situation in the country.
14> Davos, Switzerland - The meeting brings together some 2,500 top business leaders, international political leaders, selected intellectuals and journalists.
15> Cancer - Hugo Chavez has ruled Venezuela since 1999.