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# A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear reader,

Welcome to the Independence Day Edition!

It's been 57 years since we bid our colonial masters goodbye and started the journey of self-governance. One civil war, several military coups, six democratic elections and two recessions later, Nigeria is still standing strong. Thanks to the beautiful compatriots who maintain the peace, freedom and unity of the nation.



When we last spoke, the economy was showing early signs of economic recovery. Fast forward three months after, and everyone, from pepper sellers to policy makers, has been singing the Hallelujah chorus, as the Q2 GDP data confirmed what the FDC think tank had projected long ago. We expect the economy to continue on this upward trajectory with growth rate of 1 - 2% for Q3 and Q4.

Resist the urge to spend the day indoors under your blanket, bing-watching your favourite shows. You can do that during the next public holiday. Instead, take a tourism trip to the shores of Badagry, attend a Fuji concert, and eat a traditional meal you have never had before. Explore the rich heritage Nigeria has to offer.

This edition of the Relaxnomiks publication is an early Independence Day present from us to you. It's loaded with information, interesting pieces and promises to be the perfect holiday companion.

As always, your readership is greatly appreciated

Do enjoy your read!

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## Independence Day Quiz

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**1. How many states are classified under the Yoruba land?**

- a) 4
- b) 11
- c) 13
- d) 8

**2. Which of the following is not a greeting in a Nigerian language?**

- a) Wasuze otya nno?
- b) Yaya Kake?
- c) Emesiere
- d) Odejuma

**3. Amala is to the Yoruba, as Onunu is to the**

- a) Tiv
- b) Kalabari
- c) Kanuri
- d) Achipa

**4. Which sector contributes the least to Nigeria's GDP?**

- a) Real Estate
- b) Food, Beverage & Tobacco
- c) Construction
- d) Financial Institution

**5. Which of these countries is not one of Nigeria's top 5 trading partners?**

- a) Netherlands
- b) Brazil
- c) Germany
- d) South Africa

**6. All of the following have their portraits on a Naira note, EXCEPT**

- a) Herbert Macaulay
- b) Tafawa Balewa
- c) Murtala Muhammed
- d) Obafemi Awolowo

**7. Which of these is not one of the six states formed in 1996?**

- a) Bayelsa
- b) Ebonyi
- c) Kebbi
- d) Nasarawa

**8. Which of the following is true about the origin of the Nigerian anthem?**

- a) It was written by Lillian Jean Williams
- b) It was adopted in 1979
- c) The lyrics are a combination of phrases from the five best entries of a national contest
- d) It did not have a second stanza till 1990

**9. Which of the following statements are false?**

- a) Kaduna shares a border with Niger on the North
- b) Seven states share border with Niger

- c) Eight states have direct access to the Atlantic Ocean
- d) Ebonyi shares a border with Cameroon- The state is landlocked and bordered by Abia, Anambra, Benue and Cross River

**10. Which of the following is not a Nigerian language?**

- a) Sanga
- b) Pongo
- c) Nzema
- d) Isoko

## **Back to School Tips**

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### **Back to school tips**

“Where did summer go?” It’s the question you find all students muttering. It’s that time of the year again and we can hear the school bells tolling. Understandably, it can be hard to adjust from the dog days of summer to the fast pace of the school year. For all you students wondering how to make that transition, don’t worry we’ve got you covered. Here are some tips to get back into school mode seamlessly and start off on a right note.

- **Proper school supplies:** Having the right school supplies you need for your classes makes learning less daunting and more fun. On the first day of lectures, most teachers tell students everything that is required for their specific courses. Ensure you get these in order to keep up with work and stay organised.

- **Get involved:** There are numerous academic and extra-curricular activities available in schools. Getting involved in those of interest to you is a great way to pursue your interests and meet like-minded peers. If you have a knack for sports, try out for a school team. If you



have a flair for acting or music, join a theatre group and share your skill with peers. You can start your own club or sports team if it's not already in existence at your institution. Never be scared to pursue your interests, as it is fantastic to participate in something you love.

- **Set academic goals:** It is essential to write out a list of realistic goals you plan to achieve during the forthcoming academic year. The list can serve as a motivating force in helping you achieve your goals. For instance, do you want to improve on last year's grades? Take a class outside your major? Start assignments weeks before their submission date? Or perhaps you just want to be better organised. Setting goals for every new academic year helps you refocus and drives you closer to achieving long term goals, both personally and professionally.





