March Trivia

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

1. The digits 3.14 suggest what date for Pi Day on a U.S. calendar?
   - A. March 14
   - B. February 14
   - C. April 3
   - D. March 4

2. The United Nations lists International Women’s Day on which date?
   - A. March 18
   - B. March 1
   - C. March 8
   - D. March 28

3. Which of these stones does the Gemological Institute of America list as a March birthstone?
   - A. Ruby
   - B. Aquamarine
   - C. Amethyst
   - D. Peridot

4. In the Northern Hemisphere, which astronomical season begins at the March equinox?
   - A. Winter
   - B. Summer
   - C. Fall
   - D. Spring

5. A March 22 calendar entry from the United Nations asks people to think about freshwater. What is the day called?
   - A. World Oceans Day
   - B. World Water Day
   - C. Earth Day
   - D. World Soil Day

6. In which city did Juliette Gordon Low register the first Girl Scouts of the USA members on March 12, 1912?

A. Savannah
B. Charleston
C. Richmond
D. New Orleans

7. On a Roman calendar, which day of the month is called the Ides of March?

A. The 21st
B. The 1st
C. The 7th
D. The 15th

8. A notebook entry dated March 10, 1876 describes Alexander Graham Bell speaking through an experimental device to Thomas Watson. What device was being tested?

A. A motion-picture camera
B. A phonograph
C. A telephone
D. A radio receiver

9. Which university defeated Ohio State in March 1939 to win the first NCAA men’s basketball tournament?

A. Oregon
B. Villanova
C. Oklahoma
D. Wake Forest

10. Helen Herron Taft and Viscountess Chinda planted the first two Yoshino cherry trees in a March 1912 ceremony at Washington’s Tidal Basin. Which country gave the trees?

A. Italy
B. Canada
C. France
D. Japan

11. Voyager 1’s March 1979 Jupiter flyby revealed an active eruption on which moon?

A. Ganymede
B. Europa
C. Io
D. Callisto

12. Who made the first spacewalk, leaving Voskhod 2 during its March 18, 1965 mission?

A. Ed White
B. Alexei Leonov
C. Yuri Gagarin
D. John Glenn

13. In March 1781 William Herschel noticed a faint object moving against the background stars, initially taking it for a comet. Which planet had he observed?

A. Mercury
B. Neptune
C. Saturn
D. Uranus

14. An earthquake record lists the same 1964 Alaska event as 5:36 p.m. on March 27 locally and 3:36 a.m. on March 28 in UTC. Why are the dates different?

A. The clocks use different time zones
B. The record describes two separate earthquakes
C. UTC uses the previous calendar year
D. The local record uses the date of an aftershock instead

15. A March equinox illustration marks the Sun’s center and the top edge of its disk. Why can measured daylight last a little more than 12 hours?

A. The Sun’s disk becomes larger only on the equinox
B. Earth stops turning for a moment at the equinox
C. Sunrise and sunset are measured from the upper edge, and the atmosphere bends sunlight
D. The date marks Earth’s farthest point from the Sun