1. A ship which is the oldest of its kind is being brought to Australia after being renamed. What is the new name of this clipper ship?
   a. City of Adelaide - The world's oldest clipper ship has been renamed City of Adelaide at a ceremony in London overseen by the Duke of Edinburgh. The City of Adelaide was built in 1864 and carried migrants to South Australia in the late 19th century.

2. In which country did a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit claiming over 100 lives?
   a. The Philippines - The quake, which centred on Bohol, struck on Wednesday last week. Bohol Governor Edgardo Chatto said that all towns in need had been reached, although landslides and damaged bridges were slowing down road travel. The death toll continues to climb.

3. What have Australian scientists created recently using a 3D printer?
   c. custom made titanium horse shoes - Australian scientists have created a customized set of purple titanium shoes for a Melbourne race horse using 3D printing. It takes less than 24 hours to print four customised shoes for a horse and it costs approximately $600 for all of them. Titanium is a lot lighter than normal horse shoes.

4. Where did a tragic plane crash occur that claimed the lives of 49 people, including 6 Australians?
   b. Laos - A Lao Airlines flight plunged into the river on in bad weather last Wednesday. The aircraft sank to the bottom and volunteers have been searching the swollen river in boats of all sizes.

5. Why was billionaire Andrew Forrest in the news last week?
   a. He is donating over $60 million towards higher education - Mining billionaire Andrew “Twiggy” Forrest has made one of the biggest single philanthropic donations in Australian history, and called on other tycoons to share their wealth.

6. Health officials in Madagascar are on alert after an outbreak of what deadly disease?
   a. bubonic plague - the country faces an epidemic unless it slows the spread of the disease - with prisoners in the island's rat-infested jails particularly at risk, experts warn. The island had 256 plague cases and 60 deaths last year.

7. Which industry was in the news last week because of allegations of widespread doping, animal cruelty and corruption?
   b. the greyhound racing industry - Australia's greyhound industry is the third biggest in the world, and each year Australians wager about $3 billion on the sport. Over-breeding, results in up to 17,000 dogs being put down each year, some by inhumane means. In the past year more than 70 dogs have tested positive to banned substances, but insiders say many more cheats go undetected.

8. In what Italian city are new barriers being tested to save it from flooding during storms?
   b. Venice - Once the project is completed in the canal-based city, the floodgates will extend for more than a mile, blocking the three inlets to the lagoon in the event of rising sea levels and winter storms.

9. Why was part of Melbourne Airport put in lockdown early last week?
   c. a kangaroo was loose in the terminal - Police had to lock down part of the Airport after a kangaroo bounced into the terminal and surprised passengers shopping in a pharmacy. Wildlife rescue volunteers were called in to tranquilise and capture the distressed eastern grey male, which had been hit by a car on his way to the building that services both international and domestic flights.

10. What is the name of the girl that authorities have searched for since 2007, after she was abducted during a family holiday in Portugal?
    Madelene McCann

11. The nominations for the ARIA Music Awards have been announced. What does ARIA stand for?
    c. Australian Recording Industry Association - This year's list of nominations is being critised by some as being very male dominated. Women were not included in the nominations for Best Album or Best Group, and out of the 10 tunes nominated for Song of the Year, only one was performed by a woman.

12. True or false, under 18 users of Facebook can now use the “follow” function without having to be connected on the service as mutual “friends”? 
    True - Facebook Inc has also removed a restriction for under 18s that previously limited who could see their online postings social network. Until now, a teenager's postings on Facebook were only viewable to their friends, and to the friends of their friends.

13. Why have some chicken farms in Bendick Murrell in NSW been put into quarantine?
    a. bird flu has been found on one of the farms - Thousands of chickens could be put down after a property which houses 400,000 chooks was found to be infected with the H7 strain of bird flu, which is not the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain that kills humans.

14. What has been lifted out of a lake in Russia in a dramatic recovery operation?
    c. a meteorite that hit Russia earlier in the year - Divers have pulled a half-tonne suspected meteorite from a Russian lake, said to have been part of a meteor whose ground-shaking shockwave hurt 1,200 people in February. The meteor weighed a whopping 10,000 tonnes when it exploded a few kilometres up in the air.

15. What is the name of the Australian tennis player that won the WTA's Japan Open Title recently?
    Samantha Stosur - she won the WTA's Japan Open Title recently. Samantha Stosur - she won the WTA's Japan Open Title on Sunday with a three-set final victory over Canadian teenager Eugenie Bouchard. The Australian prevailed 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 to claim her fifth career title and first since she beat then world number three Victoria Azarenka at the Southern California Open final in early August.

VISUAL ANSWERS
1. James Faulkner
2. Taylor Swift
3. Lithgow - fire damaged the iconic zig-zag railway
4. Jamaica
5. Barack Obama - when he was 19 years-old