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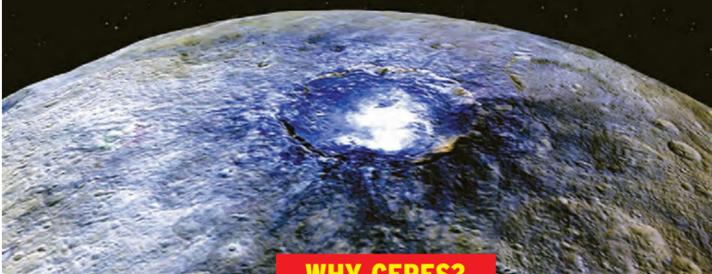


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INTO THE FUTURE

HUMANS MAY SOON BE LIVING ON CERES!



WHY CERES?

Sounds like utopia? Well, for Pekka Janhunen, a physicist from the Finnish Meteorological Institute, it may be a reality in the future. Recently, he revealed his plan to construct a 'megasatellite' that orbits the planet located in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. According to a report in Daily Mail, the disc-shaped habitat would house thousands of cylindrical structures, each home to more than 50,000 people, support an artificial atmosphere, and generate an Earth-like gravity through the centrifugal force of its own rotation.

- 1 According to Janhunen, Ceres's average distance from the Earth is comparable to that of Mars, which would make travel relatively easier
- 2 Besides, Ceres is rich in nitrogen, which would be crucial in developing the orbiting settlement's atmosphere (The Earth's atmosphere is roughly 79% nitrogen)
- 3 Its close proximity to the sun can be used to grow crops on the megasatellite, he added

DID YOU KNOW? Ceres, the nearest dwarf planet to the Earth, is a water world, and the first dwarf planet to be visited up close. It belongs to a distinct class of objects, after the rocky inner planets like Earth and Mars and gas giants like Jupiter

THE NEW ABODE

➤ According to Janhunen's proposal, each cylinder of the Ceres megasatellite would produce its own gravity through rotation; each cylindrical habitat would measure about 10 kilometres long, have a radius of one km and complete a full rotation every 66 seconds to generate the centrifugal force needed to simulate Earth-like gravity

➤ Beyond the cylinders and their massive disk frame, the colony's main features will be two enormous glass mirrors, angled at 45 degrees relative to the disk in order to reflect just enough natural sunlight into each habitat

➤ According to Janhunen, a part of each cylinder would be devoted to growing crops and trees, planted in a five-foot-thick bed of soil, derived from the raw materials from Ceres

➤ The settlers could utilise space elevators to transfer the raw materials from the planet directly up to their orbiting habitats, he added

UK invites PM Modi to attend G7 summit



The United Kingdom has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the G7 summit as a guest. The meet is scheduled to be held in Cornwall from June 11 to 14, 2021. Terming India as the 'pharmacy of the world', the UK lauded the efforts regarding the production of coronavirus vaccine and said, "India already supplies more than 50 per cent of the world's vaccines, and the UK and India have worked closely together throughout the pandemic."

DID YOU KNOW? G7 is a grouping of the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the USA and the EU

- This year the UK has also invited leaders from Australia and South Korea to attend as guest countries to deepen the expertise and experience around the table
- The summit in June will address shared challenges—from beating coronavirus and tackling climate change to ensuring that people everywhere can benefit from open trade, technological change, and scientific discovery

IT MINISTRY TELLS WHATSAPP TO WITHDRAW NEW PRIVACY POLICY

Raising concerns over the recently-announced changes to WhatsApp's privacy policy, the Union ministry of electronics and IT has asked the messaging platform to withdraw the recent change. In a strongly-worded letter to WhatsApp CEO Will Cathcart, the ministry has slammed the platform's "all or nothing" approach. The letter noted



TECH BUZZ

that the proposed changes to the privacy policy raise "grave concerns regarding the implications for the choice and autonomy of Indian citizens."

➤ The new policy announced earlier this month asked users to agree to the new terms by February 8. It said that not agreeing to the new terms would lead to a loss of access to their accounts. The sudden move sparked a lot of criticism across quarters, and the demand for other messaging apps surged overnight

➤ Further, amid intense criticism worldwide, the Facebook-owned platform has deferred its new data privacy policy by three months

IN THE FUTURE, COVID WILL RESEMBLE THE COMMON COLD-CAUSING VIRUS: SCIENTISTS

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, may resemble the mild cold-causing coronaviruses that currently circulate in humans, if it becomes endemic and most people are exposed in childhood, according to a study. The study is based on the research of the four common cold coronaviruses and SARS-CoV-1.



CORONA UPDATE

- The researchers noted that four common cold-causing coronaviruses have been circulating in humans for a long time, and almost everyone is infected at a young age
- Natural infection in childhood provides immunity that protects people later in life against severe disease, but it doesn't prevent periodic reinfection
- The research suggests that the endemic SARS-CoV-2 may become a disease of early childhood, where the first infection occurs between 3 and 5 years old, and the disease itself would be mild
- Older individuals could still become infected, but their childhood infections would provide immune protection against severe disease, according to the researchers
- How fast this shift comes depends on how fast the virus spreads and what kind of immune response the SARS-CoV-2 vaccines induce, they said



Quote unquote

"We are going in to a second year of pandemic. It could even be tougher, given the transmission dynamics and some of the issues that we are witnessing. Certainly, in the northern hemisphere, particularly in Europe and North America, we have seen that sort of season – coldness, people going inside, increased social mixing and a combination of factors that have driven increased transmission in many countries"

MIKE RYAN, Emergencies director, WHO

MATT DAMON JOINS 'THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER' CAST

Hollywood star Matt Damon will soon be seen in the superhero adventure, 'Thor: Love and Thunder', reports daily mail.co.uk. "I'm excited that my family and I will be able to call Australia



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home for the next few months," Damon said. "Australian film crews are world-renowned for their professionalism and are a joy to work with," added the 50-year-old.

