November Trivia

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

1. Japan’s official calendar lists Bunka no Hi on November 3. What is the holiday called in English?
   A. Culture Day
   B. Sports Day
   C. Greenery Day
   D. Marine Day

2. St Andrew’s Day falls on November 30. Which country celebrates St Andrew as its patron saint?
   A. Wales
   B. Ireland
   C. Scotland
   D. Norway

3. Disney dates the New York release of Steamboat Willie to November 18, 1928. Which character appears as a deckhand in the cartoon?
   A. Donald Duck
   B. Mickey Mouse
   C. Goofy
   D. Pluto

4. UNICEF marks World Children’s Day on which November date?
   A. November 27
   B. November 12
   C. November 16
   D. November 20

5. Which Charles Darwin book was first published on November 24, 1859?
   A. The Descent of Man
   B. On the Origin of Species
   C. The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals
   D. The Voyage of the Beagle

6. Egypt inaugurated the Suez Canal on November 17, 1869. Which two seas does it connect?

A. The Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea
B. The Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea
C. The Red Sea and the Arabian Sea
D. The Black Sea and the Caspian Sea

7. On November 14, 1971, in Coordinated Universal Time, Mariner 9 became the first spacecraft to orbit another planet. Which planet was it?

A. Mercury
B. Jupiter
C. Venus
D. Mars

8. On November 21, 1783, two people flew over Paris in a craft that rose from the ground without a tether. What kind of craft was it?

A. An unpowered glider
B. A hydrogen balloon
C. A hot-air balloon
D. A steam-powered airship

9. Which Agatha Christie play opened in London’s West End on November 25, 1952?

A. The Mousetrap
B. Witness for the Prosecution
C. And Then There Were None
D. Murder on the Nile

10. What did Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen discover on November 8, 1895, while working in Würzburg, Germany?

A. Infrared radiation
B. Radio waves
C. Ultraviolet radiation
D. X-rays

11. Barbados became independent on November 30, 1966, and became a republic on November 30, 2021. How many years separated those milestones?

A. 50 years
B. 45 years
C. 55 years
D. 65 years

12. A timeline pairs two milestones in New Zealand women’s voting history with September 19 and November 28, 1893. Which caption gets the order right?

A. Women voted in the general election in September. The voting law changed in November.
B. The voting law changed in September. Women voted in the general election in November.
C. The voting law changed and women voted in the general election in September.
D. The voting law changed and women voted in the general election in November.

13. A radio message sent from Arecibo in November 1974 was aimed at a star cluster about 25,000 light-years away. At light speed, roughly how long would the one-way trip take?

A. 250,000 years
B. 2,500 years
C. 50,000 years
D. 25,000 years

14. The Leonids peak each November. If their source comet completes a 33-year orbit this year, what can still happen next November?

A. Earth can cross the comet’s old debris and another Leonid shower can occur.
B. The source comet can complete another full orbit for the next shower.
C. The shower can occur only if the comet leaves all-new debris that year.
D. The source comet and the shower can both return only in 33 years.

15. A museum label treats UNESCO’s November 2010 listing for traditional Mexican cuisine as an award for a single dish. Which revision matches the record?

A. The listing recognizes one method of processing corn in Michoacán.
B. The listing recognizes a written collection of regional Mexican recipes.
C. The listing recognizes a community food tradition, using Michoacán as an example.
D. The listing recognizes a style of service in Mexican restaurants.