1. True or false, Kevin Rudd has declared that asylum seekers arriving illegally by boat will no longer be able to seek asylum in Australia?
   True - Prime Minister Kevin Rudd says asylum seekers who arrive by boat will have no chance of being settled in Australia as refugees. They will be sent to Papua New Guinea for assessment, and if they are found to be refugees, they will be resettled there. Mr Rudd says those found not to be refugees will be sent back to their own nations or a third country.

2. What New Zealand city was in the news for a series of strong earthquakes over the weekend?
   Wellington - The biggest was a 6.5 magnitude quake that hit at 5:09pm on Sunday. It was followed minutes later by another quake of 5.5 and came about 10 hours after a 5.8 tremor in the same region. There was very limited damage and no reports of injuries.

3. Why were more than a dozen Virgin Airline flights canceled last week?
   a. the check-in system wasn’t working - For two hours, Virgin’s check-in system was not working, which meant none of its domestic flights departing from Sydney were able to leave.

4. Why was a spacewalk at the International Space Station stopped abruptly?
   b. an astronaut was in danger of drowning in his own helmet - A spacewalk to work on the International Space Station ended abruptly because controllers feared the astronaut may be about to be drowned by a water-like liquid filling his helmet. Engineers believed the astronaut's liquid-cooled underwear was the source of the helmet liquid.

5. Why was the Nauru detention centre in the news last week?
   b. riot broke out - A security guard, said the rioters gained access to a kitchen and armed themselves with knives and steel bars. Several new buildings were set on fire and the medical centre has been destroyed. At least 15 guards were injured, including a local police officer.

6. Which US city has become the largest city in history to become bankrupt?
   b. Detroit - has became the largest city in US history to file for bankruptcy protection, succumbing to debt of $US18.5 billion. Detroit’s population has dropped from 1.8 million in 1950 to only 685, 000 today. It has 78, 000 abandoned buildings and there were 411 homicides in 2012.

7. Four thousand animals have been issued a quarantine destruction order after one tested positive for salmonella. What type of animal are they?
   c. chickens - Extra time has been given to poultry breeders before the 4,000 rare imported chickens are destroyed. The chickens hatched about two months ago in quarantine on Torrens Island in Adelaide and were meant to be given to bird enthusiasts.

8. Why has author J K Rowling been in the news?
   c. she has written a crime novel under the name of Robert Galbraith - J K Rowling wrote The Cuckoo's Calling under the name Robert Galbraith and kept up the pretence that it was the work of a married father of two and former undercover investigator.

9. True or false, the Federal Government has confirmed it will scrap the carbon tax next year?
   False - They plan to move to an ETS next year - a year earlier than originally planned. The fixed carbon price of $24.15 a tonne will be removed in favour of a floating price, thought to be between $6 and $10 a tonne. The decision will cost several billion dollars.

10. What safety device became compulsory in Australian cars in 1971?
    b. seat belts

11. What is on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine that has caused outrage in the United States?
    a. a picture of one of the ‘Boston Bombers’ - Rolling Stone magazine features an image on the cover of accused marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev looking very much like the rock stars that usually fill the space. The headline simply reads: “The Bomber”.

12. Why have eight Australian suppliers of bottled water been made to change their labeling?
    a. they claim they are ‘organic’ - The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) says organic standards acknowledge that water cannot be organic, and any claim of that nature would be misleading or deceptive.

13. What recently knocked a surfer unconscious at Sydney’s Bondi Beach?
    c. a whale - A surfer who was surfing with a friend when a whale “the size of a bus” surfaced close to the beach paddled over to take a look. He noticed the whale directly underneath him and woke up later on the sand.

14. In which country did 23 children die from eating contaminated school lunches?
    c. India - Thousands of school children were refusing free meals in poverty-stricken eastern India after 23 children died from eating lunch apparently contaminated with insecticide.

15. Which of the following has just signed a major book deal?
    c. Julia Gillard - After agreeing to quit politics if she lost the leadership to Kevin Rudd it looks like she’ll get her chance to express herself in a book to be published by Penguin Books.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. True - Called the Apple 1, it originally sold for US$666.66, but one due to be auctioned next week is expected to sell for around half a million dollars

2. Andy Murray - The Scotsman became the first British winner of Wimbledon in 77 years

3. b. South America - the ancient Incan city of Machu Picchu in Peru

4. China

5. Robbie Deans - recently stepped down as coach of the Wallabies rugby team.

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