



# Back to School Quiz

September 2015

1. *Examine this photo:*



It is a photo of:

- a) The Prime Minister serving chili to troops at the Stampede
- b) A soldier asking the PM for more veterans' support
- c) The PM providing a chilly response
- d) The Prime Minister interviewing a potential senate appointee
- e) The PM and Jason Kenny getting ready for some line dancing

2. *Following the attack on Parliament last October by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, Stephen Harper apologized to his caucus for:*

- a) Hiding in a closet while Conservative MPs barricaded the Railway Committee Room and made spears out of flagpoles
- b) Failing to tweet the correct definition of *terrorism* while he had 15 uninterrupted minutes on his own
- c) Creating an image in Canadian minds of their Prime Minister coming out of the closet
- d) Failing to send in pizza during the subsequent eight-hour lockdown

3. Which piece of advice did California Governor Jerry Brown not give the Harper government at the July Climate Summit of the Americas in Toronto?

- a) "Get on board. Let's get going."
- b) It's time to "re-examine what you're doing."
- c) "Let's work together to make a world that really will work for all of us."
- d) "The stakes couldn't be higher and the hour is very late."
- e) "You're doing a great job on the environment, Mr. Harper."

4. Examine these photographs. They show:



- a) A man following Jerry Brown's environmental advice: "Get on board. Let's get going."
- b) A Boy Scout helping someone board a bus
- c) Stephen Harper's former Parliamentary Secretary and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs boarding a bus
- d) Dean del Mastro getting ready for some line dancing

5. "I know nothing!" This is a line famously spoken by:

- a) "Schultz", in the madcap 1970s TV comedy series, *Hogan's Heroes*
- b) "Stephen", in the madcap 2006-15 drama series, *Harper's Heroes*
- c) "Jason", the Defence Minister in *Harper's Heroes*, saying what he knew about civilian casualties resulting from Canadian bombing raids Iraq
- d) "The Old Duff" in the long-running madcap trial drama, *Tales from the Crypt*
- e) "The Donald" during the endless madcap *Republican Gong Show*



6. *Examine this picture. It is the design for:*



- a) A device for making French fries
- b) A memorial in Ottawa to the victims of communism
- c) A memorial in Ottawa to the victims of Pierre Poilievre
- d) A memorial in Ottawa to the victims of the residential school system
- e) A monument to ideology, arrogance and inflexibility

7. *A Globe and Mail report in July found that 83% of the funding under the government's "New Building Canada Fund" for infrastructure construction had been assigned to:*

- a) A memorial in Ottawa to the victims of communism
- b) Projects in Conservative-held ridings across Canada
- c) Projects in NDP-held riding across Canada
- d) Projects in Liberal-held ridings across Canada
- e) A memorial in Ottawa to the victims of Pierre Poilievre

8. *Examine this picture.*



It is a photograph of Stephen Harper:

- a) Going head to head with Justin Trudeau;
- b) Seeing eye to eye with Tom Mulcair;
- c) Taking "no" for an answer on the Keystone Pipeline;
- d) Peeking during a traditional eyes-closed Maori greeting in New Zealand.

9. *Tough talking Australian PM Tony Abbott said in advance of the November 2014 Brisbane G20, "I'm going to shirtfront Mr Putin."*



To “shirtfront” is an Australian expression meaning:

- a) A head-on charge in Australian Rules football aimed at bumping an opponent to the ground;
- b) Doing something with the front part of your shirt;
- c) Having a jolly good time;
- d) Allowing Stephen Harper to upstage you in ineffectual scolding;
- e) Getting koala poop all over the front of your shirt.

10. *Examine this photo.*



It is a picture of Tom Mulcair:

- a) Force-feeding a calf
- b) Force-feeding the media
- c) Force-feeding the farm vote
- d) Shirt-fronting Vladimir Putin
- e) Discussing coalition possibilities with Justin Trudeau



11. *In July, Conservative members of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence issued a report recommending that the government:*

- a) Crack down on radicalism and terrorism by certifying the training and credentials of Muslim imams;
- b) Crack down on child abuse by certifying the training and credentials of Catholic priests;
- c) Crack down on hatemongering by certifying the training and credentials of fundamentalist Christian pastors;
- d) Crack down on earthquakes by training and certifying more rabbis like Yehuda Levin who blames them on homosexuals;
- e) Crack down on idiotic appointments to the senate by certifying the training and credentials of the Prime Minister.

12. *This a photo of:*



- a) A woman warning Justin Trudeau that the Martians are landing
- b) A Conservative estimating the size of a Liberal deficit
- c) Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Grégoire force-feeding the media
- d) Justin Trudeau shirt-fronting Vladimir Putin
- e) Justin Trudeau discussing a possible coalition with the NDP

13. *Which of the following statements is not true:*

- a) The Bank of Canada places inflation at 13.67% since 2007
- b) The cost of mailing a letter in Canada has increased 96% since 2007
- c) As of August 2015, Stephen Harper had appointed 59 senators
- d) As of June 2015, Canada had only 15 soldiers serving with UN Peacekeeping forces
- e) Most pigs can fly

14. *This is a photo of:*



- a) People who have served their country in war and peace
- b) People whose services are no longer needed or wanted
- c) An expense whose cancellation allows the government to fake a balanced budget
- d) A small problem among Conservative voters
- e) A big problem among Conservative voters

15. *Which movie title best describes the return of Gilles Duceppe to federal politics:*

- a) Back to the Future
- b) The Sound of Music
- c) Night of the Living Dead
- d) Shaun of the Dead
- e) The Rocky Horror Picture Show



16. *Why did John Baird resign?*



- a) So he could spend more time playing Candy Crush
- b) So he could make big bucks at Barrick
- c) So he could challenge Harper's fave feminists, REAL Women
- d) So he could join the McLeod Group

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