- **Say no to procrastination:** We have all been guilty of procrastination in the past. Dedicating a little bit of time every day to a task for 21 days will not only make it a habit but will positively impact your grades and performance.
- **Get an agenda:** Keeping track of every activity during a busy school year can be hard, and time management is vital to being successful and staying on top of everything you need to do. Having a planner will undoubtedly help you manage your time and stay on top of all you have to do.

## The Return of the Football Season

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Football season is back! For the football lovers, weekends have been dull and tedious with some unintentionally looking forward to Mondays so they can babble on about transfer rumours with colleagues. At the inception of the new season, teams try to strengthen and improve their squads, leading to a frenzy of unrealistic rumours fuelled by commission-hungry agents and news outlets.



Here is a list of major purchases made in Europe's top four leagues in the 2017/2018 season.

### England

Labelled the most competitive league in Europe, the English Premier League continued to attract global talent from the likes of Alvaro Morata to Alexandre Lacazette. The 2016-17 seasons was the first season under the new record-breaking three-year TV deal, which made the Premier League the most

lucrative domestic football league in the world. SkySports and BT Sports share the broadcasting rights with the huge £5.136bn deal signed last year. The Premier League also signed massive overseas TV deals around the world, which takes the total TV income to over £8.5bn for the next three seasons. These new TV deals ensure a massive financial windfall for Premier League clubs from the 2016-17 season, where even the club finishing at the bottom of the table will earn around £100mn a year. Manchester United seems most likely to be champions this year, as the transfer of Romelu Lukaku and Nemanja Matic bring more balance to an already talented team.

New additions to Premier League teams include:

- **Manchester City**

- Benjamin Mendy: £52mn (AS Monaco)
- Kyle Walker: £45mn (Tottenham Hotspur)
- Bernardo Silva: £43mn (AS Monaco)
- Ederson: £35mn (Benfica)



- **Manchester United**

- Romelu Lukaku: £75mn (Everton)
- Nemanja Matic: £40mn (Chelsea)
- Victor Lindelöf: £31mn (Benfica)



- **Everton**

- Gylfi Sigurðsson: £45mn (Wales Swansea City)
- Michael Keane: £25mn (Burnley)
- Jordan Pickford: £25mn (Sunderland)
- Davy Klaassen: £23.6mn (Ajax)
- Henry Onyekuru: £7mn (Eupen)
- Sandro: £5.2mn (Malaga)
- Wayne Rooney: Undisclosed (Manchester United)



- **Chelsea**

- Álvaro Morata: £60mn (Real Madrid)
- Tiemoué Bakayoko: £40mn (AS Monaco)
- Antonio Rüdiger: £29mn (AS Roma)



- **Arsenal**

- Alexandre Lacazette: £46.5 (Lyon)
- Sead Kolašinac: Free transfer



- **Liverpool**

- Mohamed Salah: £34mn (AS Roma)
- Andrew Robinson: £8mn (Hull City)
- Dominic Solanke: £3mn (Chelsea)



- **Tottenham Hotspur**

- Nil



## Spain

The Spanish La Liga seems like it will be dominated and won by the Galacticos of Real Madrid, supported by young gems like Marco Asensio, after humbling Barcelona in the Super Cup. Paris Saint-Germain's record-breaking buy of Neymar from Barcelona's stole headlines and broke hearts, as the young star left the Spanish giants in an effort to win the Ballon d'Or. Many believe that the player left Barcelona to become the "alpha male" as Lionel Messi continues to spearhead the team, but the transfer fee of €222mn and a reported \$350mn in salary and bonus before-tax seemed to be a good incentive. Other major exits were James Rodriguez to Bayern Munich, Alvaro Morata to Chelsea, Pepe to Beşiktaş and Atlético's Javier Manquillo to Newcastle United.

- **Barcelona**

- Paulinho: €40mn (Guangzhou Evergrande)
- Nelson Semedo: €30mn (Benfica)
- Gerard Deulofeu: €12mn (Everton)
- Marlon: €5mn (Fluminense)



- **Real Madrid**

- Theo Hernández: €30mn (Atletico Madrid)
- Dani Caballos: €17mn (Real Betis)



- **Atlético Madrid**

- Vitolo: €36mn (Sevilla)



## Germany

Bayern is set to dominate the top flight of German football once again after strengthening its already air-tight defence and flamboyant attack. The retirement of Philipp Lahm, Xabi Alonso, Tom Starke and the transfer of Douglas Costa to Juventus, will be a big hit to the German champions but the team still looks set to dominate the Bundesliga. The likes of Borussia Dortmund, Wolfsburg, Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Schalke 04 will continue to squabble for the second best team in Germany.