- Damon had a small cameo in 'Thor: Ragnarok' as an Asgardian actor playing Loki in a play. However, it is not clear, if he is reprising the role for the superhero film, or will appear in a new role
- Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tessa Thompson and Christian Bale will also feature in the movie
- The plot details of the new Thor film have been kept under wraps

Names of Galwan braves get engraved on National War Memorial



The names of Galwan braves, who were killed in action during the clashes with China in Ladakh, have finally made it to the National War Memorial in New Delhi, ahead of the Republic Day. It took almost seven months to make it to the National War Memorial due to bureaucratic delays.

- The war memorial was built in memory of those who were killed in action after India's Independence
- In the 'Galwan clash' of June 15, 2020, 20 Indian soldiers died, even as the Chinese never made their casualties public

DID YOU KNOW? The stand-off between India and China has entered its ninth month, as both sides continue with heavy deployment of troops, artillery guns, tanks and armoured vehicles in close proximity

FACTOID

350 MILLION

People in the Asia-Pacific region are fighting hunger, thanks to the coronavirus pandemic, which has destroyed jobs and pushed food prices higher, according to the UN. The pandemic has made it difficult for 1.9 billion people to afford healthy diets. Nearly, 688 million people globally are undernourished, more than half of them in Asia. The largest share is in South Asian countries like Afghanistan, where four in 10 people are malnourished. Disruptions and job losses due to the pandemic are preventing families from getting enough to eat in many places. That's also evident in the long lines seen at the food banks even in the US. In India, broken supply chains and transport problems, especially during pandemic lockdowns, have prevented surplus grain stocks from reaching all those in need

Nepal to turn EVEREST TRASH into art for gallery to highlight mountain's garbage blight

In a bid to highlight the need to save the world's tallest mountain from turning into a dumping site, the trash collected from Mount Everest is all set to be transformed into art, and will be displayed in a nearby gallery. Tommy Gustafsson, the project director and co-founder of the Sagarmatha Next Centre, a visitors' information centre and a waste up-cycling facility, said, foreign and local artists will not only be engaged in creating artwork from the waste materials, locals will also be trained to turn the trash into treasures. "We want to showcase how you can transform solid waste to precious pieces of art... and generate employment and income as well," Gustafsson said.



➤ Used oxygen bottles, torn tents, ropes, broken ladders, cans, and plastic wrappers discarded by the climbers and the trekkers, litter the 8,848.86 metre-tall peak and the surrounding areas

➤ The Sagarmatha Next Centre, which has taken up the initiative, is located at an altitude of 3,780 metres at the Everest base camp, a two days' walk from Lukla, the gateway to the mountain.

➤ The products and artwork will be displayed to raise environmental awareness, or sold as souvenirs, with the proceeds going to the conservation of the region

➤ The trash brought down from the mountain or collected

from the households and tea houses along the trail is usually handled and segregated by a local environmental group, the Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee

DID YOU KNOW? Nearly 4,000 people have made 6,553 ascents from the Nepali side of the mountain, since Edmond Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing climbed in 1953. It can also be climbed from the Tibetan side in China, according to the Himalayan Data base

Draw inspiration from people who see the cup as half full: Indra Nooyi

Pepsico's former CEO Indra Nooyi has advised Indian students in the US not to idolise people based on their positions, but to draw inspiration from those "who see the cup as half full". During a video conference with the Embassy of India Student Hub last week,

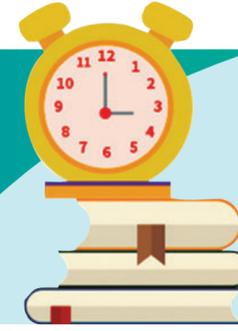
the 65-year-old Indian-American business executive said, "Don't just say to yourself that someone who inspires me has to be in a position that is higher...It is the people, who can handle crises in an interesting way that you should draw inspiration from," she added.



CELEB TALK

"Rather than talking about how to make that next big buck...(let's) talk about how we can mobilise to fundamentally contribute to the country. Our convenience mindset has gone too far, and we all need to do our bit...Make climate change personal"

MASTER HISTORY TO CONNECT WITH FUTURE



CLASS: XII - 2020-21

SUBJECT:

HISTORY (CBSE)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

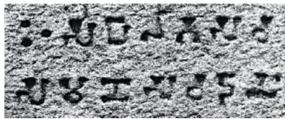
Paper set by G Vijayalakshmi, Educator (Higher Secondary), Udgam School, Ahmedabad

SECTION-A (10x1m=10m)

- 1) Ancient Mesopotamian texts mention contact of Harappans with a region called 'Dilmun'. Which place were they referring to?
- 2) What was the role of Dhamma Mahamattas?
- 3) Read the following information and mention the context in which the statement is connected. "The impact of land grants is a subject of heated debate."
- 4) Which among the following was discovered by the Archaeologist B B Lal?
 - A. six occupational levels at Hastinapur
 - B. houses constructed between 12-7th centuries BC and made of mud
 - C. palaces made of different materials
 - D. houses made of burnt bricks in all the levels
- 5) Correct the following statement and rewrite it:

The most important idea in Buddhism is that the entire world is animated. Even stones and rocks have life.

- 6) Identify the Bhakti tradition which favoured Shiva worship in Tamilnadu.
 - A. Alvars
 - B. Nayanars
 - C. Lingayats
 - D. Siddhas
- 7) What is the compilation of the Nayanar tradition known as?
- 8) Differentiate between Palaeography and Epigraphy.
- 9) What kind of inscription is the following image from Sanchi?

