



The McLeod Group



5th ANNUAL McLEOD GROUP BACK-TO-SCHOOL QUIZ

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1. **Examine this photo. It is a picture of:**

- a) Robin Hood with his band of men
- b) Errol Flynn riding through the glen
- c) John Baird with no arrow in his bow
- d) A seriously dumb photo op for Canada's foreign minister
- e) The Harper government furthering the interests of Canadian mining companies in Mongolia

2. **Examine this photo. It is a picture of:**

- a) John Baird in Mongolia
- b) Robin Hood preventing poverty
- c) Stephen Harper preventing Oxfam
- d) A CRA auditor taking aim at PEN
- e) A kinder, gentler time



3. The Job of the Canada Revenue Agency is to:

- a) Administer tax laws for the government of Canada and most provinces
- b) Crack down on a tidal wave of corrupt charities
- c) Crack down on charities that speak out in relation to their charitable purpose
- d) Place a big chill on free speech
- e) Prevent the prevention of poverty

4. Approval of the Keystone Pipeline by the US Government is:

- a) A “no brainer”
- b) Something for which “no” will not be taken as an answer
- c) Brain dead
- d) Completely dead
- e) A kind of political zombie

5. “The greatest service that can be rendered to any country is to add a useful plant to its culture.” Who made this statement?

- a) Justin Trudeau
- b) Snoop Dog
- c) Thomas Jefferson
- d) Elizabeth May
- e) John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado

[Clue: He signed the Declaration of Independence and his last name begins with “J”]

6. What do Chelsea/Bradley Manning, Edward Snowden and Julian Assange have in common?

- a) They are all American patriots
- b) They are all American traitors
- c) They all wish they were in Ecuador
- d) They are all children of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon
- e) Julian Assange isn’t even American

7. In August, Vadym Prystaiko, Ukraine’s ambassador to Canada, complained that none of a \$200 million-plus aid package promised by Ottawa in March had moved and that the Canadian government had not responded to a request for material support. Foreign Minister John Baird explained:

- a) Relax. It was just a joke
- b) We sent it to Israel instead
- c) Our officials are talking time to ensure the right conditions are attached to the aid
- d) It’s not our fault. The IMF is to blame

- e) You think five months is a long time? We haven't even released our 2012 funding for the UN yet

8. "It's an utter shame," John Baird said in August. He was referring to:

- a) The Israeli bombing of Gaza
- b) Hamas rocket attacks on Israel
- c) The delay in getting Canadian funding to Ukraine
- d) Justin Bieber
- e) The appointment of Canadian law professor William Schabas to head a UN commission that will examine possible war crimes in Gaza

9. In 2011, John Baird visited Libya and said that rebel groups operating as the National Transition Council represented "the best hope for the future of Libya." Since then, rebel groups have sprung up in Eastern Ukraine, Iraq, Central African Republic and Syria. Canada's new position on rebel groups is:

- a) Canada will send \$500,000 in emergency assistance
- b) We hate black hats and we like white hats
- c) We will send a plane to transport French troops
- d) We will send a plane to transport John Baird
- e) Relax. It was just a joke

10. Examine this photograph. It is a picture of:

- a) Justin Trudeau introducing his son Xavier to Prime Minister Harper at the Calgary Stampede
- b) Abraham sacrificing Isaac
- c) White hats versus black hats
- d) Canada's new ambassador to Jordan reporting to the Prime Minister
- e) The last scene in *3:10 to Yuma*



11. Christian Paradis is:

- a) An obscure religious sect
- b) The proprietor of the Cinema Paradiso
- c) The son of Fletcher Christian, leader of the mutiny on the *Bounty*
- d) Canada's third Minister of International Development since July 2012
- e) Someone who never, ever orders orange juice

12. Which one of the following five statements is false? Julian Fantino is:

- a) The third Minister of Veterans Affairs since 2011
- b) A very fit senior who can run faster than the average vet
- c) Someone who has galvanized a nationwide veteran's campaign against the government