- **Bayern Munich**

- Corentin Tolisso: €41.5mn (Olympique Lyonnaise)
- Kingsley Coman: €21mn (Juventus)
- Niklas Sule: €20mn (Hoffenheim)
- James Rodriguez: Loan (Real Madrid)
- Serge Gnarby: €8mn (Werder Bremen)



- **Borussia Dortmund**

- Mohmoud Dahoud: €12mn (Borussia Mönchengladbach)
- Maximilian Philipp: €20mn (FC Freiburg)
- Ömer Toprak: €12mn (Bayer 04 Leverkusen)



## Italy

AC Milan has made quality signings this season. Leonardo Bonucci, André Silva, Lucas Biglia and Hakan Calhanoglu are world renowned stars who have the ability to move a team from mediocrity to title contenders. AC Milan fans are optimistic this season as they believe the new signings will send them back to the upper echelons of European football. The current champions, Juventus, will most likely dominate the league but the likes of AC Milan, Lazio and Roma still remain contenders.

- **AC Milan**

- Leonardo Bonucci: €37.8mn (Juventus)
- André Silva: €34.2mn (FC Porto)
- Andrea Conti: €22.5mn (Atalanta)
- Hakan Calhanoglu: €19.8 (Bayer Leverkusen)
- Mateo Musacchio: €16.2mn (Villarreal CF)
- Ricardo Rodriguez: €16.2mn (Wolfsburg)
- Lucas Biglia: €15.3mn (Lazio)
- Nikola Kalinic: Loan (Fiorentina)
- Fabio Borini: Loan (Sunderland)



- **Juventus**

- Federico Bernardeschi: €36mn (Fiorentina)
- Blaise Matuidi: €18mn (Paris Saint-Germain)
- Juan Cuadrado: €18mn (Chelsea)
- Medhi Benatia: €15.3mn (Bayern Munich)



- Wojciech Szczesny: €10.98mn (Arsenal)
- Mattia De Sciglio: €10.8mn (AC Milan)
- Rodrigo Bentancur: €9.45mn (Boca Juniors)
- Douglas Costa: Loan (Bayern Munich)

## How to Stay Comfortable on a Long Haul Flight



The amount of time spent in the air – approximately 33,000 feet above sea level for a 16– 30 hour flight - might feel like time spent in limbo. However, a long flight doesn't necessarily mean suffering. When travelling a long distance, you might as well sit back, relax and make the most of the trip.

Here are tips to make your long economy flight an enjoyable experience:

### **Book your tickets and check in early**

Booking your flights early and online gives you a better chance of securing your favourite seat. Most travellers prefer sitting next to the window to have something to lean against when sleeping and also for the amazing sky view. Another favourite, is the aisle seat as you have the freedom to stretch your legs

### **Wear comfortable clothes**

Wear clothes that are extremely comfortable like loose fitted shirts, comfortable jeans, jumpsuits, sneakers, and sweaters. Remember to bring layers and a pair of socks to keep warm and cosy when it gets chilly.

### **Take your own snacks**

Once you are in the air, it takes about 40 minutes before the cabin crew brings out the food and drinks which is not much. On a long-haul flight, you want to be able to eat and snack according to your own schedule. It's important to stay well-nourished.

### **Bring a good travel pillow**

A small portable neck pillow is an essential carry on item for long distance travellers. This can make a huge difference when it comes to sleeping well on the plane. Invest in an inflatable travel pillow that can be deflated and fits easily into your carry-on bag. Horseshoe shaped pillows that circle your neck are typically preferable for better comfort.

### **Drink water and hydrate your skin**

It is easy to get dehydrated on a long-haul flight as the airplane environment tends to get very dry, combined with the high altitude (usually over 10,000ft). In order to keep headaches, dehydration and fatigue away, bring an empty water bottle through airport security, and fill up before you board. Instead of downing a litre of water at once, try to take small sips every 10 minutes. You can also bring along coconut water or Emergen-C packs to strengthen immunity as well as restore lost electrolytes. Try to avoid alcohol and caffeine as they make the dehydration struggle worse.



