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## CBSE will adopt 30:30:40 formula for evaluation of marks of class XII students: Centre to SC

The Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the CBSE will be adopting a 30:30:40 formula for evaluation of marks of class XII students based on the results of class X, XI and XII respectively. Attorney General KK Venugopal, representing the CBSE, submitted that the marks of practical/internal assessment etc of class XII will be on actual basis as uploaded by the school on the CBSE portal. The Supreme Court in principle approved the CBSE's decision for taking into account the aggregation of marks of class X, XI and XII with specified weightages.

The results will be declared by July 31, and schools are required to submit the marks by July 15. Students, who are not satisfied with the marks/grading through the present mechanism, can improve upon their marks by appearing in physical examinations, which would be held as soon as the situation normalises



The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) said that it would consider the performance of students for last six classes, unlike CBSE, which is taking note of the performance in class X, XI and XII exams, in finalising the final board results. PTI

### How students will be assessed

**1** CBSE said, it will evaluate class XII students for theory based on 30 per cent marks from class X board, 30 per cent from class XI and 40 per cent from marks based on the performance in unit, mid term and pre-board tests in class XII

**2** It said, the marks obtained by class XII students in practical and internal assessment on actual basis as uploaded by schools on CBSE portal will be also considered in deciding the final results

**3** For class X, the marks in best of the three from the main five subjects in mid-term examinations, will be considered

**4** Each school has to form a result committee to take into account the marks of a student obtained in the three examinations, which would be vetted by the moderation committee of CBSE

**5** The moderation committee will look into the difference in marking mechanism adopted by schools

**6** Historical performance of a school in class XII board for the last few years, and the overall percentage of marks obtained by students in past years' board examinations will be taken into account for moderation purposes

(SOURCE: TOI, PTI & AGENCIES)

### STUDENTS REACT

■ The assessment criteria devised by the board is fair, as it provides equitable weightage to class X and class XI marks, while providing greater emphasis to class XII marks, which ensures that the efforts put in by students in class XII are not wasted.

Samyuktta Sivakumar, class XII, Ryan International School, Kandivali, Mumbai

■ Though it comes as a relief for those, who have been consistent in all the three years, it's disappointing for students, who have worked hard for the class XII exam. Besides, let's not forget, these marks will matter when we apply for colleges, and especially for students, who have applied for foreign universities.

Vasi H Balaji, class XII, PSBB LLA, Bengaluru

■ Instead of assessing the last three years, marks based on the revisions and pre-board exams of class XII, would have been a better option. But the fact that students, who are not satisfied with the evaluation formula can appear for the class XII board exams, when the situation normalises, is a saving grace.

Sathiga Devi P, class XII, Shree Niketan Patasala, Chennai



### Entertainment

#### KEVIN BACON TAPPED TO PLAY THE VILLAIN IN 'THE TOXIC AVENGER' REBOOT

Mystic River star Kevin Bacon has joined the cast of Legendary's reboot of 'Toxic Avenger' as a villain. The reboot of the 1984 film from schlock movie house Troma Entertainment already has Peter Dinklage, Jacob Tremblay and Taylour Paige on board, with the shooting set to begin later this month in Bulgaria. Macon Blair, who also wrote the script for the story, is set to direct the movie.

The story revolves around a struggling everyman who, when pushed into a vat of toxic waste, is transformed into a mutant freak, who must go from shunned out-cast to underdog hero as he races to save his son, his friends, and his community from the forces of corruption and greed, according to Hollywood Reporter, which first broke the news of Bacon's casting.



## Pokémon GO creator Niantic to make a Transformers game

Pokémon GO creator Niantic has announced its next project: a location-based augmented reality game. Called 'Transformers: Heavy Metal', the game, expected to launch globally this year, will have players join the Guardian Network, a group of humans, who have banded together with the Autobots in a war against the Decepticons. As a Guardian, players will uncover hidden regions across the Earth to find resources and battle Decepticons in turn-based battles, either solo or with friends.

While Niantic is best-known for the ongoing success of Pokémon Go, the company has also expanded by attempting to bring other fictional realms to the video games. The first was the Harry Potter universe, with Wizards Unite, and more recently, the developer announced a partnership with Nintendo that will include a Pikmin game



**GAMING ZONE**

## Facebook launches new initiative to help children be safe online

Social media giant Facebook has launched a new initiative that encourages people to report child abuse content on its platforms and not to share it. The initiative, 'Report it, don't share it' is in collaboration with civil society organisations like the Aarambh India Initiative, Cyber Peace Foundation and Arpan. The initiative was rolled out with an animated video, which visually communicates the negative impact that the circulation of child abuse content could have on the child, who's the subject of such content, even if it's about condemning the act.

