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- npr.org/2021/03/15/977558590—Deb Haaland confirmed as the first Native American U.S. Secretary.
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1. The military junta in Myanmar declared martial law after China demanded protection of Chinese assets. The brutal crackdown on protesters has left more than 150 dead, mostly in the largest city of Yangon. The country became independent from Britain in 1948, yet has been under military rule for long periods. What is martial law?
 - A. a coup d'état (military take-over)
 - B. a declaration of independence (a form of maritime law)
 - C. suspension of civil law and imposition of military law
 - D. a state of emergency

2. The U.S. Senate has confirmed Deb Haaland as Secretary of Interior – the important position that oversees natural resources and public lands. She will be an intrinsic part of Biden's plan to tackle the climate crisis and reduce carbon emissions. Why is her appointment a milestone?
 - A. she is the youngest ever U.S. Cabinet Secretary
 - B. she was an integral part of President Trump's staff
 - C. she is the first Native American Cabinet Secretary
 - D. she is the first Cabinet Secretary of Asian descent

3. Ghana is the first nation to receive Covid-19 vaccine through a vaccine-sharing plan. The program aims to reduce the divide between rich and poor countries without means to buy the vaccine. Last week 600,000 doses arrived in the capital Accra. What is the initiative called?
 - A. Discord B. Reverb C. ReVax D. Covax

4. This volcano erupted with intense blasts and cascades of fire, spewing flows of lava. Cities like Catania and nearby villages were showered with flakes of ash and debris. What's the name of Europe's most active volcano?
 - A. Teide (Spain) B. Nea Kameni (Greece)
 - C. Katla (Iceland) D. Etna (Italy)

5. It's called *Game Changer*. It's about to be auctioned off – bidding estimated to start at \$4 million. What it is?
 - A. a thoroughbred stallion racehorse
 - B. art by Banksy – a boy holding a nurse as a superhero
 - C. the original BETA version of Fortnite
 - D. a previously unknown Elvis Presley recording

6. Most countries use the metric system and kilometers instead of miles. The U.S. is an exception – predominately continuing to use miles. How many kilometers is a mile?
 - A. \approx 0.609 km B. \approx 1.609 km
 - C. \approx 1.909 km D. \approx 2.009 km

(≈ means approximately)

7. *Beeple* (Mike Winkelmann) sold art for \$69m at the first digital-only art auction by Christie's. The art was sold as NFTs – the latest tech craze – unique cryptographic tokens and identifiers of ownership for non-physical objects. NFTs can be sold like physical art and are stored on a blockchain (like cryptocurrencies) and can't be replicated. What does the abbreviation NFT stand for?
 - A. non-fungible token B. neo-fracking trade
 - C. no-fraud tokenizing D. non-financial trading

8. Lou Ottens, the Dutch engineer at Philips credited with this invention, has died. An estimated 100 billion units have been sold since the 1960s, transforming the way people listened to music. In recent years there's even been an unlikely resurgence. What did he invent?
 - A. the record player B. the audio cassette
 - C. the compact disk D. the headphones

9. Roger Federer, one of the all-time greats of tennis, is back after more than a year. Why has he been out?
 - A. he was in prison after being sentenced for tax evasion
 - B. he had a baby
 - C. he retired, but has since decided to make a comeback
 - D. he has been injured

10. Once again Beyoncé and Taylor Swift picked up several awards at last week's Grammys. In one of the numerous categories Dua Lipa won for best pop vocal album with *Future Nostalgia*. Dua Lipa has Albanian roots – where is the 25-year-old singer from?
 - A. England B. India C. Australia D. Canada

11. A wombat is a furry Australian marsupial, roughly 1m long weighing between 20 and 35 kg. In a newly released study, scientists reveal why wombats have an ability that has been a complete mystery. What is this rare ability?
 - A. they communicate with actual words
 - B. they live exclusively on bamboo
 - C. they have square poop
 - D. they are three-footed (two legs and a tail)

12. 500 years after dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity from sinister monsters, a warrior named Raya is determined to find the last dragon because of a new threat. In the new animated feature *Raya and the Last Dragon*, what is the name of the fantasy world where humans and dragons once lived together in harmony?
 - A. Neverland B. Westeros C. Kumandra D. Nangijala