

MCLEOD GROUP BACK TO SCHOOL QUIZ 2012

1. Which of these photographs are pictures of the new Minister for CIDA?

- a) a & d
- b) c & d
- c) b & e
- d) LAPD
- e) CSI

a)



b)



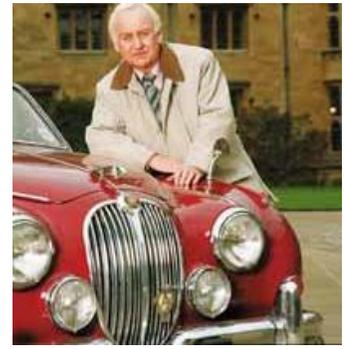
c)



d)



e)



2. How much did Canada spend on the Libyan mission?

- a) As Defence Minister Peter McKay said in October 2011, under \$50 million.
- b) As Maj.-Gen. Jonathan Vance said in May 2012, more than \$106 million.
- c) As *The National Post* reported later in May 2012, nearly \$350 million
- d) \$16
- e) Whatever

3. The “Dutch disease” is:

- a) A concept that explains the apparent relationship between an increase in exploitation of natural resources and a decline in the manufacturing sector
- b) Something that affects elm trees
- c) Something Tom Mulcair caught shortly after becoming Leader of the NDP
- d) A foot-in-mouth disease
- e) A problem nobody west of the Lakehead wants to know about

4. Examine this photograph.



It is

- a) A way of getting tar – sorry, oil – to China
- b) A way of getting tar – sorry again, oil – to the US
- c) A way for Alberta to get richer
- d) A sweet opportunity for British Columbia
- e) A dog's breakfast

5. Examine this photograph.



It is

- a) A 2011 pipeline break north of Peace River, Alberta
- b) Something that could never possibly happen again
- c) A fabrication created by US-funded enviro-terrorists
- d) Simply one of the costs in getting rich quick
- e) A dog's breakfast

6. Examine this photograph

It is

- a) A cottage on Lake Simcoe
- b) An Enbridge oil pipeline spill in Wisconsin in July 2012
- c) Something that could never possibly happen again
- d) Not nearly as bad as the 800,000 gal. 2010 Enbridge spill in Marshall, Michigan
- e) A darn shame



7. What do these four things have in common?



- a) They demonstrate Canada's military prowess to the world
- b) Defence Minister Peter McKay gets free rides on all of them
- c) They demonstrate a certain *je ne sais quoi* in Canadian military procurement
- d) None of them work



8. In recent years the Harper government has closed several Canadian embassies in Africa and five consulates in the US. In May it closed Canadian visa offices in foreign capitals, including Dhaka, Berlin, Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo. Anyone from these countries requiring a visa interview will now have to travel at their own expense to Singapore (Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur), Vienna (Berlin) and Manila (Philippines). This is because:

- a) Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) is "stepping up the pace of modernizing the way it works. It is reducing overhead costs, and continuing to streamline programs and operations by moving processing to where capacity exists and centralizing some of this work in Canada"
- b) The money is needed to pay for the newly announced embassy Canada will open in Burma
- c) The money is needed for travelling cabinet ministers
- d) The money was needed for a new \$2.5-million visitors centre at the Norman Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site at Gravenhurst in Tony Clement's riding. (Work on the gazebos had finished)
- e) Harper government cutbacks to CIC and DFAIT are so severe that Canada can't maintain basic infrastructure overseas any more

9. In August, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced pardons for Canadian wheat farmers who had been found guilty in the 1990s of defying the Canada Wheat Board law. This marked

- a) The end of an "oppressive monopoly"
- b) The start of better prices for prairie wheat farmers
- c) The start of worse prices for prairie wheat farmers
- d) The continuation of Conservative majorities on the prairies
- e) Stephen Harper taking over the job of the National Parole Board

10. What does *soixante-neuf* (69) bring to mind?

- a) Something to do with sex
- b) Lotta Hitschmanova's address on Sparks Street
- c) Bryan Adam's summer
- d) Number of new laws bundled into the Harper government's 2012 *Budget Measures Implementation Act*
- e) The average number of times Bev Oda used the word "results" in each speech before she resigned

11. Who said that appointing Julian Fantino Minister for CIDA was "like putting Donald Trump in charge of a micro-enterprise initiative among the poor of Haiti"?

- a) Former Republican leadership contender, Donald Trump
- b) Formerly credible CBC commentator, Kevin O'Leary
- c) Former Liberal Party CIDA critic, Glen Pearson
- d) Former Savoy Hotel guest, Bev Oda
- e) Former Haitian statesman, Baby Doc

12. Which best represents CIDA management after the Harper government's budget cuts?



13. What did Environment Minister Peter Kent's department give each federal scientist attending the International Panel on Climate Change meeting in Uganda?

