2016: A year of surprises

If you had stared into a crystal ball 12 months ago and said Donald Trump will be US President-elect, the UK will opt out of Europe and Ed Balls will make Blackpool, few would have believed you. Here is a quiz to challenge your recall after a year that defied the pundits and the pollsters.

**Foreign Affairs**

1 Who won the Nobel Peace Prize this year?

2 Name the Emperor of Japan who is considering retirement after a 27 year reign?

3 Which country is currently No 1 in the Global Terrorism Index for terrorist activity?

4 How many countries are now using the euro?

5 The wife of a world leader’s spokesman performed a Holocaust-inspired ice-skating routine this year, dressed in a concentration camp striped uniform? Name the leader.

6 In which country was the Zika virus first isolated?

7 Which country ranked No 1 in the Good Country 2015 Index thanks to its Good Charitable Service and Volunteer service?

8 Which country became the 35th member of the OECD in July this year?

9 Who was Hillary Clinton’s running mate?

10 Which campaigning Hollywood actress was named in the Panama Papers?

11 When David Cameron resigned in June this year, which 5 MPs ran for leader?

12 Who was named leader-elect of UKIP this year but served for only 4 days?

13 Which alt-right commentator, Breitbart contributor and Donald Trump supporter had his account deleted by Twitter this year?

**Extraordinary ambassadors**

14 Whom did Trump propose as UK ambassador to Washington?

15 Which Washington ambassador was reprimanded by his government for tweeting this on Trump’s election: ‘After Brexit and this election, anything is possible. A world is collapsing before our eyes. I’m dizzy’.

16 Who was named by the United Nations as the Goodwill Ambassador to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women?
**General Knowledge**

17 Which publicly traded company employs the most people in the world?

18 In which city is the world’s busiest McDonald’s?

19 Which of the following pass the Bechdel film test, which measures gender bias in films. To pass, a film must contain two female characters having a conversation about something other than a man:
   a) The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
   b) Die Hard
   c) Star Wars: A New Hope
   d) The Social Network
   e) Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows Part II
   f) American Pie 2

20 There are 3 sports in which it is illegal to play left-handed for safety reasons. Which are they?

21 Which acclaimed novelist published their 5th novel, Swing Time, this year?

22 Spot the odd one out and why:
   a) David Bowie
   b) Prince
   c) Bob Dylan
   d) Leonard Cohen

23 How big is the UK national debt, in trillions of pounds to 3 significant figures?

24 How many miles separate London and New York?

25 How many bones are there in the average human body in adulthood?

26 How many Liberal Democrat MPs sit in the UK House of Commons?

27 The Purple Heart is an American military medal provided to all soldiers who are listed as wounded in combat. As of 2010, how many Purple Hearts have been issued since 1917?

28 Unscramble NOMINATES to reveal a US state.

29 Which British politician from the 20th Century’s name is an anagram of “That Great Charmer”?

30 Which candidate for the Republican presidential nomination said: ‘My own personal theory is that Joseph built the pyramids to store grain’?

31 The Sunday Times’s Camilla Long was describing which UK politician when she said ‘He’s 100 per cent political herpes. Back in six months whatever you do.’

32 Who described Liam Gallagher as ‘A man with a fork in a world of soup’?

33 Which former US President was described by Gore Vidal as ‘A triumph of the embalmer’s art’?

34 Who said: ‘One of the key problems today is that politics is such a disgrace. Good people don’t go into government’?

35 David Lloyd George famously described whom as: ‘Like a cushion, he always bore the impress of the last person who sat on him’?

36 Who was PJ O’Rourke cruelly describing when he said: ‘She’s every American’s ex-wife’?

37 Which British politician was Clive James commenting on when he said: ‘There is something about [him] that bothers me – those features of his are still waiting to turn into a face.’

38 Who said what to whom:
   a) 37. David Cameron to 36. PJ O’Rourke
   b) 36. PJ O’Rourke to 37. Clive James
   c) 37. Clive James to 38. David Cameron

39 Which金融服务公司提供了世界上最大的员工数量?

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41 Which US state does NOMINATES reveal?

42 Who said that the US presidential candidate had a theory about the pyramids?