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A. That he fathered the as yet unborn child of Rachida Dati, French Justice Minister.

Q. Which day of the year does France celebrate la Journée de l'Europe?

A. May 9.

Q. How many gold medals did France win at the Beijing Olympics? (Clue: it was 12 fewer than Great Britain.)

A. Seven.

Q. Who is Catherine Millet?

A. Author of the hugely successful *La Vie sexuelle de Catherine M*, who released her second book, *Jour de Souffrance*, in August?

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A. The fighters were wearing the uniforms of dead French soldiers.

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A. Vintage champagne is blended from wines produced in a single, vintage year. Non-Vintage is blended from wines across various years.

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A. Eva Green.

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A. Soeur Emmanuelle, a nun dubbed 'the French Mother Theresa'.

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A. Jane Birkin.

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A. Michel Houellebecq.

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