1. Which of these cities has been devastated by the recent typhoon in South East Asia?
   b. Tacloban - The city of 200,000 people was severely damaged during Typhoon Haiyan with virtually every building damaged or destroyed. It is approximately 360 miles (580 km) southeast of Manila. It is the largest city in Eastern Visayas.

2. Kevin Rudd recently resigned from Parliament. What electorate did he represent?
   b. Griffith, Queensland - He said there came a time in every politician’s life when their family said “enough is enough”. The former prime minister and foreign minister said he would not be continuing beyond this week.

3. The Honeymoon mine is ceasing production in South Australia. What type of mine is it?
   c. uranium - The mine has been operating since 2008, but Uranium One has confirmed its workforce will drop from 100 people to about 10 as it moves to a care and maintenance phase. Low commodity prices and high production costs have been blamed.

4. In what country has an important Heads of Government meeting been boycotted by some Commonwealth leaders?
   a. Sri Lanka - Our Prime Minister attended, but a number of other world leaders, including Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh, boycotted the CHOGM talks because of concerns about Sri Lanka’s human rights record.

5. What has a university study found poses a threat to the fragile ecology of Australia’s national parks?
   c. horse dung - A study has found that horse riding poses a threat to national parks because the weeds that germinate from horse dung contain many noxious weeds.

6. Melbourne Cup events have been linked to an outbreak of what?
   a. salmonella (food poisoning) - The outbreak has been linked to Brisbane firm Piccalilli Catering, which provided food for up to 40 different Melbourne Cup events. Up to 700 people may have been exposed.

7. Germany has published a list of the items discovered in a Munich apartment after being stolen by Nazi’s during the WWII. What type of items are they?
   c. art - The haul, found in the apartment of the reclusive son of a wartime art dealer, was one of the most significant discoveries of works seized or extorted by the Nazi regime.

8. True or false, the New South Wales Government has given the final approval to James Packer’s Crown Casino resort in Sydney?
   True - The $1.5 billion development has been approved under strict conditions imposed by the Government and the Opposition, including VIP gaming only and no poker machines.

9. Legendary Swedish pop group ABBA could reunite next year to mark 40 years since they won the Eurovision Song Contest. Which country was the band from?
   c. Sweden - The group’s self-penned hit Waterloo won the Eurovision Song Contest in Brighton, England, in April 1974, and immediately became a global phenomenon. With their iconic glam outfits and pioneering music videos, they scored an unprecedented string of worldwide number one hits, such as Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen and Super Trouper.

10. WesTrac has been in the news recently for cutting hundreds of jobs. What sort of business is it?
    b. a heavy machinery distributor - Heavy machinery distributor WesTrac is cutting 630 jobs over the next month.

11. Why has the Volkswagen car company been in the news?
    a. it is having to recall 800,000 cars - Germany’s Volkswagen AG has issued a global recall for 800,000 of its Tiguan models, saying it needs to replace a problematic fuse that can cause the cars’ lights to fail.

12. The MP’s of Parliament were sworn in last week. How many times has Australia sworn in a Parliament throughout its history?
    b. 44 - Two months since they were elected at the federal poll, MPs and senator attended the official opening of Parliament, including the 42 new members of the House of Representatives.

13. Why was Anthony Mundine in the news last week?
    b. his Sydney cafe was attacked by arsonists - Investigators gathered evidence and will examine CCTV as they search for the three suspected arsonists who caused more than $500,000 damage.

14. In what ocean is the country of Iceland located?
    The Atlantic Ocean

15. Queensland will be banning solariums in December. What are solariums?
    c. tanning machines - A buy back scheme is being offered to current solarium operators which will see solarium operators being compensated $5,000 per sun bed surrendered for collection before April 14 next year.

**VISUAL ANSWERS**

1. Adam Scott - he recently won the Australian PGA
2. New York - One World Trade Centre is the main building of the new World Trade Center where the twin towers stood.
3. the Philippines
4. Zimbabwe
5. Western Australia - Colin Barnett

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