May Trivia

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

1. An international May 18 observance highlights places that care for collections and share them through exhibitions. Which places does the day celebrate?
   A. Museums
   B. Airports
   C. Stock exchanges
   D. Weather stations

2. According to the Coca-Cola Company’s archive, what kind of business first sold its drink in Atlanta on May 8, 1886?
   A. A hotel kitchen
   B. A movie theater
   C. A pharmacy
   D. A railroad dining car

3. The United Nations designated May 21 to recognize the history, culture, and livelihoods associated with which beverage?
   A. Coffee
   B. Tea
   C. Cocoa
   D. Lemonade

4. In which city did Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony premiere on May 7, 1824?
   A. London
   B. Prague
   C. Berlin
   D. Vienna

5. Which document did Norway’s assembly at Eidsvoll begin signing on May 17, 1814?
   A. The Treaty of Kiel
   B. The Norwegian Constitution
   C. The Convention of Moss
   D. The resolution dissolving Norway’s union with Sweden

6. Countries signed the Metre Convention on May 20, 1875. Which goal belonged to that agreement?

A. Make metric measurements more consistent internationally
B. Make coins legal tender across all signatory countries
C. Set a uniform departure time for international trains
D. Give all ships the same system of registration numbers

7. The Sabah State Library describes Kaamatan celebrations on May 30 and 31. Which crop is central to the harvest tradition described in its account?

A. Potatoes
B. Wheat
C. Olives
D. Rice

8. Argentina’s government records the formation of a governing body in Buenos Aires on May 25, 1810. Which name does it use for that body?

A. Cabildo Abierto
B. Congress of Tucumán
C. Primera Junta
D. League of the Peoples

9. Which title appears as both Record of the Year and Song of the Year in the Recording Academy’s results for the first Grammy Awards, held on May 4, 1959?

A. Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)
B. Tom Dooley
C. Fever
D. Catch a Falling Star

10. Teams photographed the total solar eclipse of May 29, 1919 from Brazil and Príncipe. What did comparing those photographs with earlier night-sky images let astronomers measure?

A. A change in the Moon’s rotation period
B. A change in the number of moons orbiting Jupiter
C. A difference in the color of the same stars between the two sites
D. A shift in the apparent positions of stars near the Sun

11. A timeline gives December 29 as the original date for the International Day for Biological Diversity and May 22 as the replacement. Which milestone made May 22 the chosen date?

A. The convention was first opened for signature in Nairobi on May 22, 1992.
B. The convention entered into force in Nairobi on May 22, 1992.
C. The convention’s text was adopted in Nairobi on May 22, 1992.
D. The first annual observance was held in Nairobi on May 22, 1992.

12. The first U.S. Copyright Act was approved on May 31, 1790. Which item fits a category expressly named by the original statute?

A. A carved wooden statue
B. A printed navigation chart
C. A painted portrait on canvas
D. A dance performed from memory

13. An Australian Parliament timeline has openings on May 9 in 1901, 1927, and 1988. Which labels correctly match those years in order?

A. New Parliament House in Canberra, first federal Parliament in Melbourne, provisional Parliament House in Canberra
B. Provisional Parliament House in Canberra, first federal Parliament in Melbourne, new Parliament House in Canberra
C. First federal Parliament in Sydney, provisional Parliament House in Melbourne, new Parliament House in Canberra
D. First federal Parliament in Melbourne, provisional Parliament House in Canberra, new Parliament House in Canberra

14. A fictional exhibit pairs a founding card dated May 7, 1946 for Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo K.K. with a record for Sony Corporation. Which label explains how the two names are related?

A. Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo K.K. was the founding name. It became Sony Corporation in 1958.
B. Sony Corporation was the founding name. It became Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo K.K. in 1958.
C. The two names belonged to separate companies that merged in 1958.
D. Both names were used at the founding. The company dropped Sony in 1958.

15. A display about the Giro d’Italia that began on May 13, 1909 says overall standings used the sum of riders’ elapsed times. What does the race archive say the organizers actually totaled?

A. Votes from the officials at the end of each stage
B. Minutes that each rider spent leading the race
C. Points assigned from finishing places across the stages
D. A bonus for each stage win, with no score for other places