- d) A man who would probably lock Justin Trudeau up if he was still a cop
- e) A man who knows how to get along well with everyone

13. The merger of CIDA and DFAIT into the new DFATD has been so successful that:

- a) Canada has been able to reduce its aid budget to near-historic lows
- b) Nobody knows how to refer to the Canadian aid program anymore
- c) Canadian aid spending has slowed to a snail's pace
- d) Funding for NGOs has been so slow and so tight that several are near bankruptcy
- e) Mining companies are very enthusiastic about the new approach

14. Stephen Harper snubbed the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Sri Lanka last November because:

- a) He has a real problem with human rights abuse in Asia (except in China)
- b) He has a real problem with human rights abuse in Africa (except in Canada's focus aid countries)
- c) He has a real problem with human rights abuse in Latin America (except in countries where Canadian mining companies operate)
- d) He has a real problem with human rights abuse in Sri Lanka
- e) He hopes to have no real problem with Tamil voters in Canada

15. Examine this photograph. It is a picture of:

- a) Leonardo Di Caprio waiting for Kate Winslett on the bow of the Titanic
- b) Celine Dionne singing "My Heart Will Go On"
- c) Stephen Harper singing "My Heart Will Go On"
- d) Stephen Harper waiting for Leonardo Di Caprio on the bow of the Titanic
- e) Stephen Harper waiting for the next election on the bow of the Titanic



16. At the beginning of August, 2014, there were 83,595 troops serving on UN peacekeeping missions around the world. The number of Canadian soldiers was:

- a) 2,567
- b) 5,673
- c) 1,580
- d) 9,340
- e) 21

[Clue: it was fewer than 1000.]

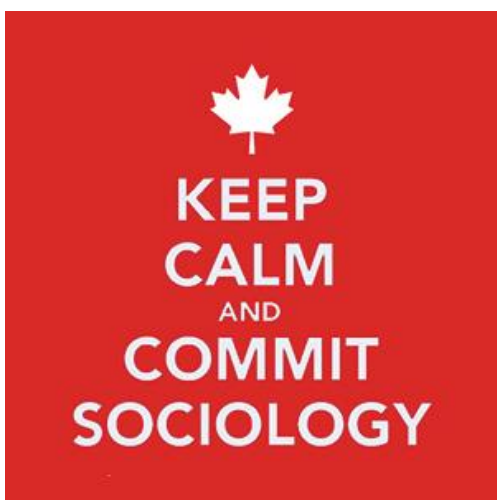
17. Which of the following describes the contents of this box

- a) The Harper Government's approach to consultation
- b) The effect of cuts to the DFATD budget
- c) The Harper Government's respect for civil society

Answer: all of the above.

18. Each of the following warned against “committing sociology”. Who said it first?

- a) Stephen Harper in relation to the arrest of two suspected terrorists in April 2013
- b) George F. Will referring to the mass shooting in Aurora, Colorado in July 2012
- c) W.H. Auden in his 1946 poem, “Under Which Lyre”
- d) Stephen Harper in relation to the death in August of an aboriginal child
- e) 800 journalists since Stephen Harper picked up the phrase a couple of years ago



19. Examine this photograph. It is a picture of:

- a) A gun nut
- b) Canada's very own Minister of Justice
- c) A man with an odd sense of justice
- d) A man with an odd sense of judgement
- e) A man with an odd sense of humour

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20. Who is nominating the prime minister for the Nobel peace prize?

- a) The President of the non-State of Palestine, Mahmoud Abbas, citing his balanced approach to the growth of Israeli settlements
- b) The head of the Canadian B'nai Brith, citing Mr Harper for his unwavering commitment to the security of Israel and approach to other major international conflicts
- c) The Gazan Association of Parents (jointly with UNICEF and UNRWA), citing his humanitarian response to the death of children during proportionate Israeli bombing

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