Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. How much damage was done during the riot at the Nauru detention centre?
   c. $60 million worth of damage - Charges are likely to be laid. Over 80% of the buildings were burnt to the ground and most of the asylum seekers were thought to be involved. The riot was thought to be caused by frustration over deteriorating conditions and the time that it was taking to process applications.

2. How is South Australia planning on reducing risks faced by young drivers?
   c. both of the above - P1 drivers will be exempt from passenger restrictions if they are required to carry multiple peer passengers during the course of their employment. They will be exempt from night-time driving restrictions if they need to drive for employment, formal volunteer work, education, training or sporting purposes. These restrictions would not apply if the P1 drivers were over 25.

3. What sort of disaster has Spain been in the news for?
   c. a train crash - A train derailed last week in Spain's north-western Galicia region, killing at least 80 people. It is believed the train was traveling too fast for the corner. There were 247 people on board when it derailed. Many are still in hospital with injuries.

4. Is it illegal in Australia for parents to smack their children?
   No - Child health experts say it should be illegal for parents to smack their children as research has shown that physical punishment increases the future risk of a child suffering from mental health problems. New Zealand made it illegal to smack in 2007.

5. Of which car company are four hundred employees working their last shifts in an Adelaide factory after taking voluntary redundancies?
   c. Holden - Hundreds of Holden employees are working their last shifts at the carmaker's Elizabeth factory in northern Adelaide. Holden has said $15 million in labour cost savings needed to be found for it to remain viable and keep building cars in Australia.

6. In which country did two earthquakes kill over 92 people last week?
   a. China - Two earthquakes have struck northwest China, killing at least 92 people and injuring more than 600. The US Geological Survey says the initial 5.9-magnitude quake hit on Monday morning with its epicentre 150 kilometres west of Beidao in Gansu province.

7. What has been causing blackouts in Boulia, Queensland?
   c. a plague of galahs and cockatoos - Boulia mayor Rick Britton says up to 4,000 galahs and cockatoos have been roosting in the town over the past 10 weeks. The birds perch on powerlines and, when they take flight, can cause the wires to crash together leading to power outages and surges.

8. What organisation have our soldiers been helping to fight against in Afghanistan?
   b. The Taliban - The conflict against the Islamic fundamentalist group has been going since 2001.

9. What illegal goods were seized recently by Czech authorities?
   b. 24 white rhino horns - Czech authorities have seized 24 white rhino horns worth more than $5 million in Prague. The horns are believed in parts of Asia to heal illnesses including cancer.

10. Why has Camden High School which was shut down in 2001, been in the news?
    b. past students and teachers are involved in an investigation after many have developed cancer - Former students and teachers of a New South Wales high school have raised fears of a cancer cluster after dozens became ill and some died. The old Camden High School in Sydney's west was closed in 2001 after contamination was discovered in soil underneath classrooms. The school was built on the site of a gasworks that had been in operation since 1911.

11. What is the capital of Germany?
    Berlin

12. Why has Fukushima been in the news?
    a. it is a damaged nuclear power plant that is leaking contamination into the sea - The operator of Japan's crippled Fukushima nuclear plant has admitted for the first time that radioactive groundwater has leaked out into the Pacific Ocean, although a spokesperson has said the effects will be limited. Authorities believe contamination of the sea has been continuing since the explosions at Fukushima following the 2011 tsunami.

13. True or false, school principals suffer lower rates of violence than the general population?
    False - A recent study has found 38 per cent of principals had reported threats of violence compared with only 8 per cent of the general population. For actual violence, 27 per cent of principals report having been attacked compared with 4 per cent of the population.

14. What caused an explosion in Sydney's north-west that resulted in two people being taken to hospital?
    b. an unused underground fuel tank blew up - Both people are in a stable condition with minor injuries, while several others are being assessed for possible hearing loss after the explosion. A number of homes and businesses have been damaged.

15. How were eight people injured on a Boeing 737 on a flight to New York?
    b. the landing gear collapsed resulting in a very harsh landing - The accident left the Boeing 737-700 with its nose resting against the runway and forced the temporary closure of the airport, which mostly handles flights to and from other US cities.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. The Pope
2. Greece
3. Gold Coast
4. Prince George (George Alexander Louis)
5. Stuart O'Grady - admitted using performance-enhancing drugs during his cycling career

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