

Diversity Trivia Challenge



1. What year did the Canadian federal government allow turbans to be worn by RCMP?

- A) 2000
- B) 1998
- C) 1990
- D) 1988

Answer C: 1990. In 1988 recruit Baltej Singh Dhillon petitioned the RCMP to change its uniform policy to allow turbans to be worn rather than the regulation Stetson. However, turbans were not worn until 1990 when the federal government intervened.

2. What local area museum is celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2020?

- A) Collingwood Museum
- B) Craighleith Depot
- C) Nancy Island Historic Site
- D) Sheffield Park Black History & Cultural Museum

Answer D: Sheffield Park Black History & Cultural Museum located in Thornbury is celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2020.

3. Which Canadian Prime Minister said, "there is no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation?"

- A) Joe Clark
- B) Pierre Trudeau
- C) John Turner
- D) Justin Trudeau

Answer B: Pierre Elliot Trudeau. In 1967 Pierre Trudeau, then Minister of Justice introduced a bill to decriminalize homosexuality announcing to reports that "there's no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation."

4. According to the 2016 Canadian census, what percentage of the national population identified as Indigenous?

- A) 0.9%
- B) 1.9%
- C) 4.9%
- D) 6.9%

Answer C: 4.9%. In the 2016 census, 1,673,785 people in Canada identified as Indigenous, making us 4.9% of the national population.

5. What is the name of one the first African Canadian woman to be elected to Canada's House of Commons? Hint: She visited Collingwood in 2020.

- A) Michelle Jean
- B) Jean Augustine
- C) Jean Chretien
- D) Michelle Obama

Answer B: Jean Augustine. In 1993, Jean Augustine became the first African Canadian woman to be elected as a Member of Parliament representing the riding of Etobicoke –Lakeshore.

6. When was the first time the Pride flag was raised on Parliament Hill in Ottawa?

- A) 1981
- B) 1996
- C) 2001
- D) 2016

Answer D: 2016. On June 1, 2016 Justin Trudeau raised the Pride flag on Parliament Hill for the first time in Canada's history. Trudeau was also the first sitting Prime Minister to march in a Pride parade.

7. What is the most spoken language in the world?

- A) Mandarin Chinese
- B) English
- C) Spanish
- D) Hindi

Answer A: Mandarin Chinese. The most spoken language in the world is Mandarin Chinese. It is also one of the official languages of the United Nations.

8. What month is Multiculturalism Day celebrated in Canada?

- A) January
- B) March
- C) June
- D) September

Answer C: June. Canada celebrates our country's diversity on June 27, officially known as Canadian Multiculturalism Day.

9. By what year does the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act aim to have a fully accessible Ontario?

- A) 2020
- B) 2025
- C) 2030
- D) 2035

Answer B: 2025. The AODA aims is to have a fully accessible Ontario by 2025. To meet the 2025 goal, the Ontario government has introduced area-specific standards while setting compliance timelines for the various sectors.

10. Which of the following place names comes from an indigenous word?

- A) Saskatoon
- B) Revelstoke
- C) Halifax
- D) Inglewood

Answer A: Saskatoon. The name comes from an edible red berry native to the area, which the Cree called mis-sask-guah-too-min.