February Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. An international observance on February 13 recalls the start of a United Nations broadcast service in 1946. Which medium does the day celebrate?
   A. Radio
   B. Television
   C. Print newspapers
   D. Motion pictures

2. Which designer presented the Paris collection that became known as the New Look on February 12, 1947?
   A. Elsa Schiaparelli
   B. Cristóbal Balenciaga
   C. Christian Dior
   D. Pierre Balmain

3. During the Apollo 14 mission in February 1971, Alan Shepard brought a piece of sports equipment out during a moonwalk. What sport did he demonstrate?
   A. Cricket
   B. Golf
   C. Tennis
   D. Baseball

4. The Convention on Wetlands was concluded at Ramsar on February 2, 1971. In which country is Ramsar?
   A. Greece
   B. India
   C. Morocco
   D. Iran

5. Merriam-Webster traces the name February to the Latin word Februa. What did Februa refer to?
   A. A ceremony to open the harbor
   B. A festival of purification
   C. An annual olive harvest
   D. A census of Roman households

6. On February 15, 1882, the Dunedin set out from New Zealand on a voyage that helped establish a refrigerated export trade. What was in its cargo?

A. Frozen mutton and lamb
B. Live sheep for breeding
C. Casks of olive oil
D. Sacks of rice

7. Sámi National Day commemorates the first Sámi national assembly, which opened on February 6, 1917. Which Norwegian city hosted it?

A. Tromsø
B. Oslo
C. Bergen
D. Trondheim

8. UNESCO approved the idea of International Mother Language Day in 1999, with observances starting the following year on February 21. Which country proposed it?

A. Brazil
B. Japan
C. Bangladesh
D. Finland

9. At a New York meeting of the American Chemical Society on February 8, 1909, Leo Baekeland publicly announced his invention. Which material was it?

A. Bakelite
B. Nylon
C. Cellophane
D. Acrylic glass

10. A museum compares British money before and after Decimal Day on February 15, 1971. A pound contained 240 old pennies and then 100 new pence. Which pair gives half a pound in the two systems?

A. 50 old pennies and 120 new pence
B. 120 old pennies and 100 new pence
C. 240 old pennies and 50 new pence
D. 120 old pennies and 50 new pence

11. Japan’s National Astronomical Observatory places the traditional solar term Risshun on February 3 in its 2021 calendar. Which entry places Setsubun correctly relative to it?

A. February 4, because Setsubun is the day after Risshun.
B. February 3, because Setsubun and Risshun always share a date.
C. February 2, because Setsubun is the day before Risshun.
D. February 5, because Setsubun starts two days after Risshun.

12. Chile’s National Library records two milestones for the Act of Independence in February 1818. Which labels correctly distinguish February 2 from February 12?

A. February 2 was the public proclamation. February 12 was ratification.
B. February 2 was ratification. February 12 was the public proclamation.
C. Both dates mark separate public proclamations.
D. Both dates mark separate ratifications.

13. In a fictional Swedish diary, an entry dated February 17, 1753 is followed by one labeled ‘the next morning.’ Which date fits Sweden’s civil calendar at that transition?

A. March 11, 1753
B. February 18, 1753
C. February 28, 1753
D. March 1, 1753

14. A fictional February 1996 caption says Deep Blue won the opening chess game against Garry Kasparov and therefore won the six-game match. Which edit fixes the record?

A. Deep Blue won the opener. Kasparov won the match 4–2.
B. Kasparov won the opener. Deep Blue won the match 4–2.
C. Deep Blue won the opener and the match 4–2.
D. Deep Blue won the opener. The match ended 3–3.

15. Mexico’s Constitution was published on February 5, 1917. What did its first transitional article say about when provisions would take effect?

A. Most provisions took effect on February 5. Only the election rules waited until May 1.
B. All provisions, including the election rules, waited until May 1.
C. The specified election provisions took effect immediately. May 1 was the general start date.
D. All provisions took effect when the Constitution was published.