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English General Knowledge

Only one correct answer possible

1. Which of the following companies recently became the third company to be valued at more than 1 trillion dollars?

- a. Google
- b. Facebook
- c. Netflix
- d. Microsoft

2. If something is a “palaver” it is:

- a. Fun
- b. Difficult
- c. Rewarding
- d. Trivial

3. What word is used to describe something that occurred before the biblical flood?

- a. Antediluvian
- b. Primeval
- c. Lapsarian
- d. Antiquated

4. “Bramley” is a variety of what?

- a. Apple
- b. Potato
- c. Pear
- d. Leek

5. According to the popular series of books by Terry Pratchett, what fantasy world rests on the back of four elephants standing on a giant turtle?

- a. Middle Earth
- b. Discworld
- c. The Great Expanse
- d. Midgar

6. What is the name of the machine commonly called “lie detector” that takes measurements including pulse, blood pressure and respiration?

- a. Multimeter
- b. The SUD meter (Stress Under Duress)
- c. The polygraph
- d. The Fallacy Finder

7. What was the original name of the O2 Arena in London?

- a. The O2 Stadium
- b. The London Arena
- c. The Millennium Dome
- d. The Thames-side Stadium

8. What would it mean if someone had “gone to seed”

- a. They are investing in their future financial situation
- b. They are actively trying to find a partner
- c. They have past their prime age
- d. They are looking for younger people to replace them

9. Which of the astrological signs is represented by a set of scales?

- a. Aries
- b. Sagittarius
- c. Aquarius
- d. Libra

10. In America, what does the “popular vote” mean?

- a. Exit poll votes
- b. The latest poll before the election
- c. The proportional vote
- d. The total number of votes cast for each candidate

11. What deadline(s) was/were set down by the European Council on April 10th, 2019, upon which the UK effectively leaves the EU?

- a. The UK leaves the EU on May 26th, 2019 with or without an agreement
- b. The UK leaves the EU on October 31st, 2019 with or without an agreement
- c. Only once the UK Parliament adopts the withdrawal agreement
- d. On October 31st, 2019 at the latest, unless the UK Parliament adopts the withdrawal agreement beforehand.

12. What is the *Magna Carta*?

- a. The first complete map of the world, finished in 1820 with the discovery of Antarctica
- b. A 13th century peace treaty and fundamental document of English law
- c. An opera composed by Giuseppe Verdi
- d. The name of the ship sailed by Captain James Cook on his journey to the Pacific Ocean

13. Who is next in line to the British throne?

- a. The heir apparent, Duke of Cambridge
- b. Prince Charles
- c. Prince William
- d. The Duke of Edinburgh

14. Who is the EPP Spitzenkandidat for the 2019 elections?

- a. Manfred Weber
- b. Margrete Vestager
- c. Dirk Hazell
- d. Ska Keller

15. What is the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement?

- a. To keep the increase in global average temperature to well under 1.5°C
- b. To force all signatory parties to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30% and increase renewables by 30% by 2030
- c. To keep average global warming under 2°C
- d. To eliminate fossil fuels by 2050

16. When will the next American presidential elections be held?

- a. July 4th, 2020
- b. November, 2020
- c. President Trump has not yet set the date
- d. Any time between now and the end of the current presidential term in 2021

17. "Blood, toil, tears, and sweat" is taken from a speech given by which famous politician?

- a. Winston Churchill
- b. Harry Truman
- c. John F. Kennedy
- d. Margaret Thatcher

18. What is *Occam's razor*?

- a. The name serial-killer 'Jack the Ripper' gave to the knife he used in countless murders in London in the late 1800's
- b. When a pilot flies a plane under the radar at an extremely low altitude
- c. A principle of logic whereby the simplest solution is most plausible
- d. A typically Italian dish made of tomatoes and veal on the bone

19. What is Elon Musk's SpaceX Starlink project about?

- a. A world-wide network of communication satellites
- b. The first fully-commercial low-orbit plane for inter-continental travel
- c. The SpaceX research program for human settlement of Mars
- d. To send a space probe to Earth's nearest star Alpha Centauri

20. In the context of gender identity, what does the prefix '*cis-*' refer to?

- a. When a person's gender is non-binary (i.e. neither specifically male nor female)
- b. When a person is born a hermaphrodite (having both male and female genitalia) but chooses a specific gender later in life.
- c. When a person's gender identity matches the sex they were assigned at birth
- d. A person who has changed gender but has not yet changed sex