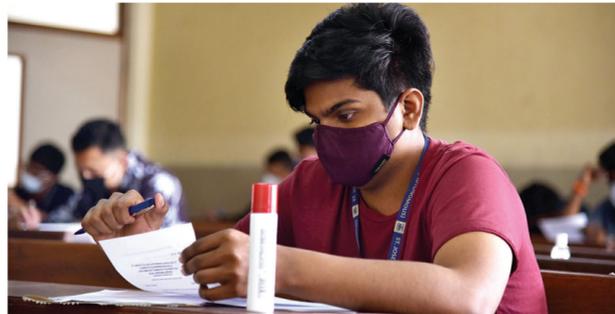


- 10) With which Mughal Emperor can we associate 'Badshah Nama'?
 - A. Aurangzeb
 - B. Shah Jahan
 - C. Humayun
 - D. Jahangir

SECTION-B

- 11) Read the following excerpt on The anguish of the King carefully and answer the three questions that follow: (1+1+1=3m)

When the king Devanampiya Piyadassi had been ruling for eight years, the (country of the) Kalingas (present-day coastal Orissa) was conquered by (him). One hundred and fifty thousand men were deported, a hundred thousand were killed, and many more died. After that, now that (the country of) the Kalingas has been taken, Devanampiya (is devoted) to an intense study of Dhamma, to the love of Dhamma, and to instructing (the people) in Dhamma. This is the repentance of Devanampiya on account of his conquest of the (country of the) Kalingas. For this is considered very



painful and deplorable by Devanampiya that, while one is conquering an unconquered (country) slaughter, death and deportation of people (take place) there.

a. Who is referred as Devanampiya Piyadassi?
i. Chandragupta Maurya ii. Ashoka iii. Harshavardhan iv. Bimbisara

b. Devanampiya means:
i. Beloved of the Gods ii. Pleasant to behold iii. Son of God iv. Praise of kings

c. Assertion(A): Devanampiya was devoted to a study of Dhamma, to the love of Dhamma, and to instructing in Dhamma. **Reason(R):** This was the result of the king's intense repentance after the Kalinga war.

(i) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
(ii) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(iii) A is incorrect but R is correct.
(iv) R is incorrect but A is correct.

12) Study the given 12th century bronze sculpture and answer the following questions by choosing the correct option: (1+1+1=3m)

- a.** This 12th century bronze sculpture is of
i. Marichi a Buddhist goddess ii. Manikkavachakar a devotee of Shiva
iii. Lakshmi the wife of Lord Vishnu
iv. None of the above
- b.** Which of the following are used as sources to study the Bhakti and Sufi traditions from 8th to 18th century CE?
i. Compositions of poet saints
ii. Hagiographies iii. Both i and ii
iv. Autobiographies
- c.** Which of the following Bhakti saint, adopted extreme asceticism to attain salvation?



i. Basavanna ii. Karaikkal Ammaiyar iii. Andal iv. None of these

13) Study this extract of the On clearance and settled cultivation and answer the following questions: (1+1+1=3m)

Passing through one village in the lower Rajmahal hills, Buchanan wrote: The view of the country is exceedingly fine, the cultivation, especially the narrow valleys of rice winding in all directions, the cleared lands with scattered trees, and the rocky hills are in perfection; all that is wanted is some appearance of progress in the area and a vastly extended and improved cultivation, of which the country is highly susceptible. Plantations of Asan and Palas, for Tassar (Tassar silk worms) and Lac, should occupy the place of woods to as great an extent as the demand will admit; the remainder might be all cleared, and the greater part cultivated, while what is not fit for the purpose, might rear Plamira (palmyra) and Mowa (mahua).

a. Choose the correct option.
Assertion(A): Buchanan was a keen surveyor of the Rajmahal hills.
Reason (R) He wanted to improve the condition of the Pahariyas.

- (i) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
(ii) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(iii) A is correct but R is wrong.
(iv) R is correct but A is wrong.
- b.** Buchanan's assessment was shaped by:
i. commercial concerns of the East India Company ii. western notions of what constituted progress. iii. how land could be transformed. iv. all of the above.
- c.** The inhabitants of Rajmahal hills:
i. appreciated Buchan's ideas of development and progress. ii. immediately began to implement his ideas regarding

clearance. iii. did not want to change their indigenous ways. iv. were keen to commercialise agriculture.

SECTION-C

Answer the following: 4x3m=12m

- 14) Discuss whether kings in early states were invariably Kshatriyas. Give examples.
- 15) List four issues against the British rule as highlighted in the Azamgarh Proclamation.
- 16) Identify the elements that went into the Mughal ideal of kingship.
- 17) Discuss any three features of the Indian Constitution.

SECTION-D

Answer the following: 3x8m=24m

- 18) Discuss the development in sculpture and architecture associated with Buddhism and Puranic Hinduism. 4+4
- 19) What have been the sources and methods to study the history of Vijayanagar empire? Discuss the architecture of Lotus Mahal and Virupaksha temple. 3+5
- 20) Non-Cooperation movement was an epoch in the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Elaborate the movement and the way it ended. 6+2

SECTION-E

Source Based Questions 3X5m=15m

- 21) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The most ancient system yet discovered About the drains, Mackay noted: "It is certainly the most complete ancient system as yet discovered." Every house was connected to the street drains. The main channels were made of bricks set in mortar and were covered with loose bricks that could be removed for cleaning. In some cases, limestone was used for the covers. House drains first emptied into a sump or cesspit into which solid matter settled while wastewater flowed out into the street drains. Very long drainage channels were provided at intervals with sumps for cleaning. It is a wonder of archaeology that "little heaps of material, mostly sand, have frequently been found lying alongside drainage channels, which shows ... that the debris was not always carted away when the drain was cleared".