To report a content where a child is at risk, call 1098 and report it to the Childline India Foundation. If the content exists on Facebook's family of apps, it can be reported on fb.me/onlinechildprotection

■ Earlier this year, the social media giant conducted an in-depth analysis to understand the illegal child exploitative content on Facebook and Instagram

■ It was found that more than 90 per cent of this content was the same as or visually similar to previously-reported content. And most of this sharing was happening without any intent to harm children

■ Recently, Facebook updated its child safety policies to clarify that it will remove Facebook profiles, pages, groups and Instagram accounts that are dedicated to sharing otherwise innocent images of children with captions, hashtags or comments containing inappropriate signs of affection or commentary about the children depicted in the image



**TECHAWAY**

## You ask, We answer

Are you facing issues related to your academics, mental health, etc? Do you want to share your problems, but shy to reveal it with your near ones? Never mind, our expert, CBSE helpline counsellor, Jaydeb Kar will answer queries from students, parents and educators. Your identity will be strictly protected...

**Q** My father has lost his job following the pandemic. The atmosphere at home gets extremely tensed during discussions about finances. It gets difficult for me to concentrate on my studies. I even get thoughts of discontinuing my studies. Please guide me.

■ Like your father, many people have lost their jobs, but you should wait for things to get back to normal. No doubt, the situation at home must be very tensed, but you should be focusing on your studies. Discuss with your parents, I am sure they must have started looking for a new job. If you have any skills that can be used for free-

lancing, you can use them to earn some money as well.

**Q** I am a parent of class IX student.

■ My ward is attending online classes and studying through e-learning resources. I am not able to understand what exactly he is learning, and how we can monitor them?

■ You should trust your ward and discuss with him about his learnings online, on a daily basis. Rather than keeping him isolated, as a parent you can frequently check your ward's activities online, ensuring that he is not misusing the resources.



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CLASS: XII - 2020-21

SUBJECT:

ENGLISH (CBSE)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

# DEVELOP A FLUENT STYLE TO SCORE IN ENGLISH



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## PART-A (READING-40 marks)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

1. Educational planning should aim at meeting the educational needs of the entire population of all age groups. While the traditional structure of education as a three-layer hierarchy from the primary stage to the university represents the core, we should not overlook the periphery which is equally important under modern conditions. Workers need to rewind or renew their enthusiasm or strike out in a new direction or improve their skills as much as any university professor. The retired and the aged have their needs as well. Educational planning in other words should take care of the needs of everyone.

2. Our structures of education have been built up on the assumption that there is a terminal point to education. This basic defect has become even more harmful today. A UNESCO report entitled 'Learning to Be' prepared by Edgar Faure and others in 1973 asserts that the education of children must prepare the future adult for various forms of self-learning. A viable education system of the future would consist of modules with different kinds of functions serving a diversity of constituents. And performance, not the period of study, should be the basis of credentials. The writing is already on the wall.

3. In view of the fact that the significance of a commitment of lifelong learning and lifelong education is being discussed only in recent years even in educationally advanced countries, the possibility of the idea becoming an integral part of educational thinking seems to be a far cry. For, to move in that direction means much more than some simple rearrangement to the present organization of education. But a good beginning can be made by developing Open University programs for older learners of different categories and introducing extension services in the conventional colleges and schools. Also, these institutions should learn to cooperate with numerous community organizations such as libraries, museums, municipal recreational programs, health services, etc.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions: [10]

i) According to the author, educational planning should attempt to...

(a) decide a terminal point to education (b) train the people at the core (c) fulfil the educational needs of everyone (d) encourage conventional schools and colleges

ii) According to the author, the concept of 'lifetime education' is...

(a) not practical (b) not desirable (c) in vogue in advanced countries (d) still in formative stages

iii) According to the passage, the present education structures assume that...

(a) Education is a one-time process. (b) All people can be educated as per their needs. (c) Discussions on lifelong learning should continue for some time. (d) Present educational planning is very much practical.

iv) In the context of the passage the meaning of the sentence, 'The writing is already on the wall.' is...

(a) The signs of change are already visible. (b) Everything is uncertain nowadays. (c) It is a mysterious process. (d) You cannot change the future.

v) The correct option that lists how education for everyone can be started is...

1. By opening up more schools and colleges. 2. By starting practical classes. 3. By developing open university programs for older learners. 4. By introducing extension services in the conventional colleges and schools. 5. By fixing terminal point to education. 6. By sticking to the present structure of education.