## Four Amazing Carnivals and Festivals around the World

### Felaberation

Destination- Lagos, Nigeria

Period - One week in Mid-October

The festival is an annual music festival started in 1998 by Yeni Anikulapo-Kuti in memory and celebration of her father Fela Kuti. It is timed around Fela's birthday and is held at his famous Shrine. The festival involves a street carnival, as well as a series of high school debates on the issues Fela was passionate about, including corruption and the plight of the poor. The festival also features musical performances from top artists in Nigeria and guest appearances from international acts.



### Oktoberfest

Destination - Munich, Germany

Period- Late September and early October

Oktoberfest is the world's largest beer festival. It is a two-week celebration of beer with more than six million people participating in the general revelry, drinking litres of beer and eating countless traditional pork sausages. The festival tradition started in 1810 to celebrate the October 12th marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to the Saxon-Hildburghausen Princess Therese. The citizens of Munich were invited to join in the festivities which were held over five days on the fields in front of the city gates.





## Mexican Halloween

Place - Mexico, Oaxaca

Period- October 31-November 1

Halloween is a celebration observed in many parts of the world however the special celebration that takes place in Mexico is more colourful and



meaningful compared to the dark way it is celebrated in America. In Mexico, it is called the "Day of the dead" as it is a day to remember and celebrate the lives of family and friends lost. Individuals are dressed up in grisly costumes celebrating throughout the night at local cemeteries. This day represents a blissful and heartfelt celebration of lives.

## Diwali- Festival of Lights

Place- India (Northern & Southern)

Period - October 17- October 21

The ancient Hindu festival, which lasts for 5 days, celebrates the



victory of light over darkness. It is one of the most popular festivals of Hinduism. The biggest night of the celebration happens on the new moon night (third day) of the Hindu Lunisolar month, as this is considered as the darkest night. The festival involves dressing up in new clothes lighting up candles and lamps, family prayers and fireworks. The festival is also a major shopping period in India.

## 10 of the Most Bizarre World Records

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Do you think you've seen and heard it all? Check out this list of world records that are sure to blow your mind!

1. The record for the longest time spent in ice was 1hr 52 minutes. The feat was accomplished by Wim Hof, aka 'the Iceman' in 2011 when he stood neck deep in a cylinder full of ice. Hof has also gained popularity for his breathing techniques and cold therapy. He postulates that proper exposure to cold can aid the build-up of adipose tissue and result in weight loss.



2. Marie Jose Cristema, aka the Mexican Vampire Lady, has had the most cosmetic surgery ever done on a human body, with a total of 49 modifications. These include implants in her forehead, chest, arms, and sharpened canines. She is also the most tattooed living female, with tattoo coverage of 96%.



3. The most pierced person is **Elaine Davidson**, who has 4,225 piercings on her body.

4. The most expensive sandwich is the 'quintessential grilled cheese' which was selling for \$214 at Serenpidity 3. The restaurant located in New York's Upper East Side, is notorious for its expensive meals. In 2004, it introduced a \$1,000 ice cream sundae. The sundae, called 'Golden



Opulence' contains a 23-carat edible gold leaf, and is drizzled with Amedei Porcelana, the most expensive chocolate in the world. It is served in a Baccarat Harcourt crystal goblet, with an 18-carat gold spoon.

5. The world record for spinning two basketballs is four minutes. In 2014, Chen Wei Wei spun two basketballs (one on top of the other) for four minutes and 31 seconds.

6. The farthest open water-swim was done by Martin Strel, who swam the entire length of the Amazon River, starting in Peru, and ending in Brazil. Each day, for 67 days, he covered a distance of as much as 127 km.

7. Johnny Strange pulled an aircraft weighing 677.8kg (the weight of seven grown men) across a distance of 6.22 m. The wow factor? He did it with a metal chain attached to his ears!



8. The most expensive painting ever sold was produced by Willem de Kooning. The painting, called *Interchange*, was bought by US tycoon, Ken Griffin for a whopping \$300 million. The oil on canvas piece, which is considered the most important painting in the post-war era, was created in 1955. In that year, the painting sold for \$4000 to prominent business man- Edgar Kaufmann.



9. "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen, is the best-selling digital single of all time, having sold 18 million copies since its release in 2011.

