1976 Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which Canadian city welcomed the public to the CN Tower for the first time on June 26, 1976?

A. Toronto
B. Vancouver
C. Montreal
D. Ottawa

Correct answer: A. Toronto
The tower's official history places its public opening in Toronto on June 26, 1976.

2. Which videocassette format did Japan's JVC introduce with its HR-3300 home recorder in 1976?

A. Video8
B. Betamax
C. VHS
D. U-matic

Correct answer: C. VHS
JVC's company history identifies the HR-3300 as its first home videocassette recorder for the VHS format.

3. Which computer company dates its founding to April 1, 1976?

A. Atari
B. Apple
C. IBM
D. Commodore

Correct answer: B. Apple
Apple dates its founding to April 1, 1976, in its announcement for the company's 50th anniversary.

4. Which movie won Best Picture at the Academy Awards ceremony on March 29, 1976?

A. Nashville
B. Jaws
C. Dog Day Afternoon
D. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Correct answer: D. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
The Academy lists One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest as the winner at its 48th ceremony. The other three films were nominees.

5. The 1976 Eurovision Song Contest took place in The Hague. Which country hosted it?

A. Belgium
B. The Netherlands
C. Sweden
D. The United Kingdom

Correct answer: B. The Netherlands
Eurovision's record locates the contest at the Nederlands Congresgebouw in The Hague, Netherlands.

6. Which two sports were on the program at the first Paralympic Winter Games, held in Sweden in 1976?

A. Para alpine skiing and Para cross-country skiing
B. Para alpine skiing and wheelchair curling
C. Para cross-country skiing and Para snowboarding
D. Wheelchair curling and Para ice hockey

Correct answer: A. Para alpine skiing and Para cross-country skiing
The International Paralympic Committee lists two sports for the Örnsköldsvik Games, Para alpine skiing and Para cross-country skiing.

7. The South African Parliament traces the Soweto student protest of June 16, 1976, to a compulsory classroom language policy. Which language was at issue?

A. Portuguese
B. Dutch
C. French
D. Afrikaans

Correct answer: D. Afrikaans
Students protested the apartheid government's requirement to use Afrikaans as a language of instruction in schools for Black students.

8. The 1976 men's European Championship final ended 2–2 after extra time. Antonín Panenka's deciding penalty gave which team the title?

A. The Netherlands
B. West Germany
C. Czechoslovakia
D. Yugoslavia

Correct answer: C. Czechoslovakia
UEFA records that Czechoslovakia won the shootout against West Germany after the draw in Belgrade on June 20, 1976.

9. On which Indonesian island did the five leaders meet for the first ASEAN Summit in February 1976?

A. Bali
B. Java
C. Sumatra
D. Sulawesi

Correct answer: A. Bali
ASEAN's historical archive identifies Bali as the venue for the first summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on February 23 and 24, 1976.

10. Which legislative body was the Palace of the Republic in East Berlin designed to house when it opened in April 1976?

A. West Germany's Bundesrat
B. West Germany's Bundestag
C. The West Berlin House of Representatives
D. East Germany's People's Chamber

Correct answer: D. East Germany's People's Chamber
Germany's House of History records the opening of the palace on the site of the former Berlin City Palace. The new building was intended to house the Volkskammer, East Germany's People's Chamber.

11. Which caption correctly pairs two decisions recorded at the International Monetary Fund's January 7–8, 1976, meeting in Kingston, Jamaica?

A. Set every member's currency exchange rate to the same value and schedule gold sales through public auctions over four years.
B. Endorse a new article on currency exchange arrangements and finish all scheduled gold sales that January.
C. Endorse a new article on currency exchange arrangements and schedule gold sales through public auctions over four years.
D. Adopt one currency for all members and transfer all the gold earmarked for sale to the host country.

Correct answer: C. Endorse a new article on currency exchange arrangements and schedule gold sales through public auctions over four years.
The Fund's annual report says the Interim Committee endorsed a proposed revision of Article IV on currency exchange arrangements. It also agreed to an auction timetable extending over four years.

12. UNESCO adopted a recommendation on historic areas in Nairobi in November 1976. Which fictional project fits the recommendation's definition of safeguarding?

A. Clear the market site and preserve only its name in the new shopping district.
B. Repair an old market and protect the historic streets around it.
C. Move one of the market's signs to a park and clear the market's historic buildings.
D. Publish a photographic record of the streets and replace the existing buildings with new ones.

Correct answer: B. Repair an old market and protect the historic streets around it.
UNESCO's recommendation includes conservation, maintenance, and revitalization of historic areas and their surroundings in its definition of safeguarding.

13. Which label accurately describes the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) law passed by Australia's federal parliament in December 1976?

A. It recognized traditional association with land in the Northern Territory solely to create a museum register.
B. It provided the same land claim process for every Australian state and territory.
C. It recognized First Nations land claims in the Northern Territory on the basis of a prior purchase alone.
D. It allowed First Nations groups to claim land in the Northern Territory on the basis of proven traditional association.

Correct answer: D. It allowed First Nations groups to claim land in the Northern Territory on the basis of proven traditional association.
The National Museum of Australia describes the act as a way for First Nations peoples to claim land title in the Northern Territory where they could establish a traditional association.

14. Vietnam's unified National Assembly recorded a capital and a city renaming at its first session in 1976. Which record is accurate?

A. Hanoi was the capital, and Saigon–Gia Dinh became Ho Chi Minh City.
B. Hanoi was the capital, and Hue became Ho Chi Minh City.
C. Ho Chi Minh City was the capital, and Saigon–Gia Dinh became Hanoi.
D. Da Nang was the capital, and Hanoi became Ho Chi Minh City.

Correct answer: A. Hanoi was the capital, and Saigon–Gia Dinh became Ho Chi Minh City.
Vietnam's National Assembly library records Hanoi as the capital and the renaming of Saigon–Gia Dinh as Ho Chi Minh City.

15. The United Nations Treaty Series gives several dates for Seychelles in 1976. Which timeline correctly distinguishes independence, signature of the application declaration, and admission?

A. Independence June 29, signature July 23, admission August 9
B. Independence June 29, signature August 9, admission September 21
C. Independence June 29, signature July 23, admission September 21
D. Independence July 23, signature August 9, admission September 21

Correct answer: C. Independence June 29, signature July 23, admission September 21
Seychelles became independent on June 29. Its president signed the application declaration on July 23, and it was presented to the Secretary-General on August 9. The General Assembly admitted Seychelles on September 21.