

Federation Quiz

1. Why was the 1st of January, 1901 chosen as the first day of the Federation?
 - a) It's the start of the financial year.
 - b) It was the first day of the new year of the new century.
 - c) The British parliament decided it was convenient and simple.
 - d) Too late for 1900 and January 26th was seen as inappropriate.
2. Why is Australia called a 'Commonwealth'? Because...
 - a) The U.K. government insisted on it.
 - b) Australia is a part of the Commonwealth of Nations
 - c) Australia was a Dominion seeking republican status – a compromise.
 - d) The Australian Federalists chose it.
3. Before Federation, colonies had their own military? Y/N
4. Before Federation, who patrolled ocean borders?
 - a) Each colony patrolled its own coastline
 - b) The Royal Navy (UK)
 - c) A coordinated navy of all 7 colonies (including NZ)
 - d) No one did
5. Before Federation, what was used as currency?
 - a) UK currency (pounds, shilling & pence)
 - b) a haphazard combination of barter, Commissariat store receipts and notes, international coins, IOUs
 - c) rum
 - d) B & C, until 1825 when A was legislated by the British Government
6. The Australian pound was created in 1901. True or False?
7. The Australian dollar was created in 1966. True or False?
8. Who instigated the Federalist campaign?
 - a) Alfred Deakin
 - b) Edmund Barton
 - c) Andrew Inglis Clarke
 - d) Henry Parkes
9. What was the motto of the Federalist campaign?
10. Could women vote in the referenda process of Federation? Choose the best answer.
 - a) No, only white men over 21 years who owned property could vote.
 - b) Yes, but only in a few progressive colonies.
 - c) Yes, if they were British subjects.
 - d) Yes, but only if they were over 21 years and owned property.
11. Who wrote the Constitution's 1st draft?
 - a) Henry Parkes & Alfred Deakin
 - b) Henry Parkes & Edmund Barton
 - c) Samuel Griffith and Andrew Inglis Clarke
 - d) Alfred Deakin and Edmund Barton
12. Which colony wasn't in the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution 1900 Act?
 - a) Queensland
 - b) W.A.
 - c) The Northern Territory
 - d) South Australia
13. Is God in the constitution? Y/N
14. Who couldn't vote in the 1903 Federal election?
 - a) Aboriginal natives of Australia, Asia, Africa or the Islands of the Pacific, except New Zealand.
 - b) Aboriginal natives of Australia, Asia, Africa or the Islands of the Pacific and New Zealand.
 - c) unmarried women.
 - d) b) + natives of India, the West Indies and South America.
15. When were Aborigines able to vote I federal elections?

- a) 1962
- b) Before Federation.
- c) 1949 – if they had voting rights in their state.
- d) 1949 – if they had served in the armed forces.

(Qs. 16 – 22) The four flags below represented Australia at different times.

- 16. Which flag was flown on January 1901?
- 17. Which flag won the 1901 competition?
- 18. Which was known as the Federation Flag?
- 19. - 22. Spot the differences between C & D.

23. Who was the first Prime Minister?

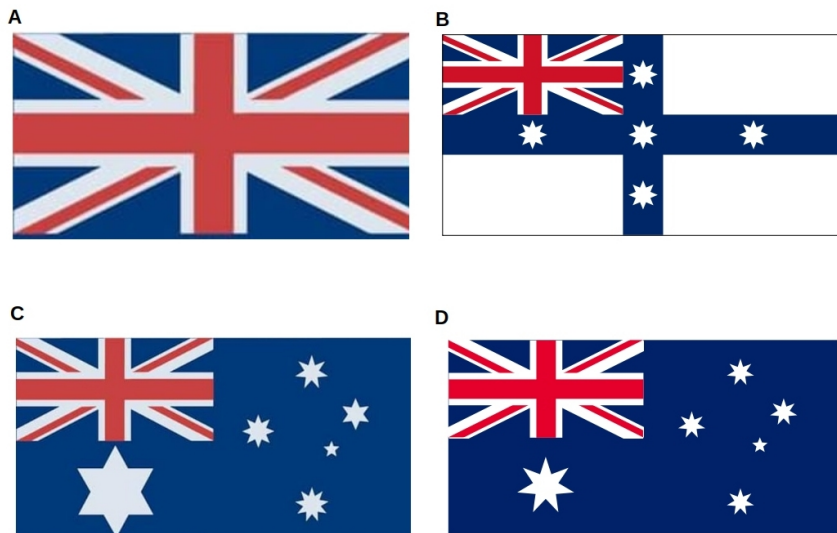
- a) Alfred Deakin
- b) Edmund Barton
- c) Samuel Griffith
- d) Henry Parkes
- e) Andrew Fisher

24. What are the three Federation colours that were popular on buildings and homes of the time?

- f) red, white and blue
- g) green, red and yellow
- h) green, white and yellow
- i) red, yellow and blue

25. How do the emu and kangaroo in the coat of arms symbolize Advance Australia Fair?

Questions 16 – 18



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