- Ernest Mackay
21.1 What were the drains made of? Were drains found in smaller settlements as well? [2]
21.2 Why were sumps provided? What do little heaps of material reveal? [2]
21.3 Name the two Harappan sites in Gujarat where drains have been discovered?

11] 22. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow:
Love for the Lord
This is a part of a song attributed to a Bhakti saint:
I will build a funeral pyre made of sandalwood and aloes
Light it by your own hand
When I am burned away to cinders
Smear the ash upon your limbs
Let flame be lost to flame....

Another verse goes like this:
What can Mewar's ruler do to me?
If God is angry, all is lost
But what can the Rana do?

22.1 Who is this saint? Which Bhakti tradition was followed by this saint? [2]
22.2 How was this saint a social reformer too? [1]

22.3 What do the lines indicate about the saint's attitude towards

a. God b. The king [2]

23. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow:

The British element is gone, but they have left the mischief behind.

Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel said:

It is no use saying that we ask for separate electorates, because it is good for us. We have heard it long enough. We have heard it for years, and as a result of this agitation we are now a separate nation ... Can you show me one free country where there are separate electorates? If so, I shall be prepared to accept it. But in this unfortunate country if this separate electorate is going to be persisted in, even after the division of the country, we betide the country; it is not worth living in. Therefore, I say, it is not for my good alone, it is for your own good that I say it, forget the past. One day, we may be united ... The British element is gone, but they have left the mischief behind. We do not want to perpetuate that mischief.

(Hear, hear). When the British introduced this element they had not expected that they will have to go so soon. They wanted it for their easy administration. That is all right. But they have left the legacy behind. Are we going to get out of it or not?

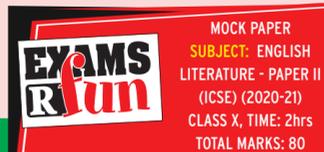
23.1 What were the arguments Sardar Patel gave against retaining separate electorates? [3]

23.2 Name the Constituent Assembly member from Madras who was in favour of Separate electorates. [1]

23.3 Why did the British introduce separate electorates? [1]

Of poetry, prose and passages

PAPER SET BY LEENA RAO, TEACHER, MG SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, BENGALURU



MOCK PAPER
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
LITERATURE - PAPER II
(ICSE) (2020-21)
CLASS X, TIME: 2hrs
TOTAL MARKS: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Attempt five questions in all from only three text books.
- You must attempt at least one question from each of the Sections A, B and C and not more than two other questions from the same books you have already compulsorily chosen.
- The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []

SECTION-A (Drama)

The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare

- Question 1: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;

And earthly power doth then show like God's
When mercy seasons justice.

- Name the speaker. Why did the speaker appeal to the Jew for mercy? Earlier who else in the play appealed for mercy? [3]
- What are the three qualities of mercy which the speaker has stated just before the extract? [3]
- Give the meaning of 'But mercy is above this sceptred sway'. How does Shylock turn down Portia's plea for mercy? What does he insist on? [3]
- What is Bassanio ready to do for Antonio in the court? Why is Bassanio snubbed immediately by the disguised Portia? [3]
- Mention two prominent character traits of Shylock as high-

lighted through the scene from which the extract has been taken. Substantiate your answer with examples from the text. [4]

Question 2: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Portia: But this reasoning is not in the fashion to choose me a husband. O me, the word "choose"! I may neither choose whom I would, nor refuse whom I dislike; so is the will of a living daughter curbed by the will of a dead father. Is it not hard, Nerissa, that I cannot choose one, nor refuse none?

- What test had Portia's father devised for her suitors? What oath did the suitors have to take before making their choice? [3]
- Who is Nerissa? What does she say to cheer up Portia? [3]
- Why does Portia disapprove of the County Palatine? Who would she rather marry? [3]
- How, according to Portia, can the Duke of Saxony's nephew be made to choose the wrong casket? What do these suitors ultimately decide? Why? [3]
- Whom does Portia ultimately marry? Who were the two other suitors who took the test? Why, in your opinion, is the person whom she marries worthy of her? [4]

Question 3: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Duke: You hear the team'd Bellario, And here, I take it, is the doctor come. [Enter Portia, dressed like a Doctor of Laws]

Give me your hand. Come you from old Bellario?

Portia: I did, my lord.
Duke: You are welcome. Take your place. Are you acquainted with the differ-

ence That holds this present question in the court?

- Where is this scene set? Why was Portia there? [3]
- What reason had Bellario given for his absence? Whom had he sent in his stead? [3]
- Bellario's letter stated that he had taken some measures to prepare the 'young and learned doctor' to deal with the case. What were they? [3]
- What was the 'difference' between Shylock the Jew and Antonio the merchant that the Duke was unable to resolve? [3]
- How does Portia succeed in saving Antonio? [4]
- What does this reveal of her character?

SECTION-B (Poetry)

A Collection of Poems

Question 4: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"Now tell us what it was all about".
Young Peterkin, he cries,
And little Wilhelmine looks up
With wonder - waiting eyes,
"Now tell us all about the war,
And what they fought each other for."

- Who are Peterkin and Wilhelmine? [3]
- How does the poet describe the scene at the beginning of the poem? [3]
- What did Young Peterkin find and where? Describe it. [3]
- Who is referred to as "each other"? What did they fight for? [3]
- To whom are the words in the extract addressed? [3]
- How was this person's family affected by the war? [3]
- What, according to the poet, are the consequences that are often associated with great and famous victories? [4]

What message does the poet want to convey to the readers?

Question 5: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

There's nobody on the house-tops now....

