

# JANUARY 2015 CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ



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1> Anyone below 4 foot 9 inches and transgenders were banned from doing what in Russia?

- a. Speaking in Public
- b. Voting
- c. Driving
- d. Going to Bars

2> Edward Hermann, who passed away in January 2015, was best known for playing Richard in what long running US Show?

- a. Cagney and Lacey
- b. Gilmore Girls
- c. Dynasty
- d. Dallas

3> Gunmen killed 12 people at the HQ of the satirical magazine Charlie Hedbo in which European capital?

- a. Rome
- b. Madrid
- c. London
- d. Paris

4> The 2015 African Nations Cup finals was moved from Morocco to which other nation amid Ebola fears?

- a. Nigeria
- b. Cameroon
- c. Liberia
- d. Equatorial Guinea

5> What was the name of the Italian ferry that caught fire in the Adriatic Sea killing 11 people in January 2015?

- a. Norman Atlantic
- b. Johnson Atlantic
- c. William Atlantic
- d. Frank Atlantic

6> Which country became the 19th nation to adopt the Euro as its currency in January 2015?

- a. Estonia
- b. Latvia
- c. Russia
- d. Lithuania

7> After selling his Beats headphones brand to Apple, who became the highest earning celebrity of 2014?

- a. Eminem
- b. 50 Cent
- c. Dr. Dre
- d. Jay Z

8> The Last Ship closed on Broadway in January 2015 after running for just three months. Who wrote it?

- a. Paul McCartney
- b. Sting
- c. Elton John

d. Ben Elton

9> Mel Gibson celebrated what birthday in January 2015?

- a. 49
- b. 69
- c. 79
- d. 59

10> Official figures released in January of 2015 indicate that how many people were killed in the Syrian conflict in 2014?

- a. 760
- b. 76,000
- c. 7.6 Million
- d. 7,600

11> Residents of which nation complained en masse in January 2015 when their government blocked leading websites including Vimeo and Github?

- a. Japan
- b. North Korea
- c. China
- d. India

12> A 2015 study showed that which smell was the favourite "food" smell of the British?

- a. Roast Beef
- b. Fish and Chips
- c. Bacon Sandwich
- d. Toast

13> Archaeologists announced finding the tomb of Khentakawess III in January 2015.

She was queen of what people?

- a. Egyptians
- b. Normans
- c. Greeks
- d. Romans

14> Complete the title of the Emma Healey novel which won the Costa Best Novel Award in January 2015. "Elizabeth is \_\_\_\_\_"?

- a. Gone
- b. Home
- c. Away
- d. Missing

15> Donna Douglas, who passed away in January 2015, was famous for playing Elly May Campbell in what hit TV Series?

- a. The Cosby Show
- b. Three's Company
- c. Beverley Hillbillies
- d. The Golden Girls

16> With 28 million Youtube views, what is the name of the song by Dj Aronchupa that took the world by storm in early 2015?

- a. I'm an Albatraoz
- b. I'm an Owl
- c. I'm a Big Moose
- d. I'm a Little Mouse

17> Mahinda Rajapaska failed in his attempt to win a third Presidential term in what country in January 2015?

- a. Pakistan

- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Nepal
- d. India

18> The Royal Mail celebrated 50 years of "Special stamps" in January 2015. Who appeared on the first such stamp in 1965?

- a. Queen Elizabeth II
- b. John Lennon
- c. Winston Churchill
- d. Bobby Charlton

19> What was the name of the notable hedge fund founder who was found shot dead in his New York apartment in January 2015?

- a. George Tennyson
- b. Mark Johnson
- c. Thomas Gilbert
- d. Eddie Jenkins

20> Which BBC Sitcom came to an end on News Year's Day 2015 with the lead character marrying her dream man?

- a. The Vicar of Dibley
- b. Not Going Out
- c. Mrs Browns Boys
- d. Miranda

21> Which notable Frenchman rejected the Legion D'Honneur in January 2015?

- a. Gerard Depardieu
- b. Zinedine Zidane
- c. Thomas Piketty
- d. Eric Cantona

22> Which South American country took its seat on the UN Security council in January 2015?

