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# THE MARCH 3 NEWS QUIZ OF THE WEEK

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1. How many people use TikTok in the EU?

- 12.5 million.
- 125 million.
- 1.25 billion.
- None.

2. What did Elon Musk do to regain his wealthiest person status in February 2023?

- He sold Twitter for a huge profit.
- He launched a mission to Mars.
- He boosted Tesla's stock price.
- He married Oprah Winfrey.

3. What did Fox owner Rupert Murdoch admit to in his deposition on Dominion Voting System's defamation suit?

- He secretly voted for Joe Biden.
- He could have stopped his hosts from spreading election lies.
- He was the infamous Q behind the QAnon conspiracy theory.
- He had a crush on Sidney Powell and wanted to impress her.

4. Who spent the most weeks at the top of the tennis rankings?

- Steffi Graf.
- Novak Djokovic.
- Roger Federer.
- Serena Williams.

5. Which country gave Steven Seagal a humanitarian award?

- Serbia.
- North Korea.
- Russia.
- Wakanda.

6. Why was Dilbert canceled?

- The creator, Scott Adams, retired.
- Dilbert's sales were declining.
- The comic strip's racy jokes.
- The creator's racist comments.

7. What is the "Crying Indian"?

- A flavor of ice cream.
- A viral TikTok challenge.
- A famous painting.
- An anti-pollution ad.

8. What is California's largest lake?

- The Salton Sea.
- Lake Tahoe.
- Lake Shasta.
- Lake Kardashian.

9. Who is Andrés Manuel López Obrador?

- A left-wing Mexican President.
- A right-wing Mexican President.
- A soccer star turned president.
- A former drug lord who became Mexico's president.

10. Where was Olivia Newton-John born?

- Australia.
- Greece.
- England.
- Xanadu.

11. What is the cosmic dawn?

- It's when galaxies first formed.
- It's when planets first formed.
- It's when James Webb used to wake up.
- It's when aliens first visited Earth.

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# ANSWERS

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## 1. How many people use TikTok in the EU?

- 125 million.

By February 2023, TikTok had an average of 125 million active users in the EU and 65.9 million in the US. The European Commission temporarily banned TikTok from staff phones over cybersecurity concerns on Feb. 23, 2023. The White House on Feb. 27 gave government agencies 30 days to ensure they do not have the Chinese-owned app on federal devices. China's foreign ministry said that the US government has been "overstretching the concept of national security." and "suppressing other countries' companies."

## 2. What did Elon Musk do to regain his wealthiest person status in February 2023?

- He boosted Tesla's stock price.

Elon Musk boosted Tesla's stock price with new projects and products, such as opening a factory in Mexico, an Investor Day event, and the long-awaited Tesla Cybertruck and Semi Truck. His net worth reached \$187.1 billion on Feb. 28, 2023, surpassing Bernard Arnault's \$185.3 billion. In December 2022, Musk lost his title to Arnault when Tesla shares declined.

## 3. What did Fox owner Rupert Murdoch admit to in his deposition on Dominion Voting System's defamation suit?

- He admitted he could have stopped his hosts from spreading election lies.

Rupert Murdoch testified under oath that some of his Fox News hosts knowingly endorsed the false narrative that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump. According to legal documents revealed on Feb. 27, 2023, he said he could have

ordered them to stop but didn't. He also said that, in hindsight, he wished they had been stronger in denouncing the fraud claims. This admission was part of a [\\$1.6 billion defamation lawsuit by Dominion Voting Systems](#).

#### 4. Which player spent the most weeks at the top of the tennis rankings?

- Novak Djokovic.

As of Feb. 28, 2023, [Novak Djokovic has been number one in the ATP rankings for a total of 378 weeks](#), breaking Steffi Graf's [record of 377 weeks at the top of the WTA rankings](#). He already became the male tennis player with the most weeks at the top in March 2021, when [he surpassed Roger Federer's record of 310 weeks as ATP number one](#).