(a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 5 and 6 (d) 2 and 5

vi) The correct option as per the UNESCO report 'Learning to Be' in 1973 is...

(1) Fix an end point to education. (2) Encourage students to earn high marks. (3) Emphasis should be given in memorizing. (4) Prepare the future adults for various forms of self-learning. (5) Preparing modules with different kinds of functions. (6) Period of study should be on the basis of credentials.

(a) 1 and 6 (b) 4 and 5 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 4 and 6

vii) The basis for credentials should be...

(1) Period (2) Age (3) Experience (4) Performance (5) Communication skill (6) Achievement

(a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 4

(c) 2 and 5 (d) 4 and 6

viii) The extract uses the phrase 'far cry'. The correct expressions with respect to this phrase is...

(a) Distant possibility (b) Sorrow (c) Existing for a long time (d) Crying for a long time.

ix) The statement that is NOT TRUE according to the passage is...

(a) Our education structure is based on the terminal points to education. (b) Education system of future would consist of modules with different kinds of functions.

(c) Performance should be the basis of certificates. (d) Period should be the basis of certificates.

x) The option that lists the characteristics which are not apt for the new education structure is...

(1) Education for workers (2) Education for retired and aged (3) End point to education (4) Performance based credentials (5) Open university programs (6) Conventional colleges and schools

(a) 2 and 3 (b) 4 and 5 (c) 3 and 6 (d) 1 and 6

Q2. Read the passage below:

1. Civilization has not succeeded so far, in creating an environment suitable to mental and moral activities of mankind. The low intellectual and spiritual value of most human beings is due largely to deficiencies of their psychological atmosphere. The supremacy of matter and dogmas of industrial religion have destroyed culture, beauty and morals. The immense spread of newspaper, cheap literature, radios and cinemas had contributed only to the degeneration of culture. Unintelligence is becoming more and more general, in spite of course given in schools, colleges and universities. School children and students form their minds on the programs of public entertainments. Social environment instead of favoring the growth of intelligence, opposes it with all its might.

2. Moral sense is almost completely ignored by modern society. We have, in fact, suppressed its manifestation. All are imbued with irresponsibility. Those who discern good and evil, who are industrious and provident, remain poor and are looked upon as morose. The woman who has several children, who devotes herself to their education instead of her own career is considered weak minded. If a man saves a little money for his wife and the education of his children, this money is stolen from him by enterprising financiers, or taken by the government, and distributed to those who have been reduced to want by their own improvidence and short sightedness of manufacturers, bankers, and economists. Artists and men of science supply the community with beauty, health, and wealth. They live and die in poverty. Robbers enjoy prosperity and peace. Gangsters are produced by politicians and respected by judges. They are the heroes whom children admire at the cinema and imitate in their games. A rich man has every right. He may discard his aging wife, abandon his old mother to penury, rob those who have entrusted their money to him, without losing the consideration of his friends. Sexual morals have been cast aside. There is no difference between right and wrong, just and unjust. No one makes any objection to their presence. Ministers have rationalized religion. They have destroyed its mystical basis. But they do not succeed in attracting modern men. In their half empty churches, they vainly preach a weak morality. They are content with part of policemen helping the interest of the wealthy to preserve the framework of the present society. Or like politicians, they flatter the appetites of the crowd.

3. Men are powerless against such psychological attacks. They necessarily yield to the influence of their group. If one lives in the company of fools and criminals, isolation is the only hope of salvation. But where will the inhabitants of the new city find solitude. Said Marcus Aurelius "No retreat is more peaceful or less troubled than that encountered by man in his own soul." But we are not capable of such an effort. We cannot fight our social surroundings.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the questions below: [10]

i) According to the writer, the civilization has so far failed to...

(1) To bridge the gap between the affluent and indigent. (2) To develop technology (3) To create a climate of peace and adjustment for co-existence of diverse religions. (4) To develop infrastructure. (5) To shape human life along spiritual lines. (6) To create an environment congenial to growth of mental and moral activities of mankind.

(a) 1, 5 and 6 (b) 1, 2, 4 and 5

(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 3, 5 and 6

ii) Being rejected almost completely in modern society means...

(a) The acquisitive tendency (b) The thieving habit (c) Social equality (d) Moral sense

iii) Through the passage the author implies that...

(a) Men have lost the power to fight with attacks of moral degeneration. (b) Peace and prosperity is enjoyed by robbers (c) The industrious and faithful remain poor. (d) Man's social sense has to be encouraged and strengthened

iv) The statement that relates to the artists and men of science is...

