Good morning, America!

The following statements include some general information about the United States of America. If you put the letters behind the correct answer into the correct order, you’ll get the name of a day that is very important in the political career of every American president.

1- The addition “DC” behind the name of the city of Washington means
   a- Democratic City  (S)
   b- District of the City  (M)
   c- District of Columbia  (A)

2- By adopting the Declaration of Independence the US obtained its independence from the United Kingdom of Great Britain. This happened on 4 July
   a- 1776 (I)
   b- 1767  (D)
   c- 1876  (A)

3- The American national holiday that is celebrated every year on 4 July is called
   a- Liberation Day    (G)
   b- Freedom and Independence Day  (N)
   c- Independence Day    (O)

4- In the United States, Thanksgiving is always celebrated on
   a- the 2nd Monday in October.  (Y)
   b- the 4th Thursday in November.  (R)
   c- on 3 October.    (D)

5- The 50th federal state of the US is
   a- Arkansas   (R)
   b- Hawaii   (N)
   c- New Hampshire  (E)

6- People call the US national flag, with 7 red and 6 white stripes and 50 white stars in the left upper corner,
   a- Stars and Stripes.  (Y)
   b- Striped Stars.  (O)
   c- Stripes and Stars.  (T)

7- The capital of the Federal State of Washington is
   a- New York.  (N)
   b- Boston.  (I)
   c- Olympia.  (A)

8- The term of office of the US President is
   a- 4 years  (U)
   b- 5 years  (D)
   c- 6 years  (O)
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9- The President of the United States is elected
   a- democratically and directly by the American people.  (R)
   b- by electors.        (D)
   c- by the governors of the federal states.    (M)

10- The two houses of the US Congress are called
   a- Senate and House of Representatives.  (I)
   b- Senate and Upper House.    (S)
   c- House of Lords and House of Commons.  (C)

11- The Oval Office is
   a- the President's office for press conferences.    (L)
   b- the President's dining room for state visits.    (X)
   c- the President's official office room.    (G)

12- The Pentagon is
   a- the headquarters of the US Department of Defense. (N)
   b- the headquarters of the US State Department.  (G)
   c- the State Museum of Archaeology.    (A)

13- The first President of the United States, whose term of office was from 30 April 1789 to 3 March 1797, was
   a- Thomas Jefferson.   (E)
   b- George Washington.  (U)
   c- Theodore Roosevelt.  (H)

14- During John F. Kennedy's term of office (20/01/1961-22/11/1963), who was the 35th US President, something very important happened in foreign politics. That was
   a- the end of the Vietnam war.     (J)
   b- the signing of the Kyoto Protocol on climate change.  (K)
   c- the failure of the invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs.  (A)

15- Barack Obama, who will start his term of office on 20 January 2009, is
   a- the 56th    (B)
   b- the 44th     (T)
   c- the 50th     (D)

   President of the United States.
Solution:
1-c; 2-a; 3-c; 4-b; 5-b; 6-a; 7-c; 8-a; 9-b; 10-a; 11-c; 12-a; 13-b; 14-c; 15-b.

Inauguration Day = the day when the US President is inaugurated and starts his term of office. The theme of the celebration on the occasion of Barack Obama's inauguration on 20 January 2009 is 'A New Birth of Freedom', a quotation from the Gettysburg Address given by Abraham Lincoln. This quotation was especially chosen to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on 12 February 2009.