

ANSWERS

1. The Sydney Opera House; 2. Protectionist; 3. 2011; 4. Mount Gambier; 5. *Breaking Bad*; 6. Cretaceous; 7. *The Snow Queen*; 8. Elton John; 9. *Thriller* by Michael Jackson (estimated sales: 110 million); 10. Jupiter (presently counted at 67); 11. Five: Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, NSW, Victoria; 12. Edible form of whitefish; 13. NSW; 14. Nauru, Manus Island (PNG), Christmas Island (Australia); 15. Five: John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Eric Idle and Terry Gilliam. Graham Chapman died in 1989; 16. *Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell; 17. The fennec fox of the Sahara; 18. Nine since 2008: *Iron Man*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Iron Man 2*, *Thor*, *Captain America: the First Avenger*, *The Avengers*, *Iron Man 3*, *Thor: The Dark World*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*; 19. Facebook (2004), Twitter (2006), Gmail (2007), Instagram (2010); 20. Gough Whitlam (98 years); 21. Six: Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker), Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia), Harrison Ford (Han Solo), Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca), Anthony Daniels (C-3PO) and Kenny Baker (R2-D2); 22. Platypus and echidna (four species); 23. Coopers Brewery; 24. Six: 1914, 1951, 1974, 1975, 1983 and 1987; 25. The Higgs Boson; 26. English cricketer Freddie Flintoff; 27. Kevin Andrews; 28. Mariana Trench: the Challenger Deep is 1094 metres down; Everest is 8848 metres above sea level; 29. 2001; 30. *Big Girl's Blouse*, 1994; 31. 2015; 32. Peter Grete; 33. Fleegle, Dropper, Bingo, Snorky (also called Snork); 34. Apollo 11; 35. INXS: 11 albums, compared to Cold Chisel's seven; 36. Singapore: it was formed in 1819, New Zealand in 1840; 37. Wayne Swan, Chris Bowen, Joe Hockey; 38. Venus; 39. Ottawa; 40. August 3, 1962; 41. Sound Navigation And Ranging; 42. Hydrogen (H); 43. Western Australia, Queensland, Northern Territory; 44. *MasterChef*(2009) beats *My Kitchen Rules* (2010); 45. Jedediah Springfield; 46. Alan Turing; 47. Methamphetamine; 48. A dwarf planet, largest object in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter; 49. *Abbey Road*, 1969 (*Let it Be* was released in 1970, but recorded before); 50. Melville Island, NT (5786 square kilometres)