June Trivia

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

1. Which country held its first Fête de la musique on June 21, 1982, inviting amateur and professional musicians to perform?
   A. France
   B. Belgium
   C. Canada
   D. Switzerland

2. Which annual observance did the United Nations designate for June 8, beginning in 2009?
   A. World Water Day
   B. World Environment Day
   C. World Oceans Day
   D. World Wetlands Day

3. The public Inti Raymi celebration in Cusco, Peru, on June 24 honours what?
   A. The Moon
   B. The Sun
   C. The rainbow
   D. The morning star

4. Which country marks June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day to recognise First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples?
   A. New Zealand
   B. Australia
   C. Finland
   D. Canada

5. Which present-day African country declared independence from Belgium on June 30, 1960?
   A. Republic of the Congo
   B. Democratic Republic of the Congo
   C. Rwanda
   D. Burundi

6. Oxford and Cambridge held their first Boat Race at Henley-on-Thames on June 10, 1829. How many rowers were in each crew, excluding the cox?

A. Eight
B. Two
C. Four
D. Six

7. In a study by the India Meteorological Department, the normal onset date for the southwest monsoon is June 1 for which state?

A. Bihar
B. Punjab
C. Rajasthan
D. Kerala

8. Which Pacific country gained independence on January 1, 1962, and holds its independence celebrations on June 1?

A. Tonga
B. Fiji
C. Samoa
D. Vanuatu

9. What does NASA's historical account identify as the source of the Tunguska event over Siberia on June 30, 1908?

A. An asteroid exploded in the atmosphere.
B. A volcano erupted below the ocean.
C. An earthquake caused a volcanic island to rise.
D. A rock from space struck the surface and formed a large crater.

10. Which of NASA's twin Mars exploration rovers launched on June 10, 2003?

A. Perseverance
B. Opportunity
C. Curiosity
D. Spirit

11. The Olympic archives mark June 23 in both 1894 and 1948. Which caption matches what happened in those years?

A. 1894: the first modern Olympics were held. 1948: the IOC was founded in Paris.
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D. 1894: the IOC was founded in Athens. 1948: the first modern Olympics were held.

12. Sweden's parliament links June 6 to events in 1523 and 1809. Which pair of events matches the record?

A. The Instrument of Government was adopted in 1523. Gustav Vasa was elected king in 1809.
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C. Gustav Vasa was elected king in 1523. Sweden adopted the Swedish krona in 1809.
D. Sweden adopted the Swedish krona in 1523. The Instrument of Government was adopted in 1809.

13. A British exhibit label gives June 20, 1837, and June 28, 1838, for Queen Victoria. Which explanation matches the Royal Archives?

A. She became queen and was crowned on June 28, 1838.
B. She was crowned on June 20, 1837, and became queen on June 28, 1838.
C. She became queen and was crowned on June 20, 1837.
D. She became queen on June 20, 1837, and was crowned on June 28, 1838.

14. John Alcock and Arthur Brown made a nonstop transatlantic flight on June 14–15, 1919. Which route belongs on its museum label?

A. Newfoundland to Ireland
B. Ireland to Newfoundland
C. Nova Scotia to Iceland
D. Newfoundland to mainland France

15. The Hawaiian Kingdom first celebrated Kamehameha Day on June 11, 1872. Who issued the earlier proclamation, and whom did it honour?

A. Kamehameha IV issued it to honour Kamehameha V.
B. Kamehameha I issued it to honour Kamehameha V.
C. Kamehameha V issued it to honour Kamehameha I.
D. Kamehameha V issued it to honour Kamehameha IV.