Just a palsied few at the windows set;
For the best of the sight is, all allow,
At the Shambles' Gate... or, better yet,
By the very scaffold's foot, I trow.

- Who is the speaker? Where is he being taken? Why? [3]
- Describe the scene when he had walked down the same street a year ago. [3]
- Where does the speaker think all the people had gathered that day? Why does he think so? [3]
- Describe the speaker's physical condition. [3]
- What is the central message of the poem? [4]
- Does the poem end on a note of hope or despair? [4]
- Give one reason for your answer.

Question 6: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

All round the field spectators were gathered
Cheering on all the young women and men
Then the final event of the day was approaching
The last race about to begin.

- Where had the 'young women and men' come from? [3]
- What had brought them together? How had they prepared themselves for the event? [3]
- What was the last event of the day? [3]
- How many athletes were participating in this event? [3]
- What signal were they waiting for? [3]
- What happened to the youngest athlete half way through the race? How did he respond? [3]

- What 'strange' turn did the story take at this point? [3]
- Why does the poet say that the banner 'Special Olympics' could not have been nearer the mark? [4]
- What human quality does the poem celebrate?

SECTION-C (Prose)

A Collection of Short Stories

Question 7: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

An angry athlete is an athlete who will make mistakes, as any coach will tell you. I was no exception. On the first of my three qualifying jumps, I leaped from several inches beyond the take-off board for a foul.

- When and where is this story set? [3]
- What reason does the narrator Jesse Owens give for the heightened nationalistic feelings at this time? [3]
- In which event had Owens been confident of winning a gold medal? Why? [3]
- What had made Owens angry enough to make mistakes? [3]
- Name Owens' rival who approached him at this point. [3]
- What advice did this athlete give Owens? [3]
- How did the two athletes perform in the finals? [4]
- What does Jesse Owens consider his 'Greatest Olympic Prize'? Why?

Question 8: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"What are you doing out here, boy?" asked Mr. Oliver sharply, moving closer so that he could recognize the miscreant. But even as he approached the boy, Mr. Oliver senses that something was wrong. The boy appeared to be crying.

- Who was Mr. Oliver? How did he usually spend his evenings? [3]
- Mention any three facts about the school at which he worked. [3]
- Where did Mr. Oliver find the boy? How could he tell that the boy was 'weeping'? What made Mr. Oliver feel uneasy? [3]
- What did Mr. Oliver see when the boy finally looked up? What was Mr. Oliver's immediate reaction? [3]
- To whom does Mr. Oliver turn for help? What does he discover about this person? Mention any two effective methods that the author has used to create an eerie atmosphere in the story 'A Face in the Dark'. [4]

Question 9: Answer the following questions with reference to T.S. Arthur's short story, 'An Angel in Disguise':

- How did the children's mother die? What did the villagers decide to do about the children? [4]
- What did Joe see when he looked in through the brightly lit window of his home later that evening? Why does this scene fill him with a sense of relief? [4]
- How does the author describe Mrs. Thompson initially? Trace the change in Mrs. Thompson's nature from the time that Maggie enters the Thompsons' home. [8]

These questions and the marks alongside are meant for practice purpose only. Students are advised to check format, syllabus and marks for Board test papers with their teachers. Questions have been given by teachers and NIE is not responsible for them.

Ways to calm down your kids without using screen

Children and tantrums are normal things. Screaming, crying, rolling on the floor can be difficult to handle for anyone, whether you are a new mom or an experienced one. Most of us just hand over a gadget or put on a cartoon channel when we have to deal with such a situation, which is not a healthy practice. There are several studies that suggest that too much screen time can harm your little one's eyes. It is important to handle this situation tactfully and look for alternatives to calm down your little one. Here are some easy ways to handle your kids without using a screen



YOU CALM DOWN

The first thing should be to calm down. The more you will respond to their action, the more aggressive they will become. If you will stop responding and let them carry on, they might calm down for a while and start listening to you.

PLAY GAMES WITH THEM

Playing a game with your kids can be the best way to deal with their tantrums. Kids will not say no to the game, especially if you offer to play with them. From board games to moulding clays, involving them in different activities will make them creative and also keep them busy.

ASK FOR OPTION

Listen to them carefully and ask them for two alternatives that could help them at the moment. These have to be things other than what you said no to. If they suggest something that is acceptable to you, then praise them.



COMMUNICATE

A tried and tested way to deal with their tantrums is to communicate with your children at all times. Ask your kids what is troubling them and genuinely want to solve their problems. The moment they know you are there to hear them out, their tantrums will stop!

SING SOMETHING

Some kids respond well to music. It really helps them calm down. Play their favourite song, even when they are throwing a tantrum. You will notice that they will calm down after a while and forget about the thing they were crying about.

HUG THEM

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5 STEPS TO STOP YOUR CHILD FROM LYING

As a parent you might go through a stage in which you have to deal with your kid lying. Telling lies and hiding the truth is a common problem that kids go through during their initial years. As lying comes easy, kids often choose it over telling the truth. Follow these steps to stop this habit in them



Principle of 'honesty is the best policy'

As the age old saying goes, 'honesty is the best policy' holds relevance in today's time as well. Make it a family rule and ask everyone to practice it. A child imitates elders and imbibes what he sees. Practicing honesty yourself will make him value the importance of being truthful.

negative consequence. They might be afraid of getting a scolding from you if they disclose the truth. In order to avoid such a scenario, assure your kid that he can trust you with anything. This way, he will not only find it comfortable to discuss issues with you but also come out clean, instead of lying.