10. "Hello" by Adele is the fastest music video to reach one billion views. It reached one billion after 88 days (less than three months) after its release. The video now has over 2 billion views on YouTube.

## Marvel Vs DC – The Battle of the Superheroes

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The age-old question: which of these movie houses are better? Marvel or DC? There is an obvious rivalry between the 'fan boys' of the Marvel and DC comic franchises as each feels the characters and storylines are better than the other. In the old days, the comics were the only factors used for comparison. But in recent times, movies (both live action and animated), shorts and even TV series have been thrown into the mix to further aggravate the rivalry between these two franchises.

DC had a head start in the motion picture department churning out Batman movies left, right and centre. Adam West, Val Kilmer, George Clooney, Christian Bale and even Ben Affleck took on the mantle at different points in time and they were all met with bad, mixed or good reviews. Marvel attempted to catch up, but who could forget that god-awful Green Lantern movie, mediocre X-Men movies, and an over-extended Spider Man trilogy that should have stopped after part two. The two houses had stories to tell

but lady luck shone down on Marvel Studios when the almighty Disney decided to purchase the whole entity. This was the turning point for Marvel, as fans warily trooped to see Iron Man. It was the advent of something no one saw coming.

Now whichever camp you belong to one must admit that Marvel Studios has dominated the game, making headway with diversity and equality within their casting. This is clearly shown in the upcoming *Black Panther* movie. DC unfortunately has had some failures in terms of critical acclaim with movies such as the *Suicide Squad*, *Batman Vs Superman* and *Man of Steel*. Despite their shortcomings, DC may soon give Marvel a run for its money as the recently released *Wonder Woman* on June 2, 2017 was a critically acclaimed box office success with strong feminist tones.

DC is also dominating popular shows such as: *Girl*, *Legends of* Although Marvel has *Daredevil*, *Luke Cage* overly mature content available on Netflix terms of popularity. All the fact remains that



the small screen with *The Flash*, *Arrow*, *Super Tomorrow* and *Gotham*. some hidden gems like and *Jessica Jones*, its and the fact that it is only may be a limiting factor in these comparisons aside, these two houses bring us

nonstop entertainment and any new project from either of them is probably the only reason some of us ever go to the cinemas.

The remainder of 2017 brings two highly anticipated movies from the two power houses, *Thor Ragnarock* and *Justice League*. *Justice League* is the 'Avengers' of the DC universe with everyone's favourite vigilante,



Amazon Warrior, Atlantian, Cybernetic Teenager and Speedster confirmed to



appear amidst rumours of the Green Lantern and the Man of Steel himself making an appearance. It is all set up to be an epic cinematic display, but who knows, anything is possible. *Thor Ragnarock* is set to debut in theatres

November 3, 2017 and *Justice League* is also out in a cinema near you on November 16, 2017. See you there!

## These 25 Cities are Tops for Jobs – Culled from USA Today<sup>1</sup>

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If you think you need to head to a big city on the East or West Coast to find a great job, you might want to think again.

Midwestern cities like Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and Louisville were among the top cities in the U.S. for finding a job, feeling good after you get it, and being able to enjoy an affordable quality of life, according to a new study compiled by job search site, Glassdoor.

"If you weigh (those criteria) equally, these are some of the surprising cities that come to the top," says Andrew Chamberlain, Glassdoor's chief economist.

Pittsburgh was No. 1 in Glassdoor's rankings, with the median value of a home costing roughly three times the area's median base salary of \$44,000. Civil engineers, nurses and project managers were in particular demand in the one-time manufacturing hub.

Indianapolis and Kansas City ranked second and third, with openings in job categories ranging from machine operator to software engineer and audit

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2017/09/13/help-wanted-these-25-cities-tops-jobs/655750001/>

manager. Meanwhile, the tech and finance capitals of San Francisco, New York and Boston didn't even crack the top 25.

When many people think about moving for work, especially young people, they think about big cities with flashy brand names like New York and San Francisco," he says. But "while those cities have many jobs, they're also very expensive and competitive."

A key driver of job growth in many mid-sized U.S. cities is the rising need for tech expertise in a variety of industries, including retail and financial services, Chamberlain says. As a result, well-known tech centers like Seattle and San Jose, in the heart of northern California's Silicon Valley, are No. 17 and 22 respectively on Glassdoor's list, while Detroit comes in at No. 12.

