

JANUARY 2015 CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ #3



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1> Led by Abubakar Shekau, the terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped 80 people in what country in January 2015?

- a. France
- b. Cameroon
- c. Russia
- d. Israel

2> Narrowly defeating Hakainde Hichilema, Edgar Lungu won the Presidential Election in what nation on January 20th, 2015?

- a. Zimbabwe
- b. Namibia
- c. Zambia
- d. South Africa

3> Heavy fighting broke out in Donetsk in January 2015. In which country is Donetsk?

- a. Ukraine
- b. Russia
- c. Sweden
- d. Israel

4> Jeff Gordon, four-time champion, announced that 2015 will be his last year in which sport?

- a. Le Mans 24

- b. Drag Racing
- c. F1
- d. NASCAR

5> Following the death of King Abdullah, King Salman was crowned as head of which nation on January 23rd, 2015?

- a. Sweden
- b. Jordan
- c. Oman
- d. Saudi Arabia

6> Obama became the first US President in history to be a guest at which nation's Republic Day in January 2015?

- a. India
- b. Russia
- c. China
- d. Turkey

7> Which country was facing droughts in January 2015 after the lowest rainfall since 1930?

- a. Brazil
- b. Italy
- c. Russia
- d. France

8> Which US state became the 37th state to legalise gay marriage in January 2015?

- a. Texas
- b. Nebraska
- c. Alabama
- d. Montana

9> Written and directed by John Ridley, who is the focus of the 2015 documentary "All is by my side"?

- a. Amy Winehouse
- b. John Lennon
- c. Marc Bolan
- d. Jimi Hendrix

10> Which team was investigated by NFL officials over apparently "deflating balls" in their (AFC) Championship Game in January 2015?

- a. Washington Redskins
- b. New England Patriots
- c. Green Bay Packers
- d. Dallas Cowboys

11> Which pop star was in the news in January 2015 for reuniting with their former lover John Mayer?

- a. Beyonce
- b. Katy Perry
- c. Madonna
- d. Cher

12> Which member of the British royal family controversially attended the funeral of King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia?

- a. Prince Harry
- b. Prince Charles
- c. The Queen
- d. Prince Andrew

13> Which country was left in darkness after 80 percent of its electricity was cut off due to militant attacks on the national grid?

- a. India
- b. USA
- c. UK
- d. Pakistan

14> The Volcano "Volcan De Colima" erupted on three different occasions in what country in January 2015?

- a. Peru
- b. Mexico
- c. China
- d. Brazil

15> The son of which Olympic Gold Medal winner was convicted of drug dealing in January 2015?

- a. Colin Jackson
- b. John Regis
- c. Sally Gunnell
- d. Linford Christie

16> The Syriza Group was making political headlines in which nation in January 2015?

- a. Russia
- b. Greece
- c. Israel
- d. France

17> Which major North American chain shut down all 133 of its Canadian branches in January 2015?

- a. Burger King
- b. Starbucks
- c. Cafe Nero

d. Target

18> Announced in January 2015, which online company is scaling back resulting in 2400 jobs lost?

- a. EBay
- b. Netflix
- c. PayPal
- d. Amazon

19> Which singer got into trouble in January 2015 for shooting a mountain lion dead?

- a. Dave Grohl
- b. Bono
- c. Kid Rock
- d. Chris Martin

20> Which sportsman lost a tooth after being hit in the face by a camera at a Skiing event?

- a. Thierry Henry
- b. Tiger Woods
- c. David Beckham
- d. Usain Bolt

Answers:

- 1> Cameroon - It is estimated that Boko Haram has killed more than 5,000 civilians since July 2009.
- 2> Zambia - Lungu previously served as Minister of Justice and Minister of Defense.
- 3> Ukraine - Nicknamed "The City of a Million Roses," Donetsk has a population of just under one million.
- 4> NASCAR - Gordon became the first NASCAR driver to reach over \$100 million in career winnings in 2009.
- 5> Saudi Arabia - It is believed that King Salman may be suffering from dementia, possibly Alzheimer's disease.
- 6> India - The visit resulted in a pledge to step up economic engagement between the two countries.
- 7> Brazil - Brazil is the largest country in South America.
- 8> Alabama - Alabama has since appealed the ruling that overturned the same-sex marriage ban.
- 9> Jimi Hendrix - The film does not include any songs that were written by Hendrix, but does feature cover songs that he played.
- 10> New England Patriots - The New England Patriots beat the Indianapolis Colts 45 to 7.
- 11> Katy Perry - Mayer won the 'Best Pop Vocal Album' Grammy Award for Continuum in 2007.
- 12> Prince Charles - King Abdullah died from lung cancer on January 23rd, 2015.
- 13> Pakistan - The power was restored approximately 24 hours later.
- 14> Mexico - Volcan De Colima is located about 301 miles west of Mexico City.
- 15> Linford Christie - Linford won a gold medal for the 100 m at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.
- 16> Greece - The Greek leftists Syriza won the elections and came to power on January 25th, 2015.
- 17> Target - With many unpaid debts, Target filed for bankruptcy protection.
- 18> PayPal - A wholly owned subsidiary of eBay, PayPal was established in 1998.
- 19> Kid Rock - Kid Rock's birth name is Robert James Ritchie.
- 20> Tiger Woods - Currently, Tiger has more career major wins than any other active golfer.

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