Figure out the reason behind their persistent lies and help them tame the habit. If not handled on time, lying might become their permanent habit

Figure out the reason behind it

Often kids lie because of a specific reason. It can range from bragging about stuff to avoiding taking responsibility. Figure out the reason behind their persistent lies and help them tame the habit. If not handled on time, lying might become their permanent habit as they grow up.

Give examples and create scenarios

Teaching through examples and stories is the best way to get your message across. If you are noticing your child lying quite often, then it is best to get hold of the situation while it is raw. Once grown up, kids usually carry their childhood habits, which can pose a problem from them in the future. Make them read stories about honesty, biographies to truthful people and quotes about how being honest is essential.

Discuss consequences and warning system

Talk to your child about what might happen if he lies about things. It can not only label them as a dishonest person but will also prevent others from trusting him in future. You can also put a warning system in place which will prevent them.

Assure him that he can tell you the truth

Usually kids lie when they fear a

When every parent became a superstar...

MALINI MENON They say it takes a whole village to raise a child. The year 2020 saw something different—the whole world became that village virtually rais-

ing one another's children. All parents, be it a celebrity or not, stormed into the social media platforms to discuss and share activities to kill boredom, ways to deal with meltdown, how to become a chef mom/dad or to

figure tech hacks for online schooling. At the click of a key, an idea emerged, teaching parents how to engage better with their 'cooped-up' kids, and become their best versions during that 'teen meltdown'.

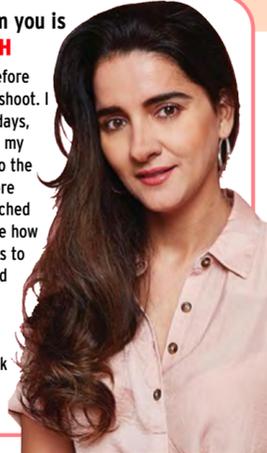
I told my kid to learn to live the 'now' moment: **JUHI PARMAR**

How my life changed during pandemic: I think the biggest takeaway from this pandemic was that I could reinforce to my daughter that 'life is all about now – the present'. Seize the moment and be grateful to all that you have – be it love, happiness, comfort and strength. I think if we count our blessings, we will be complaining a lot lesser every day. Biggest takeaway: Be more tech savvy.



All that children need from you is quality time: **SHRUTI SETH**

How pandemic changed my life: Before the lockdown, I was busy with my shoot. I had not seen my daughter for 60 days, and when the lockdown happened, my daughter told me, "I am grateful to the lockdown as I will get to spend more time with you and dad." This wrenched my heart, but also made me realise how important that physical presence is to a child. We all have our careers and it has its own demands. Children understand that and adjust to it. But one thing that struck me was that whatever time even amid work that I spend with my daughter, it should be exclusively ours.



As parents, Hrithik and I planned a schedule for kids: **SUSSANNE KHAN**

How we spent lockdown together with kids: During the first four months of the lockdown, as parents, Hrithik and I stayed together and planned out each day for our children under two sections—onscreen and off-screen activities. We made sure that we read together as a family, not on a device but a printed edition. We had gym and recreational time. My children have a musical ear and play guitar.



Don't let technology make kids couch potatoes, physical activity is a must: **MARY KOM**

How life changed during pandemic: As a mother, I have been away from my kids for long durations due to tournaments. Hence, when the lockdown began, this was perhaps the first time I got to spend so much time with them.



DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

Have a tech cape on, be smarter than Google

With technology taking over our lives in 2020, I donned my 'tech cape' and bettered my knowledge so that I can be smarter than Google search engine with answers for my son. I think 2020 brought my family together.

DEEPTHI ELIAS MOHAN, mother of a 13-year-old

Found my happy space with my son

Supervising my son during the online classes amid own schedule was challenging. I also became a teacher. It sent me back to my own school days. 2020 gave me time to bond with my son.

TUSHAR NAGALIA, father of an 8-year-old

Twin learnings: Life skills and self-reliance

The biggest takeaway from 2020 for parents has been how essential it is to be self-reliant. The year proved helpful in teaching my twins the same – doing chores on their own. I think we all learnt many life skills together.

SHWETA MATHUR, mother of 6-year-old twins

Our rushed life has slowed down to meaningful moments

With online school, we have stopped rushing from one schedule to another, meeting deadlines. With my daughter, I have learnt to live the moment. 2020 gave me time to connect with my daughter.

DR CHARU SHARMA, mother of a 6-year-old

QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) How much fine will be imposed on the people for blocking ambulances as a part of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill?

- A. ₹10,000 B. ₹30,000
- C. ₹50,000 D. ₹1,000

Q.2) Krishi kiosk, a scheme for farmers was launched in the state of _____.

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Goa
- C. Delhi
- D. Haryana

Q.3) Which space agency has designed Lunar Evacuation System Assembly (LESA) system to save the lives of astronauts?

- A. European Space Agency
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- C. Italian Space Agency
- D. Canadian Space Agency



ANSWERS

- 1. A) ₹10,000 2. D) Haryana
- 3. A) European Space Agency

KNOWLEDGE BANK (NATURE)

Aronia

Also called Chokeberries, these are cultivated as ornamental plants and as food products. The sour berries, or aronia berries, can be eaten raw off the bush, but are more frequently processed. They can be found in wine, jam, syrup, juice, soft spreads, tea, salsa, chili starters, extracts, ice cream, gummies and tinctures. The name 'chokeberry' comes from the astringency of the fruits, which create the sensation of making one's mouth pucker.