"You might not work in San Jose or Seattle if you're a software engineer," Chamberlain says. "You might end up in Kansas City or Salt Lake." Health care is another robust field. There are nearly 1 million health care jobs currently open in the U.S., Chamberlain says.

With the nation's jobless rate hovering at 4.4%, many job seekers may not need to relocate in order to find work. In June, a record 6.2 million positions were waiting to be filled according to the U.S. Labor Department, and many companies have said that they are having difficulty finding employees.

But workers with a steady job who want to see their pay checks go further may be interested in exploring their options, Chamberlain says.

Job search site Glassdoor revealed its list of the top 10 cities for jobs. They met the mark for being affordable, the best places to get hired, and the top locales where employees felt satisfied at work.

### 1. PITTSBURGH, PA



Job openings  
**95,399**

Score: **4.4**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$44,000**

### 2. INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Job openings  
**80,561**

Score: **4.4**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$43,000**

### 3. KANSAS CITY, MO



Job openings  
**90,649**

Score: **4.4**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$45,000**

**4. RALEIGH-DURHAM, NC**

Job openings  
**65,810**

Score: **4.4**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$50,000**

**5. ST. LOUIS, MO**

Job openings  
**104,725**

Score: **4.4**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$45,600**

**6. MEMPHIS, TN**

Job openings  
**42,347**

Score: **4.4**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$41,200**

**7. COLUMBUS, OH**

Job openings  
**78,370**

Score: **4.3**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$45,000**

**8. CINCINNATI, OH**

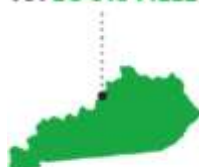
Job openings  
**79,554**

Score: **4.3**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$44,637**

**9. CLEVELAND, OH**

Job openings  
**66,410**

Score: **4.3**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$43,000**

**10. LOUISVILLE, KY**

Job openings  
**49,213**

Score: **4.2**  
Median Base Salary:  
**\$40,138**

## Skip iPhone X and 8. If you need an iPhone, this is the better deal – culled from USA Today<sup>2</sup>

There's the \$999 iPhone X, the \$699 iPhone 8 and \$799 8-Plus. But also you can downscale to last year's, now cheaper model, the iPhone 7, (now \$549) or 7Plus (\$669) — and others.

Or you can hold onto your old model and just make do until it's really unusable.



<sup>2</sup> <https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/talkingtech/2017/09/13/skip-deal/660743001/>



If you're thinking of an older model, remember that Apple only keeps certain models current for a set period of time, and then sunsets them, as is the case with the iPhone 5 and 5C, which won't accept downloads of iOS 11, the latest mobile operating system upgrade, coming up on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

So if you do want to reach back in time and save money by buying an older phone like the 6S, know that eventually, perhaps in two years, Apple will sunset that model as well. But if they do, you get to go shopping for a new iPhone again.

### iPhone SE (\$349)



For now, our verdict, and it's an easy one: the best deal Apple has right now isn't for one of the shiny new phones with all the bells and whistles, but a good, reliable classic, the SE. That's the 2016 model that was introduced for those who didn't want a larger iPhone. You still get the latest software updates, the ability to pay for goods with Apple Pay and a decent camera. It has the A9 processing chip, which Apple would have you believe is slow and not as fast as the others. In our experience, (we have an SE in the family), the phone performs just fine.

So you won't be able to unlock the screen with your eyes or create animated emojis from your facial expressions, like with the new X, which will be out in November. But you'll save \$650.

The prices listed reflect paying full price. The carriers and Apple offer financed deals that average between \$20-\$30 a month.

Let's look at the rest of the line up:

The iPhone 6 models (first introduced in 2014) are no longer being sold. The number models start with the 6S (first sold in 2015) and these models have 4.7 inch and 5.5 inch screens, respectively. So they're larger than the SE, have better storage options (starting at 32 GB) than when first released (at

a puny 16 GB) and if you're a fan of plugging headphones into the beloved headphone jack, the 6S and 6S Plus still have them. These models have the A9 processing chip.

