October Trivia

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

1. Which observance does UNESCO mark on October 5 in honour of educators around the world?
   A. World Teachers' Day
   B. International Literacy Day
   C. World Science Day
   D. International Youth Day

2. South Korea celebrates Hangeul Day on October 9. What does the day commemorate?
   A. The first performance of the national anthem
   B. The establishment of the National Museum of Korea
   C. The proclamation of the Korean alphabet
   D. The opening of the country's first railway

3. Which West African federation became independent on October 1, 1960?
   A. Ghana
   B. Nigeria
   C. Senegal
   D. Sierra Leone

4. The Christ the Redeemer monument was inaugurated on October 12, 1931. Which Brazilian city does it overlook?
   A. Salvador
   B. São Paulo
   C. Brasília
   D. Rio de Janeiro

5. The University of Pretoria describes the city's jacaranda bloom in October. What colour usually brightens its streets?
   A. Orange
   B. Purple
   C. Yellow
   D. Pink

6. In which Canadian city did delegates establish the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization on October 16, 1945?

A. Quebec City
B. Ottawa
C. Montréal
D. Toronto

7. Fiji Day recalls the islands' independence on October 10, 1970. Fiji was formerly under which country's colonial rule?

A. New Zealand
B. France
C. Australia
D. The United Kingdom

8. Who designed the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum building that opened in New York City on October 21, 1959?

A. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
B. Eero Saarinen
C. Frank Lloyd Wright
D. Philip Johnson

9. On October 7, 1959, Luna 3 took the first photograph of which part of the Moon?

A. The far side
B. The Earth-facing side
C. The near-side Sea of Tranquillity
D. The near-side Ocean of Storms

10. In a Bell X-1 test flight in California on October 14, 1947, Chuck Yeager passed Mach 1. What speed threshold did that mark?

A. Earth's escape velocity
B. The speed needed to orbit Earth
C. The speed of light
D. The speed of sound

11. A Ford chronology marks October 1, 1908, and a date in 1927 for the Model T. Which caption correctly distinguishes the two milestones?

A. 1908: the Model T first went on a moving chassis assembly line. 1927: it became available to the public.
B. 1908: production ended. 1927: the Model T became available to the public.
C. 1908: the Model T became available to the public. 1927: its production ended.
D. 1908: the Model T became available to the public. 1927: the first Ford truck appeared.

12. Which caption matches the names used at the BBC's formation on October 18, 1922, and when its first Royal Charter took effect in January 1927?

A. 1922: British Broadcasting Corporation. 1927: British Broadcasting Company.
B. 1922: British Broadcasting Company. 1927: British Broadcasting Corporation.
C. 1922: British Broadcasting Corporation. 1927: British Broadcasting Corporation.
D. 1922: British Broadcasting Company. 1927: British Broadcasting Company.

13. NASA's OSIRIS-REx archive gives October 20, 2020, and September 24, 2023. Which record correctly distinguishes collecting the sample from returning it?

A. The sample was collected from Bennu and reached Utah on the same day in 2020.
B. The sample reached Utah in 2020 and was then collected from Bennu in 2023.
C. The sample was collected from the Moon in 2020 and reached Utah in 2023.
D. The sample was collected from Bennu in 2020 and reached Earth in Utah in 2023.

14. Eliud Kipchoge ran 1:59:40.2 for the marathon distance in Vienna on October 12, 2019. How did World Athletics classify that performance?

A. He broke the two-hour barrier during a special event, and the time was ineligible for world-record ratification.
B. His result was ratified as the official men's marathon world record.
C. The reported time was a split from a half-marathon record attempt.
D. The time was recorded for the marathon at the Olympic Games.

15. Japan's transport ministry describes the Tōkaidō Shinkansen service that began on October 1, 1964. Which route and journey time match the opening record?

A. Tokyo to Shin-Yokohama in about four hours
B. Tokyo to Shin-Osaka in about eight hours
C. Tokyo to Shin-Osaka in about four hours
D. Osaka to Hiroshima in about two hours