

Summer News Quiz 2023

Question 1

In the first week of June, noxious smoke enveloped much of the eastern U.S., turning the sky over New York City orange. What was the source of the smoke?

- (A) A burning oil rig in the Atlantic Ocean
- (B) A chemical fire in Pennsylvania
- (C) wildfires in Canada

Question 2



Why was the Russian mercenary military leader Yevgeny Prigozhin, pictured above, in the news in June?

- (A) He declared that the war in Ukraine was unwinnable
- (B) He defected to Ukraine
- (C) He revolted against the Russian leadership

Question 3

The Supreme Court rejected _____ at colleges and universities around the nation on June 29, sharply curtailing a policy that had long been a pillar of higher education.

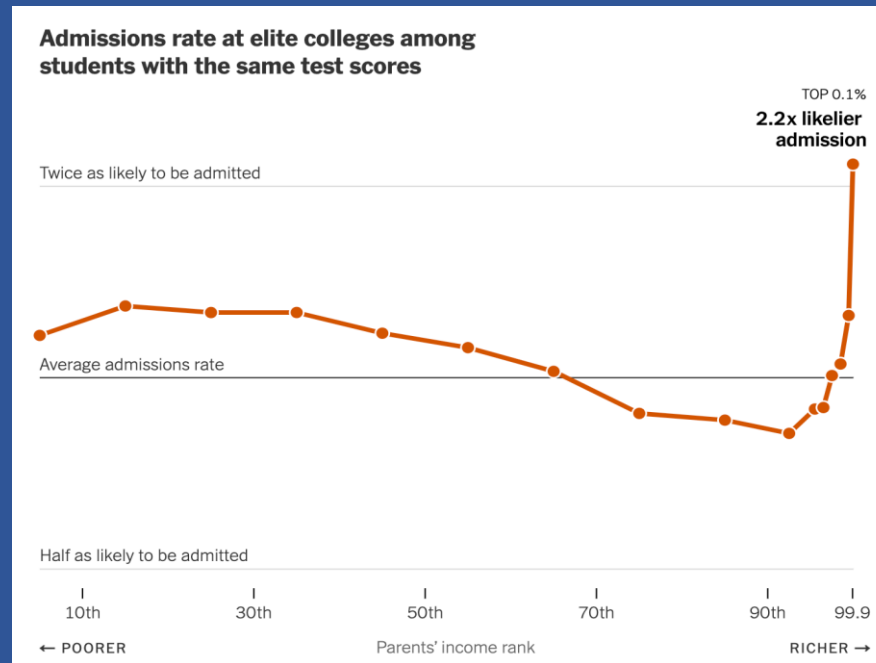
- (A) Affirmative action
- (B) Athletic scholarships
- (C) Legacy admissions

Question 4

On July 13, the Hollywood _____ union approved a strike for the first time in 43 years, bringing the \$134 billion American movie and television business to a halt over anger about pay and fears of a tech-dominated future.

- (A) actors'
- (B) directors'
- (C) talent agents'

Question 5



The graph above illustrates the findings of a large new study released on July 24, which suggests that elite colleges are more than twice as likely to admit students who are _____ .

- (A) Musicians
- (B) Taller than 6 feet
- (C) Very wealthy

Question 6

A group of young people in Montana won a landmark lawsuit on Aug. 14 when a judge ruled that the state's failure to consider _____ when approving fossil fuel projects was unconstitutional.

- (A) Climate change
- (B) Damage to local parks and playing fields
- (C) The rising cost of living

Question 7

The first presidential debate of the 2024 Republican primary race was held on Aug. 23 in Milwaukee. All of the following Republican candidates were on stage EXCEPT:

- (A) Mike Pence
- (B) Donald Trump
- (C) Nikki Haley
- (D) Ron DeSantis
- (E) Vivek Ramaswamy

Question 8



In the past few weeks, Senate Minority Leader _____ has frozen during interviews with the news media/public leading to speculation that he has a serious health condition.

- (A) John Cornyn
- (B) John Thune
- (C) Mitch McConnell

Question 9

Former New Mexico Governor _____ died over the Labor Day weekend. He served in President Clinton's Cabinet and also ran for president. He was 75 years old.

- (A) Bill Richardson
- (B) Douglas Wilder
- (C) Gary Locke

Question 10

As a response to a wave of banning books at libraries & schools in other states, the state of _____ passed a law in June preventing the banning of books in public libraries.

- (A) Illinois
- (B) Michigan
- (C) Ohio

Question 11

On July 7th, former King County Sheriff and U.S. Congressman _____ announced that he would run for Governor of Washington. Instantly, this candidate became a front-runner within the Republican Party.

- (A) Dave Reichert
- (B) Rob McKenna
- (C) Loren Culp

Question 12

When Governor Jay Inslee announced that he would not seek re-election to a 4th term, Washington Attorney General _____, a Democrat, announced that he was running for Governor.

- (A) Rob McKenna
- (B) Mike Kreidler
- (C) Bob Ferguson

Question 13

Over the weekend, it was announced that North Korean leader _____ is planning to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin later this month to discuss military aid for the war with Ukraine.

- (A) Kim Jong Un
- (B) Yoon Suk Yeol
- (C) Kim Ill Sung

Question 14

Concerns have been raised by federal and state officials about the need to beef up security surrounding Thurston County Elections. However, according to Thurston County Auditor _____, the Board of County Commissioners has not allocated adequate funding to upgrade election technology.

- (A) Mary Hall
- (B) Kim Wyman
- (C) Sam Reed

Question 15

This past spring, a measure was put to the voters in Tumwater & Olympia to merge their fire departments and create a regional fire authority. What happened with this proposal?

- (A) It passed by a large margin.
- (B) It failed by a large margin.
- (C) Not enough people voted, and another election has to be held in November.