



## February 2021 Mixed Bag Questions

1. Who Am I?

- I was born in Melbourne in 1931.
- My father was a famous World War 1 War correspondent.
- I attended Geelong Grammar and Oxford university.
- As a student, I became active in Labor politics.
- I inherited a daily newspaper, then expanded my media interests first interstate, then to the UK in 1969, and then to the USA in 1976.
- I have been a US citizen since 1985.

2. What is the furthest planet from the Earth that can be seen without a telescope?

3. Carly Simon's song You're So Vain was supposed to be about Warren Beatty, Cat Stevens, Kris Kristofferson or Mick Jagger, depending on which rumour you believe. Which one of those four sang harmony on the record?

4. True or false: All the clocks in the film Pulp Fiction are set at 4:20.

5. What animal is also known by its aboriginal name of warrigal?

6. Toxophily is a fancy name for which sport?

7. Which organisation's logo is a candle surrounded by barbed wire?

8. The 'lead' in a lead pencil is actually a mixture of which two substances?

9. Identify this movie: Gene Hackman, Russell Crowe, Sharon Stone and Leonardo Di Caprio compete in a deadly quick-draw competition.

10. What is Russia's national airline?

### **HARDER**

11. Which is the largest of the Florida Keys? (Hint: 1948 film)

12. To the nearest five kilometres, what is the furthest straight-line distance from the nearest coastline that you can be in Britain?

13. For how long did transportation of British convicts to Australia last?

14. How old was England's Mary Bell when given an indefinite sentence for Manslaughter in 1968?

15. What feat did Fred Baldasare achieve on July 11 1962?
16. For what discovery did Australian Norman McAlister Gregg become world famous?
17. What pseudonym did Florence Nightingale Graham choose?
18. Where did all seven unmanned Surveyor spacecraft complete their journeys during 1966 - 1968?
19. Which national cricket team dismissed West Indies for 25 runs in 1969?
20. What remarkable feat was performed by Nicholas Alkemade during World War 2?

*(Answers on the next page)*

## **ANSWERS:**

1. Rupert Murdoch
2. Jupiter
3. Mick Jagger
4. True
5. Dingo
6. Archery
7. Amnesty International
8. Wax and graphite
9. *The Quick and the Dead*
10. Aeroflot

## **HARDER:**

11. Key Largo
12. 120 km
13. 80 years
14. Eleven
15. Record underwater English Channel swim
16. He discovered that rubella in pregnancy can cause congenital blindness and deafness
17. Elizabeth Arden
18. On the moon
19. Ireland
20. Survived a 5km fall without a parachute (practically unscathed)