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Question 1: NASA's Curiosity rover landed on Mars in 2012. When the Earth and Mars are at their farthest distance apart, how long does it take to send a signal from Earth to the rover?

- (a) 2 minutes (b) 20 minutes (c) 200 minutes

Question 2: Which is the strongest biological material ever discovered in the natural world?

- (a) a limpet's teeth (b) spider silk (c) a lion's claw

Question 3: We refer to an event as a 'banquet' when there is a lot of food involved. Banquet is an old French word which translates as?

- (a) small bench (b) large table (c) heavy plate

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Question 4: Traditionally, the British King or Queen has the right to ownership of every swan in the United Kingdom. **TRUE or FALSE ?**

Question 5: UNICEF is a United Nations organisation that helps ?

- (a) the environment (b) science (c) children

Question 6: Which island country sits just off the Southern tip of India?

- (a) Madagascar (b) Sri Lanka (c) Singapore

Question 7: The classical composer Beethoven poured cold water over his head before composing music because he believed that it stimulated his brain. **TRUE or FALSE ?**

Question 8: Where would you find a cricket's ears?

- (a) On its head (b) On its wings (c) On its legs

Question 9: There was no official national anthem for the USA until which year?

- (a) 1901 (b) 1931 (c) 1951

Question 10: The word 'clue' comes from a much older word 'clew' which referred to ?

- (a) a ball of thread or yarn (b) a bale of hay or straw (c) a boot or shoe



Answer 1: (b) 20 minutes (at their closest it only takes around 4 minutes but either way it is impossible to operate the rover in 'real time')

Answer 2: (a) a limpet's teeth (They are stronger than Kevlar. Correct on 18th Feb 2015)

Answer 3: (a) small bench

Answer 4: FALSE (she only has the right to ownership of all unmarked mute swans in open water)

Answer 5: (c) children

Answer 6: (b) Sri Lanka

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Answer 7: TRUE

Answer 8: (c) On its legs

Answer 9: (b) 1931 (although the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" were first written in 1814)

Answer 10: (a) a ball of thread or yarn (Theseus used a 'clew' to help find his way out of a labyrinth hence the phrase 'unravel the clues')