- a. Argentina
- b. Chile
- c. Venezuela
- d. Brazil

23> Who entered the top of the charts worldwide in January 2015 with the track "Wish You Were Mine"?

- a. Phillip George
- b. Mark George
- c. George Mates
- d. Phillip Cosby

24> Which company announced it was to release "Self-Tying" shoes in 2015 with reference to Back to the Future?

- a. Nike
- b. Adidas
- c. Puma
- d. Fila

25> Debuting in January 2015, "Shadows in the Night," was released by which legendary singer?

- a. Neil Young
- b. Neil Diamond
- c. Bob Dylan
- d. Tony Bennet

26> What is the name of the 2015 Disney film starring James Corden, Meryl Steep and Emily Blunt?

- a. Into the Dark
- b. Into the Fire
- c. Into the Woods
- d. Into the Forest

27> The planes - "Lisa Marie" and "Hound Dog II" were auctioned off in January 2015. Who did they originally belong to?

- a. Hank Marvin
- b. John Lennon
- c. JFK
- d. Elvis Presley

28> Billionaire Elon Musk, who was in the news in January 2015 due to his divorce from actress Tallulah Riley, founded which online company?

- a. Google
- b. PayPal
- c. Twitter
- d. Yahoo

29> How many further planets with "earth like" qualities were discovered in the "Goldilocks Zone" of space in January 2015?

- a. 6
- b. 2
- c. 4
- d. 8

30> McDonald's was forced to apologise to customers in Japan in January 2015 after what was found in their food?

- a. Dog Hairs
- b. Eye Lashes

- c. Finger Nails
- d. Human Teeth

**Answers:**

- 1> Driving - Russia began issuing driver's licences in 1900.
- 2> Gilmore Girls - Edward Hermann played the part of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the movie, 'Eleanor and Franklin'.
- 3> Paris - Founded in 1775, Charlie Hebdo is a weekly satirical magazine.
- 4> Equatorial Guinea - The Africa Cup of Nations is often referred to as AFCON.
- 5> Norman Atlantic - Norman Atlantic is owned by the Italian ferry company Visemar di Navigazione.
- 6> Lithuania - Located on the Baltic Sea, Lithuania is one of three Baltic States.
- 7> Dr. Dre - Apple Inc. purchased Beats for \$3 billion in a cash and stock deal.
- 8> Sting - Sting was the lead singer for the band The Police.
- 9> 59 - Born in Peekskill, New York, Gibson's full name is Mel Colm-Cille Gerard Gibson.
- 10> 76,000 - Syria borders the Mediterranean, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq.
- 11> India - There are over 1.2 billion people in India.
- 12> Fish and Chips - The fish most often used for fish and chips is the haddock or Atlantic cod.
- 13> Egyptians - Queen Khentakawess III lived about 2494 to 2345 BC.
- 14> Missing - Emma Healey is a British novelist. She was born in 1985.
- 15> Beverley Hillsbillies - Donna went on to become a real estate agent and an author.
- 16> I'm an Albatraoz - Going double platinum in Sweden, the song was released by the Swedish artist AronChupa.
- 17> Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka is an island nation located in the Indian Ocean.
- 18> Winston Churchill - Sir Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill died in 1955.
- 19> Thomas Gilbert - Thomas Gilbert was the founder of Wainscott Capital Partners fund.
- 20> Miranda - Created by Miranda Hart, Miranda debuted in 2009.
- 21> Thomas Piketty - The award is the highest decoration in France.
- 22> Venezuela - The Security Council held its first session in January of 1946.
- 23> Phillip George - Wish You Were Mine samples the Stevie Wonder song 'My Cherie Amour'.
- 24> Nike - The soon to be released shoes were designed by Tinker Hatfield.
- 25> Bob Dylan - Shadows in the Night was produced by Jack Frost.



- 26> Into the Woods - In to the Woods was directed by Rob Marshall.
- 27> Elvis Presley - Lisa Marie was named after his daughter who was born in 1968.
- 28> PayPal - Elon Reeve Musk was born in Pretoria, South Africa in 1971.
- 29> 8 - The Goldilocks Zone is also called the Circumstellar Habitable Zone.
- 30> Human Teeth - McDonald's serves about 68 million people every day.

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