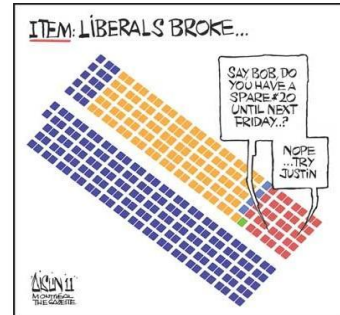


THE MCLEOD GROUP'S SECOND ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL QUIZ

September 2011

Have you been paying attention to the state of Canada's foreign aid and international affairs over the past year? Here's your chance to see.

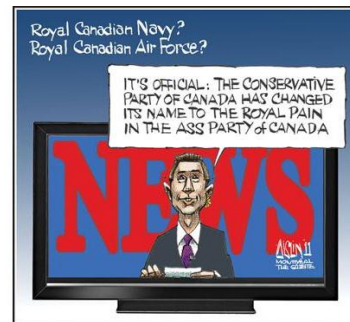
1. *Which has crumbled the most this past decade?*
 - a) Canada's embassies abroad
 - b) The Champlain Bridge in Montreal
 - c) Canada's international reputation
 - d) The S&P 500
 - e) The Liberal Party of Canada



Aislin, *The Gazette*, May 6, 2011

2. *The Harper government is rebranding itself and the Canadian military. If it were to rebrand the Conservative Party, the most appropriate name would be:*
 - a) The Royal Canadian Tea Party
 - b) The Royal Conservative Tea Party
 - c) The Loyal Royal Canadian Tea Party
 - d) The Constant Comment Tea Party

e)



Aislin, *The Gazette*, Aug 19, 2011

3. *While visiting Libya, Foreign Minister Baird wrote this on a bomb that would soon be dropped from a Canadian CF-18:*
 - a) Free Libya. Democracy
 - b) Here comes Thomas Jefferson
 - c) *Hasta la vista, baby*
 - d) Go ahead, make my day
 - e) Here's one post office that really knows how to strike
4. *A Canadian cabinet minister was quoted as saying: "My government gets it and... I get it." What was that in reference to?*
 - a) Minister Oda discussing international development
 - b) Foreign Minister Baird acknowledging that China is important to Canada's prosperity
 - c) Immigration Minister Kenney responding thoughtfully to a letter from Amnesty International
 - d) Prime Minister Harper discussing climate change
5. *Which well-known politician said: "Our party's great purpose is nothing less than to prepare our nation to shoulder a bigger load, in the world that will require it of us."*
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) Angela Merkel
 - c) Stephen Harper
 - d) Sarah Palin

6. Which Canadian novel title describes Canada's Middle East policy?
- Alone in the Classroom (Hay)
 - No New Land (Vassanji)
 - A Complicated Kindness (Toews)
 - A Choice of Enemies (Richler)
 - All of the above
7. Which famous Canadian said: "I've been reading Hansard and John Baird used the word 'courageous' 14 times, twice for our troops in Afghanistan, 12 times for Bev Oda"?
- Thomas Mulcair (he's not famous, but anyway...)
 - Elizabeth May
 - Rick Mercer
 - Mary Walsh
8. What's the official reason for Canada pulling its troops out of combat missions in Afghanistan?
- The war against al-Qaeda and the Taliban has been won
 - Osama bin Laden is dead
 - To shift Canadian military to Libya
 - It seemed like a good idea at the time
 - None of the above
9. What's the unofficial reason?
- The war is unwinnable
 - The high cost in soldiers' lives and resources
 - The Prime Minister's unsuccessful attempt to ban cameras from covering the arrival of soldiers' remains at Canadian Forces Base Trenton
 - Political expediency – polls showed most Canadians didn't want our troops to remain in Afghanistan
 - All of the above
10. Bev Oda was reappointed Minister of International Cooperation after the May election because:
- She had done such a good job over the previous three years
 - She only got caught once writing "NOT" on an approved funding document
 - She knew who wrote "NOT" but didn't squeal
 - She contributed to the contempt of parliament fiasco
 - No other candidate for the job could get the word "results" into a speech as many times as she could



Aislin, *The Gazette*, July 12, 2011

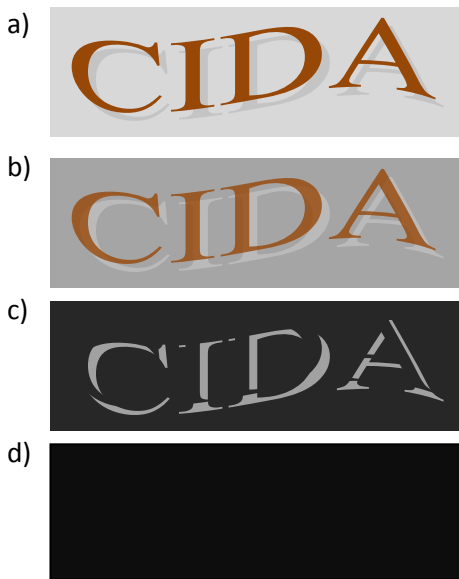
11. Who's calling the shots at CIDA these days?



12. CIDA staff who worked on Canada's huge aid program to Afghanistan are now being absorbed into other units in the Agency. This is because:

- a) All the projected results have been achieved
- b) We needed to reallocate resources to restart some of the African programs we slashed
- c) Our combat role has ended so we don't need to hand out any more candy
- d) Someone in the minister's office deemed Afghanistan ^{not} a priority

13. In June, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) announced the launching of an open data portal for improved transparency. Which image best illustrates the new CIDA?



14. Lester B. Pearson is credited with setting 0.7% of gross national income (GNI) as an aid target for developed countries. In 2010, with a ratio of 0.33%, Canada ranked 18th among 22 OECD countries. What's that ratio projected to be in 2015?

- a) 0.47%
- b) 0.45%
- c) 0.33%
- d) 0.27%
- e) 0.23%

15. CIDA's announcement in April 2010 of \$178 million in 'new' spending for Africa represents:
- About 3.5 times what Tony Clement spent (*sans* paper trail and ostensibly for the G8) in his Muskoka riding
 - About the same amount CIDA saved by cutting aid programs to eight poor African countries
 - Less than half the cost of one of the 65 F-35 fighter jets Canada plans to purchase
 - About what it would cost if every Canadian taxpayer bought a box of popcorn at the movies
 - All of the above
16. What's the most embarrassing environmental issue for Canada today?
- Federal tax subsidies for the development of the tar sands, which *Environmental Defence* called "the most destructive project on earth"
 - Federal support for the export of asbestos to developing countries while banning asbestos products at home
 - The 43% budget cut to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
 - Mayor Rob Ford's proposed cuts to recycling in the city of Toronto
 - Canada's growing collection of "Fossil of the Year" awards
17. Which of these famous Canadians called the Alberta tar sands development a "black eye" for Canada?

a)



b)



c)



d)



18. What's Canada doing to advance Arctic sovereignty?
- More sled-dog patrols by the Canadian Rangers
 - More photo-ops of the PM racing an ATV across the tundra
 - A new "NORAD-Tracks-Santa" Program
 - More patrols by Royal Canadian Navy submarines (the ones with screen doors)
 - None of the above



Answers: 1 c; 2 e; 3 a; 4 b; 5 c; 6 e; 7 c; 8 e; 9 e; 10 e; 11 (Your guess is as good as ours); 12 b; 13 c; 14 d; 15 e; 16 a or b; 17 c; 18 e

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