July Trivia

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

1. The month of July was named in honor of which Roman leader?
   A. Julius Caesar
   B. Augustus
   C. Hadrian
   D. Marcus Aurelius

2. An international observance on July 20 marks the founding of FIDE in 1924. Which game does that day celebrate?
   A. Backgammon
   B. Bridge
   C. Chess
   D. Checkers

3. In parts of Japan that mark Tanabata on July 7, people hang strips of colored paper from bamboo. What do they traditionally write on the paper?
   A. Recipes
   B. Wishes
   C. Travel directions
   D. Puzzle solutions

4. South Africa’s July 18, 2013 Mandela Day notice encouraged people to use 67 minutes for what kind of activity?
   A. Watching a film about national elections
   B. Learning a new song for a competition
   C. Reading a biography in a library
   D. Helping a charity or serving their community

5. Which Mexican city does the official festival listing give for the July Guelaguetza celebration?
   A. Guadalajara
   B. Oaxaca City
   C. Mérida
   D. Puebla

6. At the Wimbledon tournament in July 1877, which event did Spencer Gore win?
   A. Men’s singles
   B. Men’s doubles
   C. Women’s singles
   D. Mixed doubles

7. At the United Nations on July 12, 2013, what did Malala Yousafzai call for every child to have access to?
   A. Free travel by train
   B. A public swimming pool
   C. Music lessons after school
   D. An education

8. On July 14, 1960, Jane Goodall arrived at Gombe in present-day Tanzania. Which wild animals had she come to study?
   A. Baboons
   B. Gorillas
   C. Chimpanzees
   D. Elephants

9. A U.S. Postal Service release dated July 27, 2020 celebrated the 80th birthday of a character whose screen debut was in A Wild Hare. Which character was it?
   A. Bugs Bunny
   B. Daffy Duck
   C. Porky Pig
   D. Sylvester

10. New Zealand’s first postage stamps went on sale on July 18, 1855. Whose portrait did the stamps show?
   A. King William IV
   B. Queen Elizabeth II
   C. King George V
   D. Queen Victoria

11. A Peruvian timeline records Hiram Bingham’s July visit to Machu Picchu and an April edition of National Geographic about the site. Which years belong to those two events?
   A. The visit in 1913 and the magazine edition in 1911
   B. The visit in 1911 and the magazine edition in 1911
   C. The visit in 1911 and the magazine edition in 1913
   D. The visit in 1913 and the magazine edition in 1913

12. A map needs an arrow for Louis Blériot’s English Channel flight on July 25, 1909. Which direction matches the documented route?

A. From Dover, England, to near Calais, France
B. From near Calais, France, to Dover, England
C. From near Calais, France, to Dublin, Ireland
D. From Dover, England, to Ostend, Belgium

13. For the British locomotive Mallard’s July 3, 1938 run, the railway first claimed 125 mph. A later reading of the original records gave 126 mph. Which museum caption fits both figures?

A. Both readings give the steam locomotive the same speed.
B. The later reading puts the steam locomotive 1 mph below the first claim.
C. The later reading puts the steam locomotive 2 mph above the first claim.
D. The later reading puts the steam locomotive 1 mph above the first claim.

14. A reference card labels July 28, 1951 as the date the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees entered into force. Which correction matches the UN treaty archive?

A. The convention was concluded in Geneva in July 1951 and entered into force in April 1954.
B. The convention entered into force in July 1951 and was concluded in Geneva in April 1954.
C. The convention was concluded in Geneva and entered into force in July 1951.
D. The convention was concluded in Geneva and entered into force in April 1954.

15. New Zealand’s holiday records list Matariki on July 14 in 2023 and June 28 in 2024. What should an editor conclude about a label saying ‘Matariki is always on July 14’?

A. The date stays fixed. Both records place it on June 28.
B. The date stays fixed. Both records place it on July 14.
C. The date can vary. The two records place it in different Gregorian months.
D. The date can vary by day. The two records still place it in the same Gregorian month.