

Australia Day Quiz

General

1. Jørn Utzon designed the Sydney Opera House? What was his nationality?
2. What do the letters in the airline name Qantas stand for?
3. What is the oldest university in Australia? (*Hint: It's in NSW*)
4. In which year did Australia change to decimal currency?
5. In which year was Vegemite first sold in Australia? (*Hint: Marmite in the UK inspired it*)

►► 1923 ►► 1933 ►► 1943

Geography

6. Name the most easterly point of mainland Australia.
7. What was Tasmania originally named?
8. What is Australia's largest inland city?
9. All but three Australian states (including the NT) observe daylight saving. Which are they?
10. Which Australian city is renowned for its pearl mining industry?

Sport

11. The AFL has 18 teams. Which state has the most teams after Victoria?
12. Who won gold in the 400m sprint at the 2000 Sydney Olympics? (*Hint: She's indigenous*)
13. Kim Hughes was born on Australia Day, 1954. What sport did he play in? (*Hint: He was captain*)
14. Rani was the winning yacht of the first Sydney to Hobart race. What year was it? (*Hint: War time*)
15. The All Blacks have consistently beaten the Wallabies in the Bledisloe (*Rugby Union*) Cup. What's the approximate ratio of their wins against Australia? (*Note: Oz vs NZ since 1930s*)

Entertainment

16. Which of these former 'Neighbours' stars have not had a number one hit in Australia?
►► Natalie Imbruglia ►► Delta Goodrem ►► Kylie Minogue
17. Which of these Australian groups are not from Brisbane?
►► Savage Garden ►► Powderfinger ►► Eskimo Joe
18. In which decade did the ARIA Music Awards start? (*Hint: Aust Recording Industry Awards*)

19. When was the film Crocodile Dundee released?

20. Which song did John ‘Farnsey’ Farnham have a number one hit with for an amazing 7 weeks in 1986?

Arts and Literature

21. Which Aussie artist is famous for his Ned Kelly paintings?

►► Arthur Streeton ►► Arthur Boyd ►► Sidney Nolan

22. Thomas Keneally was the first Australian to win the Booker Prize in 1982 for Schindler’s Ark? What is the Booker Prize? (*Hint: UK*)

23. Who was the author of popular children’s books, Blinky Bill?

24. P.L. Travers was born in Qld and raised in Sydney. She wrote a novel that became a popular Hollywood movie. What was it called?

25. Who wrote Waltzing Matilda?

History and Politics

26. Where was Ned Kelly’s last stand?

27. In which year was colour television first transmitted in Australia?

28. Who was Australia’s first Indigenous senator?

29. Who was the first woman to be elected in an Australian Parliament?

30. In which year did Cyclone Tracey hit Darwin?

31. January 26th is commemorated because it’s the day

- a. Captain Cook stepped ashore at Botany Bay
- b. Governor Arthur Phillip landed the First Fleet at Sydney, Port Jackson
- c. Captain Cook sighted the east coast for the first time at Point Hicks, Victoria
- d. Governor Arthur Phillip arrived with the First Fleet at Botany Bay
- e. Captain Cook claimed the whole of the east coast for Britain at Possession Island and named it New Wales.

32. Australia Day is an official holiday in every state and territory, true or false?

33. Which of the following has Australia Day NOT been referred to as:¹

- a. Foundation Day
- b. Invasion Day
- c. Anniversary Day
- d. Survival Day
- e. ANA Day (Australian Natives Association)
- f. British Settlement Day
- g. Day of Mourning

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia_Day

Answer sheet

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Entertainment

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Arts and Literature

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Answers

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1. Danish
2. Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service
3. University of Sydney
4. 1966
5. 1923

Geography

6. Cape Byron
7. Van Diemen's Land
8. Canberra
9. Western Australia, Queensland and Northern Territory
10. Broome

Sport

11. All but Tassie have 2 each
12. Cathy Freeman
13. Australian cricket captain
14. 1945
15. 4:1

Entertainment

16. Natalie Imbruglia
17. Eskimo Joe
18. 1987
19. 1986
20. You're The Voice

Arts and Literature

21. Sidney Nolan
22. UK award for best novel
23. Dorothy Wall
24. Mary Poppins
25. Banjo Paterson

History and Politics

26. Glenrowan
27. 1975
28. Neville Bonner
29. Edith Cowan
30. 1974
31. b.
32. True
33. f.