

January IQ

New year, new you, new January IQ quiz.

1. Which January event occurred first?
 - A. The March of Dimes was established.
 - B. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued.
 - C. Ellis Island Immigration Station formally opened.
 - D. The League of Nations was officially inaugurated.

2. Believed to have been born on January 6, 1492, Joan of Arc was of what nationality?

- A. Italian
- B. German
- C. English
- D. French



3. True or false? Only two months have the letter *J* in their name.
4. Which of the following is a false statement about January's birthstone, the garnet?
 - A. It comes in red only.
 - B. Garnet jewelry has been found dating back to the Bronze Age.
 - C. It is the only birthstone for January.
 - D. The stone was once believed to ward off plague.
5. The famous poem "The Raven" was first published in New York's *Evening Mirror* on January 29, 1845. Who wrote it?

6. Which of the following states did **NOT** join the U.S. in the month of January?
 - A. Georgia
 - B. Hawaii
 - C. Michigan
 - D. Alaska
7. Buzz Aldrin was born on January 20, 1930. What was his profession?

8. True or false? January is the warmest month of the year in the southern hemisphere.
9. What are the two traditional January birth flowers?
 - A. Carnation and poppy
 - B. Snowdrop and daisy
 - C. Carnation and snowdrop
 - D. Rose and carnation
10. The first Rose Bowl was held on New Year's Day in what year?
 - A. 1902
 - B. 1922
 - C. 1942
 - D. 1962
11. Shirley Temple stars in the film *Captain January*. What is the captain's occupation?
 - A. Shipmaster
 - B. Lighthouse keeper
 - C. Pilot
 - D. Policeman
12. True or false? The January zodiac signs are Capricorn and Pisces.
13. Born on January 27, 1832, Lewis Carroll wrote which of the following?
 - A. *Oliver Twist*
 - B. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*
 - C. *The Wizard of Oz*
 - D. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
14. On January 10, 1863, the world's first subway opened in what city?
Hint: It's the capital of England. _____
15. Betty White was born on January 17, 1922. What character does she play on *The Golden Girls*?
 - A. Dorothy Zbornak
 - B. Rose Nylund
 - C. Blanche Devereaux
 - D. Sophia Petrillo

Answers

1. (B) The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863. Ellis Island Immigration Station formally opened on January 1, 1892. The League of Nations was officially inaugurated on January 10, 1920. The March of Dimes was established on January 3, 1938.
2. (D) French. Joan of Arc was a military leader who helped lead the French army to victory over the English during the Hundred Years' War. Over 500 years later, she was canonized as a Roman Catholic saint.
3. False. Three months have a *J* in their name: January, June, and July.
4. (A) It comes in red only. Though garnet is known for being red, it can come in a rainbow of colors.
5. Edgar Allan Poe. Poe wrote the poem when his wife, Virginia, was suffering from tuberculosis.
6. (B) Hawaii. Hawaii joined on August 21, 1959.
7. Astronaut. In 1969, he and Neil Armstrong were the first two people to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 space mission.
8. True. January is the coldest month in the northern hemisphere.
9. (C) Carnation and snowdrop. The snowdrop is often one of the first flowers of the new year to rise up through the snow in late winter in the northern U.S.
10. (A) 1902. The game featured a matchup of teams from the Big Ten and Pac-12.
11. (B) Lighthouse keeper. In the film, Captain January raises a little girl (Temple) after her parents drown.
12. False. Capricorns are those born between December 22 to January 19, and Aquarius is the sign for those born January 20 to February 18.
13. (D) *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The name *Lewis Carroll* was actually just a pen name, the writer's real name was Charles L. Dodgson.
14. London. The underground railway service ran between Paddington and Farringdon. It is generally referred to as "the Tube" by U.K. residents.
15. (B) Rose Nylund. She and her three co-stars play previously married women who live together in Miami. White won the Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series in 1986 for the role.