- a) Nothing
- b) A muzzle
- c) Canada pins and maple leaf cookies
- d) A lump of coal
- e) A copy of the Koch brothers' study on climate change

12. What was the most outlandish statement from the Harper government over the past year?

- a) Statement by John Baird that the Ottawa River Parkway would be renamed the Sir John A, Macdonald Parkway, joining a dozen similarly named Ottawa landmarks and necessitating \$60,000 worth of new road signs
- b) Statement by Environment Minister Peter Kent, accusing charities of laundering funds and engaging in illegal activities

- c) Statement by Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver explaining to a CBC reporter the “Inuit Tribes” would benefit from the oil sands development in Alberta
- d) Defence Minister Peter MacKay’s claim that his \$32,000 helicopter ride from a remote fishing lodge in Newfoundland was part of a search and rescue mission

14. In April, former Canadian citizen Conrad Black was given a temporary Canadian residence permit before he left his Florida jail cell. When Immigration Minister Jason Kenney denied any involvement in the fast-track decision, Toronto lawyer Guidy Mamann told journalists that this was improbable. Kenney’s office lodged an official complaint against Mamann with the Law Society of Upper Canada. Which of the following statements is factual?

- a) The Law Society dismissed the complaint in July
- b) In August, 80 Ontario lawyers wrote to Kenny saying, “We find the attempts by you and your officials to muzzle freedom of expression to be reprehensible. We will not succumb.”
- c) Conrad Black visited a Canadian visa office and applied for his permit like everyone else.
- d) High-profile political decisions in this country are made by civil servants without reference to Ministers
- e) Pigs fly

16. Robo calls are:

- a) A neat way to gain popular support from uncertain voters
- b) A neat way to play humourous tricks on your political rivals
- c) A highly successful way to raise money for the Lions Club
- d) A common way of communicating in Guelph
- e) The most God-awful thing since Cheez-Whiz

17. Which of the following is most likely to run for the leadership of the Liberal Party in 2013?

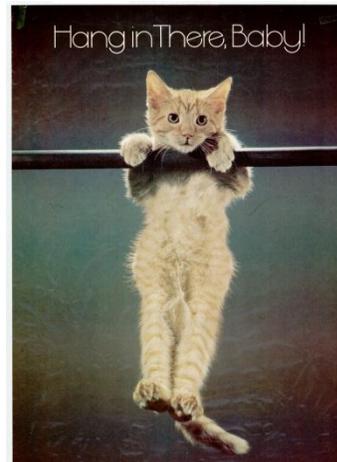
a)



b)



c)



18. Who said: “Canada has retreated into an anglospheric worldview coupled with a focus on trade deals, but lacking any sense of a wider conception of international affairs”?
- a) Pauline Marois
 - b) Rex Murphy
 - c) Lawrence Martin
 - d) Jeffrey Simpson
 - e) Horatio Hornblower
19. This summer, Tony Clement claimed that a video, in which he featured prominently and aimed at promoting a Parry Sound company in China, did not represent a conflict of interest. Given this line of reasoning, which of the following statements is true?
- a) The earth is flat
 - b) Free market enterprise is the answer to all global problems
 - c) Climate change is a figment of the imagination
 - d) Poutine is the health food of choice among Canadian Olympians
 - e) All of the above
20. Of the 7.6% decline in Canada’s International Assistance Envelope between FY 2011/12 and FY2014/15, CIDA was hit hardest, and within CIDA the programming side was cut far deeper than the policy side. This was because:
- a) Policy is more important than programming and a lot cheaper
 - b) There was much more fat on the programming side
 - c) The programming side deserved to be punished
 - d) Programming is harder to spin
21. Why have there been more access-to-information requests at CIDA than most other federal agencies when CIDA claims to be transparent?
- a) CIDA’s website is a bafflegab award winner
 - b) The former minister had a penchant for excess
 - c) The Opposition found a smoking gun—in the minister’s office
 - d) How else could NGOs find out about funding decisions?
 - e) All of the above
22. In a message to CIDA staff shortly after his appointment, Minister Fantino promised “more personal and wholesome interaction” with them. What do you suppose he meant?
- a) Less impersonal and unwholesome interaction
 - b) Breakfast meetings over organic coffee and whole-wheat doughnuts
 - c) Lunch meetings followed by an hour of meditation and prayer
 - d) Weekly webinars on morality in the service of the poor
 - e) One-to-one conversations in the elevators on moral relativism as it pertains to foreign aid