News Quiz 2021

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1. **On January 6, 2021, police used tear gas to disperse the protesters who laid siege to what building in the US capital?**

   a. The White House
   b. The Capitol
   c. The Metropolitan Museum
   d. The Supreme Court

2. **A 400-meter cargo ship became wedged in the Suez Canal for six days in March 2021 obstructing the canal and disrupting global supply chains. What is the ship called?**

   a. Ever Given
   b. Ever Green
   c. Eva Green
   d. Everlast

3. **In order to avoid the stigma attached to countries of origin, new strains of COVID-19 have been designated by letters of the Greek alphabet since May 2021. How many Greek letters were used in 2021?**

   a. 3
   b. 5
   c. 7
   d. 9

4. **Thousands of people took to the streets to protest the jailing of the Russian opposition leader, Alexander Navalny. What household item became the unlikely symbol of the mass protests?**

   a. slippers
   b. syringe
   c. toothbrush
   d. toilet brush

5. **In order to attract younger audiences, several new sports and disciplines were added to the Olympic Games. Which of these sports did <u>not</u> make a debut at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021?**

   a. karate
   b. skateboarding
   c. squash
   d. surfing

6. **Countries around the world rushed to evacuate their citizens after the US withdrew its troops from Afghanistan and the Taliban regained control of the country. How long did the US forces occupy Afghanistan?**

   a. 10 years
   b. 20 years
   c. 30 years
   d. 40 years

7. **On 23 May 2021, Belarus diverted flight 4978 with Roman Protasevich on board to the capital Minsk in order to detain the journalist. Which airline was operating flight 4978?**

   a. easyJet
   b. Ryanair
   c. Belavia

8. **In November 2021, pop singer Britney Spears was released from a 13-year-long conservatorship. Who was her conservator, exerting control over all aspects of her professional and personal life?**

   a. her mother
   b. her father
   c. her lawyers

9. **Which footballer was rushed to hospital after suffering cardiac arrest on the field in the middle of the Euro 2020 opener on 12 June 2021?**

   a. Christian Eriksen
   b. Cristiano Ronaldo
   c. Marcus Rashford

10. **What former British colony parted ways with the Queen declaring pop star Rihanna as its national hero in November 2021?**

    a. Jamaica
    b. Barbados
    c. The Bahamas

11. **In order to tackle the steep decline in its birth rate, China announced a shift in policy by allowing couples to have more children. How many?**

    a. 2
    b. 3
    c. unlimited number

12. **Angela Merkel's era came to an end when she stepped down as Germany's leader. How many years did she serve as the chancellor before she left office in 2021?**

    a. 12
    b. 14
    c. 16

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13. **Oprah Winfrey posed the question "Were you silent, or were you silenced?" during a tell-all interview she conducted in March 2021, which attracted 17 million viewers. Whom was she interviewing?**

    a. Meghan Markle
    b. Britney Spears
    c. Adele

14. **Travelling to space is still a pipe dream for many, unless you are a multi-millionaire. Who was the first wealthy entrepreneur to fly to the edge of space in 2021?**

    a. Jeff Bezos
    b. Elon Musk
    c. Richard Branson

15. **The price of Bitcoin, the world's oldest cryptocurrency, reached an all-time high in November 2021. How much would one Bitcoin have set you back that month?**

    a. $55,000
    b. $58,000
    c. $68,000

16. **With its compelling story and strong performances, the dystopian drama *Squid Game* took the world by storm, becoming Netflix's biggest hit of 2021. What country is it from?**

    a. Japan
    b. China
    c. South Korea

17. **Facebook, which came under fire in 2021 for spreading misinformation, announced in October that it would change its corporate name to…**

    a. Beta
    b. Meta
    c. Delta
    d. Zuckiverse

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Answers

1.	The Capitol
2.	Ever Given
3.	7
4.	toilet brush
5.	squash
6.	20 years
7.	Ryanair
8.	her father
9.	Christian Eriksen

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10.	**Barbados**
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12.	**16**
13.	**Meghan Markle**
14.	**Richard Branson**
15.	**$68,000**
16.	**South Korea**
17.	**Meta**