January Trivia

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

1. Which country celebrates Republic Day on January 26 to mark the start of government under its 1950 constitution?
   A. India
   B. Pakistan
   C. Nepal
   D. Bangladesh

2. Which dish traditionally takes centre stage at Burns Night suppers in Scotland on January 25?
   A. Irish stew
   B. Welsh rarebit
   C. Haggis
   D. Cornish pasty

3. A United Nations calendar entry for January 24 highlights the role of learning in peace and development. What is the observance called?
   A. International Literacy Day
   B. International Day of Education
   C. International Youth Day
   D. World Teachers' Day

4. Which description fits the typical January season in Cape Town, South Africa?
   A. Warm, rainy summer
   B. Cool, rainy winter
   C. Cool, dry winter
   D. Warm, dry summer

5. On January 14, 2005, the European Space Agency's Huygens probe landed on which moon of Saturn?
   A. Enceladus
   B. Titan
   C. Rhea
   D. Iapetus

6. Which Brazilian city's official history links its January 25, 1554, founding date to the site now called the Pateo do Collegio?

A. São Paulo
B. Rio de Janeiro
C. Salvador
D. Recife

7. Japan once observed Coming of Age Day on January 15. Which rule replaced that fixed date from 2000?

A. The fourth Monday in January
B. The first Monday in January
C. The third Monday in January
D. The second Monday in January

8. NASA says the Quadrantid meteor shower peaks in early January. What is distinctive about the duration of the peak?

A. It lasts almost two weeks.
B. It lasts about two full days.
C. It lasts only a few hours.
D. It lasts through most of January.

9. Who received a medical degree from Geneva Medical College on January 23, 1849, becoming the first woman to earn an M.D. from a U.S. medical school?

A. Elizabeth Blackwell
B. Clara Barton
C. Susan B. Anthony
D. Harriet Tubman

10. Which web encyclopedia launched on January 15, 2001, as a project for people to build together?

A. Encyclopedia of Life
B. Britannica Online
C. World History Encyclopedia
D. Wikipedia

11. Which pair of observations fits the Australian Antarctic Program's chart for the geographic South Pole in January and July?

A. The Sun rises and sets daily in January and stays above the horizon in July.
B. The Sun stays below the horizon in January and above it in July.
C. The Sun stays above the horizon in January and below it in July.
D. The Sun stays above the horizon in January and rises and sets daily in July.

12. The Australian Bureau of Meteorology's 1941–2008 summary lists mean monthly rainfall at Darwin Airport as 420.4 mm in January and 1.3 mm in July. What is the difference?

A. January is higher by 421.7 mm.
B. January is higher by 419.1 mm.
C. January is higher by 420.4 mm.
D. July is higher by 419.1 mm.

13. London's first public underground service opened in January 1863. Which caption matches that opening and the deep-level line introduced in 1890?

A. Both services used electric trains when they opened.
B. The Metropolitan Railway used electric trains in 1863. The City & South London Railway used steam in 1890.
C. Both services used steam when they opened.
D. The Metropolitan Railway used steam in 1863. The City & South London Railway used electric trains in 1890.

14. The Australian Open debuted at a new venue in January 1988. Which change to the venue and its court surface matches the tournament's archive?

A. It moved from grass at Kooyong to hard courts at Flinders Park.
B. It moved from hard courts at Kooyong to grass at Flinders Park.
C. It moved from grass at Flinders Park to hard courts at Kooyong.
D. It moved from grass at Kooyong to clay at Flinders Park.

15. An African Union timeline lists May 30, 2019, and January 1, 2021, for the African Continental Free Trade Area. Which caption puts the right milestone on each date?

A. The agreement was first signed in May 2019 and entered into force in January 2021.
B. Trading under the agreement began in May 2019, and the agreement entered into force in January 2021.
C. The agreement entered into force in May 2019, and trading under it began in January 2021.
D. The agreement entered into force and trading under it began on the same date in January 2021.