



The McLeod Group's 8th Annual Back-to-School Quiz September 2017

PART 1 – CANADA

1. This picture:

- a) Illustrates a Canadian feminist foreign policy approach in action
- b) Is a precursor to the importance of women's entrepreneurship in Canada's feminist international aid policy
- c) Is a Canadian effort to win friends and influence people
- d) Shows how a media circus distorts coverage of important gender-related issues
- e) Highlights the importance of good hair



2. Why does Canada's new international policy, including defence and development, look like it was written by Donald Trump?

- a) A 73% increase in defence spending with a promise of an extra \$62 billion over 20 years
- b) Flatlining the foreign aid budget for (which amounts to a cut in real terms)
- c) A "robust fighting" foreign policy
- d) All of the above

3. What is Canada's ranking in the 2017 Commitment to Development Index, which covers 27 countries?

- a) Proud to be #1
- b) Not quite #1, but still doing a good job in the top 10 countries
- c) Exactly in the middle: 14th
- d) In the bottom 10 countries

4. Why did the Canadian government freeze Canada's aid budget, according to Minister of International Development Marie-Claude Bibeau's Director of Communications?

- a) GAC's inability to show how foreign aid has an impact in developing countries
- b) No money left over from spending on military equipment and defence
- c) Blame it on the NGOs!

5. What is Canada's new Development Finance Institute?

- a) An "innovative finance" tool to invest in developing countries
- b) A means to make more money and improve Canada's competitiveness in the world
- c) Nothing new here; it's Harper's old Development Finance Institution with a slightly different name
- d) All of the above

6. Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland in her policy speech on June 6 outlined several challenges facing Canada: climate change, civil war, poverty, drought and natural disasters, and mass migrations. In order to address these challenges Canada will:

- a) Increase defence spending to allow the purchase of new equipment
- b) Increase development spending to support women's rights
- c) Increase diplomacy spending to strengthen Canadian "soft power"
- d) All of the above

7. In commenting on the Canadian foreign aid budget, Finance Minister Bill Morneau suggested:



- a) That he hopes to increase the international aid budget to 0.7% of GDP over the next 5 years
- b) Canada can do more with less foreign aid by using a new profit-driven financial institution
- c) A Feminist International Assistance Policy will require less money to be effective

8. Canada has launched a campaign to win a seat on the UN Security Council in 2021. It is up against Norway and Ireland. As of May 2017, approximately how much had Canada spent on its campaign?

- a) \$30,000
- b) \$500,000
- c) \$1,000,000
- d) 192 cans of maple syrup



PART 2 – THE WORLD

9. Which of the following world leaders has described recent news reports as fake news?



- a) Donald J. Trump
- b) Vladimir Putin
- c) Aung San Suu Kyi
- d) All of the above

10. Which president told the Chief Justice of his country's Supreme Court, "Please don't order me around... Or would you rather that I declare martial law?"?

- a) Nicolás Maduro, Venezuela
- b) Rodrigo Duterte, Philippines
- c) Jacob Zuma, South Africa
- d) Yahya Jammeh, The Gambia
- e) Donald Trump, United States

11. Identify the source of the quote, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success".

- a) OECD report on the effects of inequality
- b) Henry Ford
- c) United Nations Sustainable Development Resolution
- d) The "Remain" campaign in the Scottish independence referendum

12. What are the men in this image doing?



- a) Making fun of Trump's signature
- a) Making decisions about men's bodies and rights
- b) Making decisions about women's bodies and rights
- c) Wondering how they actually got there

13. What are the women in this image doing?

- a) Making decisions about men's bodies and rights
- b) Trolling Donald Trump with a feminist photo op
- c) Passing a progressive law on climate change



14. On average, how many people per year have been killed on US soil by Muslim extremists since September 11, 2001?

- a) 9
- b) 91
- c) 917
- d) 9,172

15. On average, how many people per year have been killed on US soil by guns?

- a) 12
- b) 128
- c) 1,284
- d) 12,843

16. Which of the following senior officials has yet to be fired by Trump?

- a) Steve Bannon, Chief Strategist
- b) James Comey, FBI Director
- c) Sean Spicer, White House Press Secretary
- d) Anthony Scaramucci, White House Communications Director
- e) Michael Flynn, National Security Adviser
- f) None of the above

17. Who wears it best?



PART 3 – THE MCLEOD GROUP

18. What is the McLeod Group?



- a) A company that markets Scottish tartan kilts for Canadians with sexy knees
- b) A group of development cooperation experts who first met on McLeod Street in Ottawa
- c) A subversive movement that the Harper government tried to ban for undermining national morale
- d) A club for those who can appreciate the difference between a Scot and an Irishman

ANSWERS

- 1. Open to interpretation
- 2. d
- 3. d. To be precise, 17th (source: <https://www.cgdev.org/commitment-development-index-2017>)
- 4. He made it sound like c, but then backtracked
- 5. Not yet clear. Probably d.
- 6. a
- 7. b
- 8. b (source: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/un-security-council-seat-campaign-1.4101984>)
- 9. d
- 10. b, but the others may have thought it
- 11. b
- 12. c, though perhaps also d
- 13. Officially c, but probably also b
- 14. a (source: <http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/30/politics/immigration-stats-by-the-numbers-trnd/index.html>)
- 15. d (source: <http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/30/politics/immigration-stats-by-the-numbers-trnd/index.html>)
- 16. f
- 17. Please don't make us choose
- 18. Definitely not a

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