

Vic Skeptics April 2018

1. **The Number 3**

- Which chemical element has atomic number 3?
- Whose third Symphony is known as *Eroica*?
- Who is third in line to the British Throne?
- Where was the film *Three Coins in the Fountain* set?
- Which comic character's nieces were April, May and June?
- Is the third wedding anniversary gift traditionally cotton, leather, wood or iron?
- Which of these is semaphore for the number 3: Left, right or middle?



- In Australia, is the number of conceptions for which women give birth to triplets closest to 1 in 5000, 1 in 8000 or 1 in 10,000?

2. ***Liked it so nice, they named it twice.***

In which Australian state or territory would you find each of the following?
The description in brackets may help you to make the necessary connection

- Bungle Bungle (mountains)
- Curl Curl (has a popular beach)
- Jyka Jyka (has a prison)
- Kurri Kurri
- Mitta Mitta (site of three Skeptics double-blind tests on water diviners)
- Wood Wood
- Woy Woy
- Baw Baw (a mountain and a National Park)
- Min Min (rural locality, famous for sightings of eerie lights)
- Wagga Wagga
- Gumly Gumly (Hint – it's near Wagga Wagga)
- Grong Grong (It means "very hot")

3.



Normans



The following surnames all belong to famous men (real or fictional) with the first name of Norman.

Give the profession or sport for which each Norman is best known.

- a. Von Nida
- b. Schwarzkopf
- c. Bates
- d. O'Neill
- e. Hartnell
- f. Mailer
- g. Rockwell
- h. Vincent Peale
- i. Gunston

4.



CROSSWORD CLUES (1)



- (a) *Siesta, snooze* **__ T N __**
- (b) *Entourage* **__ T _ N __**
- (c) *"Lock-jaw"* **__ T _ N __**
- (d) *Word of opposite meaning* **__ T _ N __**
- (e) *Endurance, forbearance* **__ T _ _ N __**
- (f) *Amazes* **__ T _ _ N __**
- (g) *Pumpkin variety* **__ T _ _ _ N __**
- (h) *Having eight sides* **__ T _ _ _ N __**
- (i) *Appearing to be in a daze or stupor* **__ T _ _ _ N __**
- (j) *Disease causing* **__ T _ _ _ _ N __**
- (k) *Extremely hard; unbreakable* **__ _ _ _ _ T _ N _**

5. Real names (Male)

Link each celebrity with his real name. Write your answers in the form A1, B2, etc.
Example: If you think Elton John is really Reginald Dwight, your first answer should be A2

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| A Elton John | 1 Farrok Bulsara |
| B Elvis Costello | 2 Reginald Dwight |
| C Rex Harrison | 3 Marshall Mathers III |
| D Eminem | 4 Saul Hudson |
| E Marilyn Manson | 5 Declan McManus |
| F Freddie Mercury | 6 James Osterburg Jr |
| G Iggy Pop | 7 Reginald Varey |
| H Sid Vicious | 8 Simon Richie |
| I Slash | 9 Brian Warner |
| J Gene Simmons | 10 Chaim Witz |

6.

What am I?

Solve each of the following riddles.

(a) *My first is in ocean, but not in sea
My Second's in wasp but not in bee
My third is in glider and also in flight
My whole is a creature that comes out at night.*

(b) *Take me out and scratch my head.
It now is black, but once was red.*

(c) *I start with the letter "e"
I end with the letter "e"
I only contain one letter
But I'm not the letter "e".*

(d) *Break me, and I am immediately set, I become even better and harder to break.*

7.

MIXED COLOURS

Each of the following is an anagram of a colour. Un-jumble them.

- (a) Romano
- (b) Quite sour
- (c) Gear on
- (d) Lend rave
- (e) True arches

8.

Real Names (Female)

Link each celebrity with her real name. Write your answers in the form A1, B2, etc.
Example: If you think Tina Turner is really Annie May Bullock, your first answer should be A9

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| A Tina Turner | 1 Eilleen Edwards |
| B Sandra Dee | 2 Stefani Germanotta |
| C Lady Gaga | 3 Katheryn Hudson |
| D Whoopie Goldberg | 4 Caryn Johnson |
| E Faith Hill | 5 Mary Kaumeyer |
| F Dorothy Lamour | 6 Alecia Moore |
| G Queen Latifah | 7 Dana Owens |
| H Katy Perry | 8 Audrey Perry |
| I Pink | 9 Annie May Bullock |
| J Shania Twain | 10 Alexandra Zuck |

9.

Local Names

Complete this table of place names. **One example has been given**

<i>The locals call it</i>	<i>We call it ...</i>	<i>Locals call it ..</i>	<i>We call it</i>
København	Copenhagen		
(a) München	?	(f) Köln	?
(b) Athina	?	(g) Firenze	?
(c) Beograd	?	(h) Praha	?
(d) Braunschweig	?	(i) Krung Thep Maha Nakhon	?
(e) Gelibolu	?	(j) Schweiz or Svizzera	?

10.



PIGGY IN THE MIDDLE



Look at this pair of words: **Watch Collar**. By placing the word "dog" between them, you can make two new common pairs of words, **watch dog** and **dog collar**. Your answer would therefore be "dog".

Find a suitable word to put in the middle of each of these pairs of words to make two new pairs of words.

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|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Planet worm | (b) Disney Rover | (c) Magnetic Mouse |
| (d) Arctic Liner | (e) Family House | |

11.



