

THE QUIZ

Current Events in English for Schools

No. 1 • January • 2019 • **EXTENDED** Version

A WORLD IN CONSTANT CHANGE

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EXTENDED VERSION – ANSWERS

1. D
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. D
6. C
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. C

LINKS • news.bbc.co.uk—Current news and extensive background information from all over the world.

• cia.gov—Facts about all nations in the world. Click on *World Factbook* under Resources.

• www.m-w.com—Merriam-Webster's complete online dictionary and their learnersdictionary.com

• metric-conversions.org—Convert anything – Celsius to Fahrenheit and more.

• www.twitch.tv—Website of the streaming service *Twitch*, owned by Amazon.

• www.nfl.com—Official website of the National Football League.

• billboard.com • sverigetopplistan.se • finnishcharts.com • hitlisten.nu • vglista.no • bbc.co.uk/radio1/chart—
Music sales and streaming charts.

• www.holmesandwatson.movie—Official movie website.

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1. Almost one million people working for the U.S. government have been furloughed or sent home – with or without pay – and millions more are affected by the closing of government agencies. President Trump has shut down part of the government because he wants to...?
- A. extradite all illegal immigrants in the U.S.
B. finance an invasion of North Korea
C. allot funds to escalate the trade war against China
D. acquire billions of dollars to fund a wall against Mexico
2. A Democrat from California is the new Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress (*consisting of 435 representatives in the House and 100 senators in the Senate*). Both loved and loathed, she is now the third most powerful U.S. politician, guiding opposition and a slew of new investigations into President Trump. Who is she?
- A. Oprah Winfrey
B. Nancy Pelosi
C. Kamala Harris
D. Elizabeth Warren
3. The Anak Krakatau volcano erupted in late December generating tsunami waves that killed hundreds of people. It's located in the Sunda Strait between the islands of Sumatra and Java in the 4th most populous country in the world, with a population of 263 million. Where is this?
- A. Philippines B. India C. Brazil D. Indonesia
4. According to the latest figures, China has a population of 1.4B. What is the name of the predominant Chinese ethnic group?
- A. Navajo B. Han C. Hmong D. Uighur
5. In medicine, there is constant discourse about patent rights and the less expensive products manufactured after the patent period of a certain substance expires. What are these less expensive products called?
- A. prescriptions
B. analgesics
C. pharmaceuticals
D. generics
6. STD is an often discussed abbreviation. What is STD short for?
- A. Sexually Tested Drug
B. Soap, Towel and Deodorant
C. Sexually Transmitted Disease
D. Strong, Tough and Determined
7. *Twitch* (owned by Amazon) is primarily a game streaming service, but still a big *influencer*, mostly among males. It competes with the more flexible Google-owned *YouTube* where you can stream just about anything. To *twitch* means to move suddenly or move about uneasily – to *jerk*. Which of these words is **not** a synonym?
- A. fidget
B. finagle
C. toss
D. squirm
8. Who is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez?
- A. youngest ever female astronaut (on a mission to Mars)
B. 29-year-old U.S. congresswoman from New York
C. at 93, one of the 9 members of the U.S. Supreme Court
D. star of *Stranger Things* on Netflix (Season 3 on July 4)
9. Some of the best teams are called Cowboys, Patriots, Chiefs, Rams, Chargers and Saints. In which sport is this?
- A. Baseball
B. American Football
C. (U.S.) Soccer
D. Basketball
10. "Shallow" has been a huge hit for months. Which movie is the song from?
- A. A Star Is Born
B. Aquaman
C. Bohemian Rhapsody
D. Black Panther
11. Post Malone's *beerbongs & bentleys* was third, Drake's *Scorpion* was second, but what was the best-selling album in the United States in 2018?
- A. *Viva la Vida* (Coldplay)
B. ÷ (Ed Sheeran)
C. *reputation* (Taylor Swift)
D. *Sweetener* (Ariana Grande)
12. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly star in *Holmes & Watson* – a humorous take on the classic mysteries of Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. Who wrote the books that the characters are based on?
- A. Herman Melville
B. Edgar Allan Poe
C. Arthur Conan Doyle
D. Agatha Christie

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