

# DABBING IN HISTORY QUIZ

1. Who was Jezebel and why has her name become associated with a wicked woman?
2. What do Amy Johnson, Amelia Earhart and Gaby Kennard have in common?
3. Who coined the term *Iron Curtain* and what did it signify?
4. Who was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes?
5. In late classical time there were three great empires: Rome, Persia and China. They were aware of each other principally because of trade routes controlled by Persia. What great trade trick was played on the Chinese by the Persians?
6. Which nation first gave women the right to vote?
7. What do Julius Caesar, Pompey the Great, William Kidd and present day Somalia have in common?
8. What was Benelux and what was it an example of that is very popular in international politics?
9. Tom Wolfe wrote the novel *Bonfire of the Vanities* in 1986. Which much earlier event inspired the title?
10. What was the Risorgimento?
11. Nehru was PM of which country and what was his most personal legacy?
12. What was the Zimmerman telegram and what profound change did it make to World War 1.
13. Cleopatra was the last queen of ancient Egypt yet she was Greek (more probably Macedonian). How did she come to rule Egypt?
14. What was tulip mania?
15. *Cakewalk* and *piece of cake* describe a task that is easily achieved. Where did these sayings come from?
16. Spanish exploration and settlement of the Americas introduced new crops to Europe, such as potatoes and tomatoes, which had a profound impact on agriculture. What other product did they import which slowly ruined Spain's economy but benefited much of Northern Europe?
17. What were the Highland clearances?
18. Who were the *Five Civilised Tribes*? (Hint think USA).
19. We know that there were eight English King Henrys in the Middle Ages but Henry of Navarre became Henry IV of which country?
20. We lived through a good part of the 20th century but how well do we remember it? Put these events in chronological order. Note there are two events to each decade.

# **ANSWERS**

- 1. Watergate scandal - the burglary of the Democratic Party HQ traced back to President Nixon.**
- 2. Kofi Annan becomes the UN Secretary General.**
- 3. Amundsen reaches the South Pole.**
- 4. Norgay Tenzig and Edmund Hillary climb Mt Everest.**
- 5. First successful heart transplant carried out by Dr Christian Barnard.**
- 6. Fall of the Berlin wall.**
- 7. Henry Ford establishes the Ford Motor Company**
- 8. Independence of India and Pakistan from Britain.**
- 9. Alcock and Brown complete first nonstop transAtlantic flight.**
- 10. Queen Victoria dies.**
- 11. Aung San Suu Kyi awarded Nobel Peace Prize.**
- 12. Red Army undertakes the Long March in China.**
- 13. Yuri Gagarin becomes first man in space.**
- 14. The Wall Street Crash which triggered the Great Depression**
- 15. End of Spanish Civil War.**
- 16. Margaret Thatcher becomes first female PM of Britain**
- 17. United Nations formally established.**
- 18. Chernobyl nuclear disaster**
- 19. Start of Korean War**
- 20. The Jazz Singer the first film with sound released.**