CROSSWORD CLUES (2)



- (a) North European capital _ **S** **L** _
- (b) Passageway between rows _ _ **S** **L** _
- (c) Deceived _ _ **S** **L** _ _
- (d) Horrifying _ _ _ **S** **L** _
- (e) Fine plain-weave cotton fabric _ _ **S** **L** _ _
- (f) Scuffle _ _ _ **S** **L** _
- (g) Oppress, subjugate _ _ **S** **L** _ _ _
- (h) Rubeola _ _ _ **S** **L** _ _
- (i) Luge, toboggan _ _ _ **S** **L** _ _
- (j) Traitor _ _ _ **S** **L** _ _ _

12.

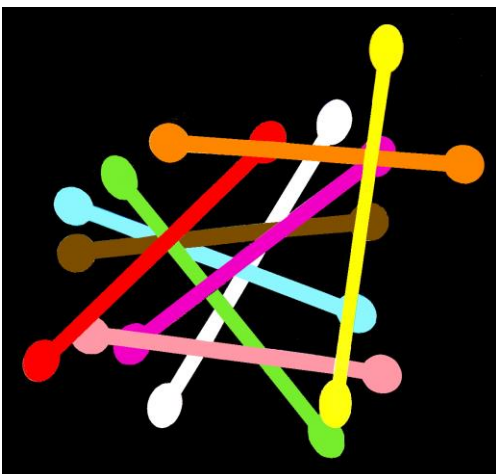
MIXED FRUIT

Each of the following sets of words is an anagram for a kind of fruit. Un-jumble them.

- (a) ALPINE PEP
- (b) A GREEN TIN
- (c) LENT ME A ROW
- (d) FEAR RUG PIT
- (e) BORN ARGYLE
- (f) ACTUAL OPEN
- (g) FOUR PIANISTS
- (h) MAGENTA ROPE

13.

PICK-UP STICKS



The diagram on the left represents nine sticks in a pile, coloured (in no particular order) red, green, yellow, blue, orange, brown, grey, purple and pink

In what order would you remove all the sticks consecutively, lifting stick by stick, so as not to disturb lower sticks?

14.

U.S. CAPITALS

Pair up each of the US capital cities with its correct state

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|-----------------|---------------|
| A Alabama | 1 Phoenix |
| B Arizona | 2 Springfield |
| C Georgia | 3 Montgomery |
| D Illinois | 4 Boston |
| E Massachusetts | 5 Atlanta |
| F Idaho | 6 Frankfort |
| G Kentucky | 7 Boise |

Write your answer in the form A1, B2 etc.

15.



CROSSWORD CLUES (3)



- (a) *Song of praise* **_ Y M _**
- (b) *Historically, a landowner, one step above a serf, one step below a gentleman* **Y _ _ M _ _**
- (c) *In Biology, a major group of organisms sharing the same basic body plan* **_ _ Y _ _ M**
- (d) *Patterned recurrence of a beat* **_ _ Y _ _ M**
- (e) *Sanctuary, refuge* **_ _ Y _ _ M**
- (f) *State of rowdy disorder* **_ _ Y _ _ M**
- (g) *Pagan, heathen* **_ _ Y _ _ M**
- (h) *"Sweet Alice"* **_ _ Y _ _ _ M**
- (i) *Nursery* **_ _ _ Y _ _ _ M**
- (j) *Reverie* **_ _ Y _ _ _ _ M**

ANSWERS:

1. a. Lithium b. Beethoven c. Prince Henry (Harry) d. Rome
e. Daisy Duck f. leather g. left h. 1 in 8,000
2. a. Western Australia b. New South Wales c. Queensland
d. New South Wales e. Victoria f. Victoria g. New South Wales
h. Victoria i. Queensland j. New South Wales k. New South Wales
l. New South Wales
3. a. Australian Golfer b. Soldier c. Motel owner (*Psycho*)
d. Australian Cricketer e. Dress-maker (clients include Queen Elizabeth II)
f. American novelist g. American artist famous for his magazine covers
h. American minister of religion and author of self-help books
i. Gormless Australian TV interviewer of celebrities, the invention of actor Gary MacDonald
4. a. catnap b. retinue c. tetanus d. antonym e. patience
f. astounds g. butternut h. octagonal i. catatonic j. pathogenic
k. adamantine
5. A2, B5, C7, D3, E9, F1, G6, H8, I4, J10
6. a. An owl b. A match c. An envelope d. A record
7. a. Maroon b. Turquoise c. Orange d. lavender e. chartreuse
8. A9, B10, C2, D4, E8, F5, G7, H3, I6, J1
9. (a) Munich (b) Athens (c) Belgrade (d) Brunswick (e) Gallipoli
(f) Cologne (g) Florence (h) Prague (i) Bangkok (j) Switzerland
10. a. Earth b. Land c. Field d. Ocean e. Tree
11. a. Oslo b. aisle c. misled d. grisly e. muslin f. tussle g. enslave
h. measles h. bobsled i. quisling
12. a. Pineapple b. Tangerine c. Watermelon d. Grapefruit
e. loganberry f. cantaloupe g. passionfruit h. pomegranate
13. Yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, green, brown, blue, grey
14. A3, B1, C5, D2, E3, F7, G6
15. a. Hymn b. Yeoman c. Phylum d. rhythm e. asylum f. mayhem
g. paynim h. alyssum i. playroom j. daydream