### iPhone 6S (\$449) and 6S Plus (\$549)



Stop anyone from forcing you to unlock your iPhone with this new update (Photo: Reviewed.com)

### iPhone 7 (\$549) and 7 Plus (\$669)



iPhone 7 (Photo: Apple Inc./Handout)

These models come with 32 GB of storage, and are great phones. Both have the same 4.7 inch and 5.5 inch screens as the 6S and 6S Plus, and the Plus model has the best camera Apple has released to date, with a dual lens system that offers both the traditional wider angle view, and a portrait lens, for close-ups. The 7 models have the more powerful A10 processing chip and are "water resistant." If you're looking at the 7 Plus as a camera first phone, you might consider upping the storage—for \$769 you get four times the amount to keep your 4K videos and all those selfies with 128 GB.

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Now we're getting into pricey territory. The new models (out September 22) are basically the 7 and 7 Plus, with a better processing chip, a "glass design," the ability to charge the phones with a wireless charging pad (an accessory that will set you back at \$59.99)

### iPhone 8 (\$699) and 8 Plus (\$799)



Phil Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide marketing talks about pricing for the new iPhone 8 Plus. (Photo: Marcio Jose Sanchez, AP)

The Plus model also has another improved camera, and a cool new software feature called "Portrait Lighting," that adjusts the image accordingly in low light, and pulls in some fun software tricks like the ability to eliminate, say, the background of a photo. Both models come with expanded starter storage, at 64 GBs.

### Phone X (\$999)



The new iPhone X—pronounced "ten"—features an edge-to-edge OLED display. (Photo: Apple)

The latest and greatest iPhone, with a larger screen (5.8 inches) made from OLED glass, (Apple calls it "Super Retina") which is sharper, and higher definition than other iPhones and an edge to edge body that eliminates the bezels.

Fun new features like we mentioned--you can unlock the phone with your eye, and there's this cool camera trick that lets you generate Animoji's--animated characters based on your facial expressions. You get the same camera as the 8 Plus and a new A11 "Bionic" chip, which Apple calls the "most powerful" chip ever in a smartphone. Add extra storage to this iPhone, and you're looking at \$1,149 with 256 GB of storage.

So, let's look at "use case"

—Buying for the student, or a replacement phone? The SE, in a nanosecond.

—A purchase for the person who has to have the latest and greatest: Easy. It's the X.

—The photo buff: the 7 Plus camera is the best in any smartphone, for our money. The 8 Plus is basically the same camera, with a new software tool that will certainly be passed down to other generations in the coming months. So as much as I like the "Portrait Lighting," trick, I'd probably spend the \$669 for the 7 Plus instead of \$799. On the other hand, the monthly rate is \$27.88 for the 7 Plus or \$39.50 for the 8 Plus. That's only an extra \$11.62 monthly for better photos that will make your Instagram fans drool.

—You want to partake in Augmented Reality, still have an older iPhone 5, 5S or 6 that won't work with the new apps, and you just don't feel like splurging for the new 8s. The 6S at \$449 is the second best deal of the bunch, a relatively current phone, with the exact same screen size as the iPhone 7 and 8 models. And it will run the apps.

## Answers to Independence Day Quiz

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1. **d) 8**- They include: Edo, Kwara, Kogi, Lagos, Ondo, Oyo, Ogun, and Osun
2. **a) Wasuze otya nno?** - This is Lugandan (native Ugandan language) for how was your night?
3. **b) Kalabari**- This delicacy made from ripe plantains and yams, is popular amongst the Kalabari tribe.
4. **d) Financial Institution**- the sector contributed only 3.17% to Q2'17 GDP; compared to Real Estate (7.98%), Construction (4.32%) and Food Beverage & Tobacco (4.17%).
5. **c) Germany**

6. **a) Herbert Macaulay**- This was a trick question. Macaulay is featured on a coin, not a note.
7. **c) Kebbi**- The last six states (Zamfara, Bayelsa, Gombe, Ekiti, Ebonyi and Nasarawa) were declared independent in 1996.
8. **c) The lyrics are a combination of phrases from the five best entries of a national contest**- Nigeria held a national contest to allow citizens to write the national anthem. In the end, 'Arise O Compatriots' was birthed from excerpts from the top 5 submissions. The music was written by the Nigerian Police Band under the leadership of music director, Benedict Odiase. It was adopted in 1978, replacing 'Nigeria we hail thee', written by Lillian Jean.
9. **d) Ebonyi shares a border with Cameroon**- The state is landlocked and bordered by Abia, Anambra, Benue and Cross River
10. **c) Nzema**- This is the language of the Nzema people located in the Western region in Ghana and Ivory Coast.