1. True or false, Kevin Rudd lost his seat of Griffith?  
   False - Kevin Rudd fended off a strong challenge and will retain his seat of Griffith. Mr Rudd’s main opponent for the Brisbane-based seat he has held since 1998 was Liberal National Party candidate Bill Glasson.

2. How many MPs are there in the House of Representatives?  
   b. 150 - The 226 members of Parliament are made up of 150 MPs in the House of Representatives and 76 Senators in the Senate.

3. Who is the new Deputy Prime Minister?  
   a. Warren Truss - Julie Bishop is Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Joe Hockey is the new Treasurer

4. Who said the following when describing the conflicts in Syria, “It’s not goodies versus baddies it’s baddies versus baddies”?  
   b. Tony Abbott - Mr Rudd criticised the comment saying that it shows the Opposition Leader does not have the “judgment” to lead Australia and had likened the characterisation to children’s games.

5. What is the name of the official residence of the Prime Minister of Australia that is located in Canberra?  
   The Lodge - was built over the period 1926–1927 at a cost of £28,319. It has had multiple renovations done to it since then and all but one Prime Minister has spent lived there.

6. Why was a New Zealand tourist stranded on Governor Island off Western Australia’s northern coast?  
   c. he believed he was being stalked by a crocodile - It is understood the man had been dropped off by a boat to explore the area in his kayak with some water and food. The tourist then ended up being stranded for a fortnight because he feared being eaten by an enormous crocodile that had been following him.

7. What city has just been confirmed as the hosts of the 2020 Olympic Games?  
   a. Tokyo, Japan - The city beat out the other two contenders to host their second Summer Olympic Games after the 1964 Tokyo Olympics

8. Why is the organisation Parkinson’s Australia upset?  
   c. a study which had published positive findings for sufferers may be false - The organisation gave the University of Queensland a grant of $20,000 after positive study findings into a new treatment were published. The University gave back the money due to revelations that the research may have been falsified.

9. At which London landmark was a man arrested on the suspicion of burglary after a serious security breach?  
   b. Buckingham Palace - The intruder kicked open a door after climbing a wall, and was “deep inside” the palace in one of 19 state rooms.

10. Which car company is recalling 2,500 Lexus vehicles across Australia due to faults?  
    a. Toyota - The Japanese automotive giant is recalling almost 400,000 cars worldwide due to faults that could cause the cars to stall suddenly.

11. NASA has just launched a probe into space to investigate the atmosphere of ....?  
    a. the moon - The robotic spacecraft LADEE lifted off from Virginia on Saturday and will explore the moon’s thin atmosphere and rough dust.

12. Nearly 700 hectares of wetlands at Banrock Station are being artificially flooded. Where is Banrock Station?  
    a. South Australia - It is the first time in five years the area near Kingston-on-Murray has seen flooding. Banrock Station, in the South Australian Riverland, is on the Ramsar list of internationally significant wetlands. A new regulator is pumping 2.4 gigalitres of water into the wetlands, a task which will take the next year.

13. Which corporation has announced plans to buy the Nokia telecommunications company?  
    c. Microsoft - It will cost $8 billion to buy the Finnish phone maker. It will allow Microsoft to compete against Apple and Samsung in the competitive mobile phone market.

14. Who has been in the news for suggesting that non-violent convicted criminals should be allowed to buy their way out of jail?  
    b. Gina Rhinehart - the mining billionaire has proposed a new way to broaden Australia’s tax base - allowing convicted criminals to buy their way out of jail.

15. Why has London’s ‘Walkie Talkie’ skyscraper been in the news recently?  
    b. a driver claims the reflection off the building melted parts of his car - A motorist said intense sunlight reflected from the “Walkie Talkie” mirrored tower warping his Jaguar which he had parked across the road. The developers said they were seeking to rectify the problem which they blamed on the position of the sun at certain times of day.

**VISUAL ANSWERS**

1. Greg Norman - successful golfer
2. Norfolk Island
3. The United Kingdom (also accept England or Britain) - the non-fatal 130 vehicle pile up in southern England was caused by dense fog
4. Oracle and Team New Zealand - racing in the America’s Cup
5. Clive Palmer - claimed victory in the Queensland seat of Fairfax for his own Palmer United Party

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