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Melbourne Cup Number Quiz

ANSWERS (for both the EASY version and the HARD version)

No.	ANSWER	Question
1.	7	Fewest horses in a Melbourne Cup (in 1863).
2.	39	Most horses in a Melbourne Cup (in 1890).
3.	3	Minimum horse age (in years).
4.	3	Usual Melbourne Cup starting time (pm).
5.	2	Length of race (to closest mile). [With the introduction of the metric system, the race distance changed in 1972 from 2 miles to 3200 metres which is 1.988 miles.]
6.	50	Minimum handicap weight (in kilograms).
7.	10	Number of horse placings with prize money.
8.	17	Number of horses in the first Melbourne Cup.
9.	20	Number of letters in "Flemington Racecourse".
10.	5	Percentage of the prize money paid to the jockey.
11.	10	Percentage of the prize money paid to the trainer.
12.	3	How long does the Cup take to run (to nearest minute)?
13.	3	Most Melbourne Cup wins by the same horse (Makybe Diva).
14.	12	Most Melbourne Cup wins by the same trainer (Bart Cummings).
15.	3	Number of handles on the gold Melbourne Cup itself. [Yes, there are three handles - symbolising the owner, the trainer and the jockey.]
16.	44	Number of pieces of gold that make up the Melbourne Cup.
17.	1	On which Tuesday in November is the Cup held? (Tues. no. 1, 2, 3 or 4?)
18.	14	Quarantine period for international horses entering the Cup (in days).
19.	8	Widest winning margin in lengths (by Archer and also by Rain Lover).
20.	13	Recorded age of the youngest jockey, Peter St Albans in 1876 (to nearest
		whole number of years). [Some information says his actual age was 8 days before his 12th birthday, some says his age was 6 days before his 13th birthday. In any case he was recorded as being 13 years, the minimum age allowed.]