IPL 2021 AUCTION

5 TOP PLAYERS IN SPOTLIGHT

The preparations for the IPL 2021 kicked off on Wednesday (January 20) when the 8 IPL franchises submitted their list of retained and released players. Steven Smith and Chris Morris' releases hogged the limelight as their respective franchises did not shy away from making the bold calls. Ahead of the mini-auction for IPL 2021, we have a look at players who will be in the spotlight:

CHRIS MORRIS

Before the IPL 2020 auction, there were even doubts if Chris Morris would manage to draw a bid. He just didn't draw a bid, but went home with a fat cheque of ₹10 crore after Royal Challengers Bangalore, Kings XI Punjab and Mumbai Indians continued to bid for him. Injury prevented him from playing all the matches in IPL 2020. The SA all-rounder scalped 11 wickets in 9 matches that he played. No doubts, Morris can once again emerge as one of the highest-paid picks as he did really well for RCB, as per Mike Hesson – their director of cricket.

GLENN MAXWELL

The biggest flop of IPL 2020, Glenn Maxwell only managed 108 runs off 106 balls and failed to hit even one six. Bought for ₹10.75 crore, Maxwell failed to do justice to the money and will once again be back into the auction. A one-season wonder so far, Maxwell's credentials in T20I cricket always make him a player to watch out for in IPL auction and this also put him on our list of players in the spotlight. Maxwell might not be able to match the ₹10.75 crore-mark this year but no doubts, he can breach the 5 crore-mark once again.

AARON FINCH

If RR made the bold call of releasing their captain, RCB released a national captain. Bought for ₹4.8 crore, Finch didn't have a memorable maiden season for RCB and only scored 268 runs. He was also dropped from the playing XI in the second half of the season. Despite his poor run, Finch is expected to be one of the players to watch out for and he will be in the spotlight before the auction. He has 2005 runs in 87 IPL matches, at a strike-rate of 127.70.



Photo: PTI

STEVEN SMITH

The only captain to be released ahead of the auction, Steven Smith will be in the spotlight, even though he isn't expected to hit the jackpot. Smith's credentials in international cricket are too much to be ignored but he is yet to replicate his greatness in IPL. Hence, Rajasthan Royals did not shy away from releasing their captain ahead of a mini-auction. Smith's international experience and stature put him in the spotlight but as said, he might not be able to draw a fat paycheque.



Photo: PTI

SHIVAM DUBE

Even before his India debut, Shivam Dube made waves in IPL auction after RCB bought him for ₹5 crore. He wasn't given a long rope in IPL 2019 but next year, RCB backed him as he made his India debut before the season. Dube didn't live up to the expectations again and was released. The release could actually benefit him as Dube is expected to draw a big bid in IPL 2021 auction. Just like in 2018, Dube is once again in the spotlight going into an IPL auction.



Photo: RCB TWITTER HANDLE

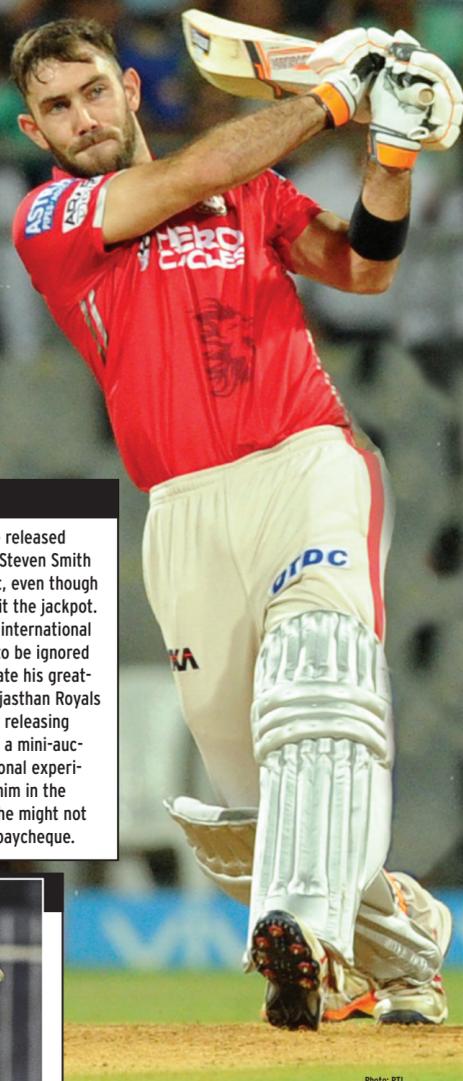


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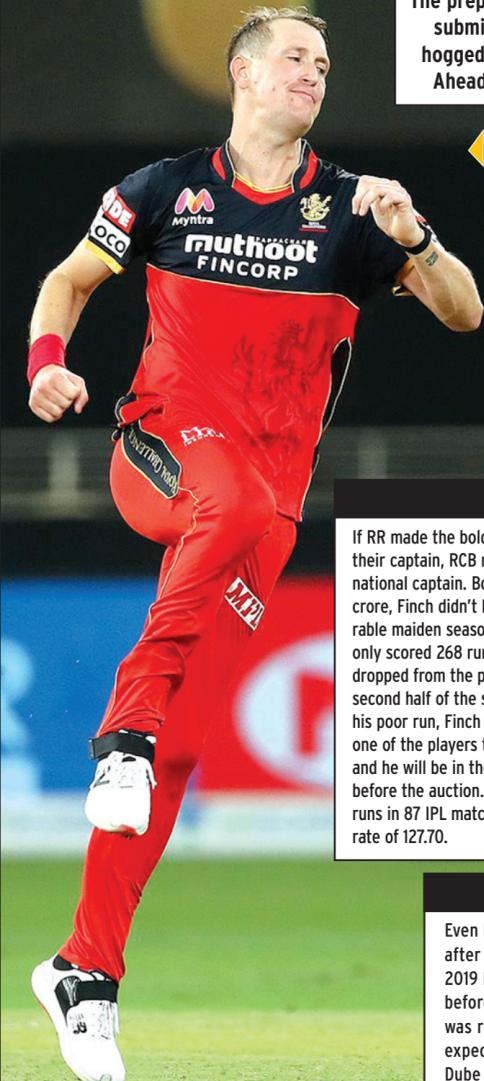


