

# Quiz of the year

2011 was a momentous year, not least in terms of global economic crises and revolutionary movements and workers' struggles. How many of these events and big news stories do you remember? (Answers below right)

- 1) Who denounced the 30 June pensions' strike, saying: "These strikes are wrong at a time when negotiations are still going on"?
- 2) Who described the 30 November pensions' strike by over two million workers as a "damp squib"?
- 3) In February, where in the USA did over 100,000 demonstrate in defence of trade union rights?
- 4) Which ex-MP was jailed for 18 months for false accounting?
- 5) Name the two Socialist Party members elected to the Dáil (Irish parliament) in February?
- 6) Why were Mark Kennedy's green credentials blue?
- 7) Whose £300,000 donation led to the resignation of Sir Howard Davies, director of the London School of Economics?
- 8) Name the nuclear energy power plant that blew up following Japan's tsunami in March?
- 9) According to Forbes magazine, what is the collective wealth of the world's 1,210 billionaires - a) \$1.2 trillion b) \$2.1 trillion c) \$4.5 trillion?
- 10) What was rejected in a referendum on 5 May?
- 11) Name the government legislation which will effectively lead to the break up of the National Health Service?
- 12) Who met his maker in Abbottabad on 2 May?
- 13) How much in avoided, evaded and uncollected taxes, mainly by the rich, does the PCS union say is owed in the UK? - a) £25 billion b) £70 billion c) £120 billion
- 14) Who hit its \$14.3 trillion overdraft limit in May?
- 15) How much will pensions' axing minister Francis Maude receive in retirement?
- 16) Who was ruled to have been "unlawfully killed" by a policeman according to a second coroners inquest jury?
- 17) Who was accused in a United Nations report of "credible allegations" of war crimes?
- 18) Name the date of the largest trade union demonstration in the UK.
- 19) After two years and 22 strike days, which industrial dispute was settled?
- 20) Who told students that women can limit the chance of being raped if they "avoid dressing like sluts"?
- 21) Who refused to resign after saying football players should forget racism with a handshake?
- 22) Name the Bosnian Serb warlord detained in the Hague by the International Criminal Tribunal?
- 23) Who pulled out of speaking at the Durham Miners Gala?
- 24) Name the MEP illegally arrested and detained by Israeli forces along with other Gaza Freedom flotilla activists?
- 25) Name the right-wing 'scandal sheet' that closed on 10 July?
- 26) Whose shooting dead by police sparked four days of rioting?
- 27) Name the site from where Tory Basildon council evicted "unauthorised" Travellers?
- 28) Name the revered Brazilian footballer and democracy campaigner who died in December?
- 29) Where have student protests been continuing since May?
- 30) Name the anti-capitalist protest movement that sprung up in New York City in September?
- 31) Who marched 330 miles to demand policies to end unemployment?
- 32) Why did the 'hardest hit' march in UK cities on 22 October?
- 33) Name the run-for-profit care homes operator which collapsed with large debts in October?
- 34) How many general strikes have Greek workers staged this year against draconian austerity measures?

## Rogues' gallery



Name the above who left office in 2011 (answers below)

## Answers

- Photo quiz:**
- 1) Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. The Tunisian president on 14 January fled to Saudi Arabia following a mass uprising against his dictatorship
  - 2) Muhammad Hosni Sayid Mubarak resigned as Egypt's president on 11 February, and was subsequently detained, after 18 days of mass opposition protests
  - 3) A friend of Gordon Brown and David Cameron, Rebekah Brooks resigned as chief executive from News International on 15 July and was subsequently arrested by police on charges of phone hacking and corruption
  - 4) Muammar Muhammad Abu Minyar Gaddafi. The Libyan despot was dispatched by an opposition militiaman near Sirte on 20 October
  - 5) Tory MP Liam Fox resigned as defence minister on 14 October following revelations that he used his ministerial office to benefit his friend Adam Werrity
  - 6) Silvio Berlusconi resigned after 17 years as prime minister on 13 November after losing his parliamentary majority during Italy's debt crisis
- 1) Ed 'the intellectual' Milliband
  - 2) Prime spinner, David Cameron
  - 3) Madison, Wisconsin - following Republican governor Scott Walker's bill to eliminate collective bargaining property he owned
  - 4) Former Labour MP for Bury North, David Chaytor, after he claimed £20,000 in parliamentary expenses for rent on a
  - 5) Clare Daly, Dublin North and Joe Higgins, Dublin West
  - 6) Because he was revealed as a police agent provocateur in the environmental movement
  - 7) The late and unlamented Colonel Gaddafi
  - 8) The Fukushima Daiichi plant operated by the Tokyo Electric Power Company
  - 9) c) \$4.5 trillion. Up \$1 trillion on last year's total
  - 10) The Alternative Vote method for UK parliamentary elections
  - 11) The misnamed Health and Social Care Bill 2011, introduced into parliament on 19 January
  - 12) Osama Bin Laden, killed by US special forces
  - 13) c) £120 billion
  - 14) The US federal government
  - 15) £43,000 a year, while the average civil servant's pension is only £4,200 a year
  - 16) Bylander Ian Tomlinson who died at the G20 Summit protest after being assaulted in April 2009
  - 17) The ruling regime of Sri Lanka's president Mahinda Rajapaksa
  - 18) 26 March - when an estimated 750,000+ marched in London
  - 19) The British Airways cabin crew dispute between Unite and BA who agreed a deal on 11 May.
  - 20) Toronto policeman Michael Sanguinetti on 24 January, sparking worldwide 'slutwalk' protests
  - 21) Fifa president Sepp Blatter
  - 22) Ex-general Ratko Mladic - responsible for the 1995 massacre of Bosnia Muslims in Srebrenica
  - 23) Ed Milliband because he didn't want to share a platform with RMT union leader Bob Crow
  - 24) Irish Socialist Party MEP, Paul Murphy
  - 25) News of the World. The tabloid ceased publication following the public furore over its phone-hacking activities
  - 26) Mark Duggan. His death sparked unrest from Tottenham, north London, to cities in England.
  - 27) Dale Farm
  - 28) Socrates Brasileiro de Sousa Vieira de Oliveira
  - 29) Chile. The students are demanding education reform
  - 30) Occupy Wall Street
  - 31) Youth Fight for Jobs marchers. They set off from Jarro on 1 October and arrived in Trafalgar Square, London, on 5 November
  - 32) To protest against the government's Welfare Reform Bill attacks on disabled people
  - 33) Southern Cross
  - 34) Seven, including one 48-hour strike