#### 5. Which country gave Steven Seagal a humanitarian award?

- Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin [awarded actor Steven Seagal the Order of Friendship on February 27, 2023](#), for his "humanitarian work," which included his cooperation with Russia and his adoration for Putin. Seagal got Russian citizenship after [expressing admiration for Putin in 2016](#) and is known for [backing the annexation of Crimea](#).

#### 6. Why was Dilbert canceled in 2023?

- The creator, Scott Adams, made racist comments.

On Feb. 22, 2023, the creator of Dilbert, [Scott Adams, appeared on his YouTube show, referred to Black people as "a hate group,"](#) and urged white people to "get the hell away" from them. These comments were in response to a [Rasmussen Reports survey that asked whether Black people agreed with the statement, "It's OK to be white."](#) By Feb. 26, several newspapers across the US, including The Los Angeles Times and The USA Today Network, [decided to drop Dilbert](#) in response to Adams' remarks.

## 7. What is the “Crying Indian”?

- An anti-pollution ad featuring an actor in Native American attire.

In the 1970s, Keep America Beautiful, a nonprofit aimed at reducing littering and pollution, **commissioned The Crying Indian as a public service announcement**. It showed an Italian American actor who claimed Cherokee heritage, **canoeing through a polluted landscape and crying at the sight of trash**. In February 2023, **Keep America Beautiful transferred the rights to the ad to the National Congress of American Indians**. This Native American advocacy group plans to retire the character for good.

## 8. What is California’s largest lake?

- Salton Sea.

The New York Times reported on Feb. 25 that the Salton Sea faces another water crisis, affecting farmers in the area, due to drought and a nearly dry Colorado River. With 343 square miles (889 sq km) of surface area, the Salton Sea is California’s biggest lake by surface area. It’s been shrinking for decades despite water cuts and conservation efforts, causing health and environmental problems.

**Fun fact:** The Salton Sea was **accidentally created in 1905 when an engineer tried diverting some of the Colorado River into a canal**. However, he ended up flooding a dry basin below sea level.

## 9. Who is Andrés Manuel López Obrador?

- A left-wing populist who won the Mexican presidency in 2018.

**Former mayor of Mexico City and left-wing populist Andrés Manuel López Obrador won the Mexican presidential election with 53% in 2018**. In his campaign, **he promised to rid Mexico of corruption and inequality, which he credited to previous administrations he called “a mafia of power.”** On Feb. 26, 2023, **tens of thousands of people filled Mexico City’s main plaza to protest President Andrés Manuel López Obrador’s changes to the electoral law, which they say threaten democracy**. In the same week, **López Obrador insisted that he had documented a real-life elf, tweeting: “Everything is mystical.”**

## 10. Where was Olivia Newton-John born?

- England.

Olivia Newton-John was born in Cambridge, UK, in 1948 to a Welsh father and a German mother who had fled Nazi Germany. She moved to Australia with her family when she was five and later became a dual citizen of both countries. She did not come from Greece, despite playing Sandy in Grease. A state memorial for Olivia Newton-John took place on Feb. 26, 2023, in Melbourne, Australia, with family and friends paying tribute to the late singer and actor, who died in Aug. 2022 at 73 after a long battle with breast cancer. Newton-John was known for her music, film, and philanthropic work, especially in cancer research and wellness. Fun fact: Queen Elizabeth II made her a dame in 2019.

## 11. What is the cosmic dawn?

- The time when galaxies first formed in the universe.

The cosmic dawn is what astronomers call the time when galaxies first formed in the universe, about 500 million to 1 billion years after the Big Bang. NASA's James Webb Space Telescope recently spotted six massive galaxies from this era that are so huge they shouldn't exist. As reported on Feb. 22, 2023, these galaxies, billions of times heavier than our sun and as compact as the Milky Way, are so large and mature that they challenge current theories of early galaxy formation.