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'I WANT TO MAKE MY OWN NAME'

Rishabh Pant reacts to comparisons with MS Dhoni

After powering India to victory over Australia in the fourth Test, India wicket-keeper batsman Rishabh Pant said that although it feels good to be compared to former cricketer MS Dhoni, he does not want people to make comparisons as he wants to make his own name in the sport. Pant played an unbeaten inning of 89 runs in the fourth innings of the Test as India chased down the total of 328. This is the highest chase recorded at the Gabba, Brisbane. ANI

It feels good when you are compared to someone like MS Dhoni but I do not want people to make comparisons. I want to make my own name in the Indian cricket team. That is the only thing I am focused on. Also, it is not good that you compare a legend with a youngster.



Photo: AFP

Ronaldo becomes 'greatest goalscorer' in history of football

Cristiano Ronaldo topped the goalscorers' charts in world football with his 760th career goal in professional football

THERE'S STILL A DISPUTE ON WHO IS THE TOP GOALSCORER

The debates over who is the real GOAT among Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo will continue raging on for years but there's absolutely no denying that the Portuguese is the 'greatest goalscorer' the football world has ever seen. He volleyed a close-range opener to put Juventus in the lead and claim the elusive record before substitute Alvaro Morata sealed victory in injury time for the Serie A champions.

Ronaldo netted his 760th goal in professional football during Juventus' 2-0 victory over Napoli in the Italian Super Cup to register his name in the history books. Ronaldo's record-breaking strike takes him above the disputed total for Josef Bican in the list of highest goalscorers in world football history.

Bican has been sitting on top of goal scorer's charts with 805 goals to his tally but it has often been disputed that 27 of his goals came for Rapid Vienna's amateur teams as well as those which were netted in unofficial games. The revised tally, hence, sits at 759 goals in 459 games.

Official tally of goals in professional football:

- 760 - Cristiano Ronaldo
- 759 - Josef Bican
- 757 - Pele
- 743 - Romario
- 719 - Lionel Messi

A section of statisticians also reports that some of the goals weren't accounted for in the tally as the data is partially missing from the Czech second division in 1952. Bican played for a total of 5 clubs in his career, with Rapid Vienna and Slavia Prague being the most renowned. A similar argument also surfaces including the next footballers on the list – Brazil greats Pele and Romario whose official tally reads 757 and 743 goals. The two Brazilians claimed to have scored more than 1000 goals but the official statistics say something else.

As far as Pele is concerned, the Santos legend even has mentioned on his Instagram bio that he is the 'leading goalscorer of all time' with 1,283 strikes to his name. But in the official books, it's Ronaldo who now tops the charts.



Photo: AFP

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of the following players holds the record for most NBA postseason wins?

- a) LeBron James
- b) Kobe Bryant
- c) Michael Jordan
- d) Damian Lillard

Q2: The most Formula One World Championships won is seven. Other than Michael Schumacher, which of these drivers has achieved this record?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Ayrton Senna
- c) Lewis Hamilton
- d) Charles Leclerc

Q3: One country has won the Federation of International

Polo (FIP) World Championships five times. Name the country.

- a) The United States
- b) Argentina
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

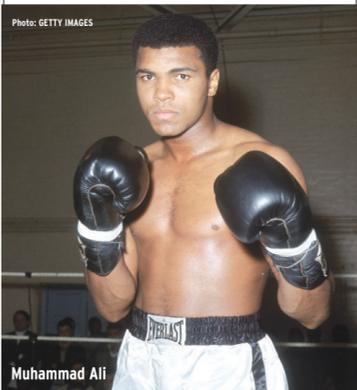
Q4: Which boxer did Muhammad Ali defeat to win his first World Heavyweight Championship?

- a) Sonny Liston
- b) Leon Spinks
- c) George Foreman
- d) Muhammad Ali

Q5: Giannis Antetokounmpo was awarded as the 2019-20 NBA Defensive Player of the Year. He is playing for which team?

- a) Golden State Warriors
- b) Chicago Bulls
- c) New York Knicks
- d) Milwaukee Bucks

Q6: Muhammad Ali became the first boxer in the world to win the heavyweight champion three times. Whom did he defeat to win his third title?



Muhammad Ali

- a) Sonny Liston
- b) Leon Spinks
- c) George Foreman
- d) Joe Frazier

Q7: Who is the oldest medallist at an IAAF World Athletics Championships?

- a) Carl Dohmann
- b) Brendan Boyce
- c) Evan Dunfee
- d) Joao Vieira

Q8: The highest FIDE rating ever attained by a chess player is 2,882. Which of these players achieved it?

- a) Magnus Carlsen
- b) Hikaru Nakamura
- c) Viswanathan Anand
- d) Fabiano Caruana

Q9: Which country holds the record for most women's

ice hockey world championships?

- a) The United States
- b) Argentina
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

Q10: Which of the following players have won most squash world championships?

- a) Jansher Khan
- b) Hashim Khan
- c) Rodney Eyles
- d) Jahangir Khan

Q11: Which country has won most consecutive men's volleyball world championships?

- a) Italy
- b) Brazil
- c) Greece
- d) Japan

ANSWERS: 1- a) LeBron James 2- c) Lewis Hamilton 3- b) Argentina 4- a) Sonny Liston 5- d) Milwaukee Bucks 6- b) Leon Spinks 7- d) Joao Vieira 8- a) Magnus Carlsen 9- c) Canada 10- a) Jansher Khan 11- a) Italy