(a) They are given the required respect and regard (b) What they actually receive from society in terms of material benefit is far short of their contribution (c) They are given moral and material benefit in far greater quantity than they really deserve. (d) They are given position authority in life

v) The option that lists the incorrect statements about how antisocial people are being treated in present civilization is...

1. They are being punished 2. They are at peace 3. They are prosperous 4. They are supported by politicians 5. They are respected by judges 6. Government is taking strict action against them.

(a) 2 and 5 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 1 and 6 (d) 4 and 5

vi) In this passage the author has described the position of the rich man in the present society as...

1. Rich man has equal rights. 2. A rich man has high moral values 3. A rich man has power to do anything

(2) Atmosphere of home also matters a lot in teaching moral values to men. (3) The collective efforts from all the age groups and sections of society is the need of the hour to restore moral values. (4) Man should awaken his soul and the rat race for money has to be stopped.

(a) F-3; O-2,1,4 (b) F-1; O-2,3,4 (c) F-2,4; O-1,3 (d) F-2,3,4; O-1

## LITERATURE - 20 marks

Q3. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: [8]

A) "There my dears. That's you seen to. Ah...you know. We all know. I'll come back. They never do, though. Not them. Never do come back."

a) The above lines are authored by...

(i) Jack Finney (ii) Susan Hill (iii) Colin Dexter (iv) Adrienne Rich

b) Never do come back refers to...

(i) the kids not coming back (ii) the little boy not coming back (iii) the friends not coming back (iv) the dead not coming back

c) The extract describes...

(i) Derry's willingness to change (ii) Fake promises made by people (iii) Lamb's loneliness (iv) all of the above

d) These lines refer to the point when...

(i) The concept of friends is explained (ii) Derry goes to his mother (iii) Mr. Lamb falls from the ladder (iv) Derry speaks of his loneliness and neglect

B) "I wonder if this is only an excuse to explain away a perpetual state of poverty"

a) The perpetual state of poverty highlights...

(i) the plight of the elementary school slum (ii) the perennial struggle for rights (iii) the vast gap between the rich and poor



whether it is right or wrong.

4. A rich man has every right 5. A rich man is kind towards the poor. 6. A rich man is a true religious person. (a) 3 and 4 (b) 1 and 2 (c) 5 and 6 (d) 1 and 6

vii) According to Marcus Aurelius one can change the present degraded society....

1. By changing the laws. 2. By changing the government 3. By isolating himself 4. By winning one's own soul 5. By becoming true to one's soul 6. By becoming violent. (a) 1 and 6 (b) 4 and 5 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 2

viii) The option that states the common man's condition in the present civilization is...

1. Prosperous 2. Progressive 3. Powerless 4. Yielding to the present condition 5. Satisfied 6. Peaceful (a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 5 and 6 (d) 2 and 5

ix) The option that lists the moral conditions prevalent in the society is...

1. People are following high moral values 2. Politicians are playing a key role by following moral values 3. All are filled with irresponsibility. 4. There is no difference between wrong and right. 5. There is a spread of sober literature and cinemas. 6. Men are powerful against anti-social elements. (a) 2 and 3 (b) 5 and 6 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 6

x) Pick the option that correctly classifies Facts (F) and Opinions(O).

(1) Schools can play a vital role in bringing back moral values in society. (iv) none of the above (b) The above extract is from...

(i) The Last Lesson (ii) An elementary school classroom in a slum (iii) Lost Spring (iv) Indigo

c) The excuse was made to explain...

(i) the reason for choosing bangle making as their karma (ii) the reason for not going to school (iii) the reason for going barefoot (iv) the reason for leaving their home-land

d) T in the extract is concerned about...

(i) the slum children (ii) the people of Seemapuri (iii) the people of Firozabad (iv) the peasants of Champaran

(iv) none of the above

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Q4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: [4]

And yet, for these Children, these windows, not this map, their world, Where all their future's painted with a fog,

A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky Far far from rivers, capes and stars of words.

(i) The 'windows' are the map for the children because...

(a) They don't understand the world map on the wall (b) They can see their slums outside the window (c) The windows show a beautiful sight (d) All of the above

(ii) 'Future's painted with a fog' means...

(a) Their future is hidden (b) They do not have a bright future (c) Their future is as beautiful as a foggy morning (d) Their future is like a painting

(iii) The figure of speech in 'lead sky' is...

(a) Hyperbole (b) Metaphor

(c) Personification (d) Simile

(iv) The poet of An elementary School Classroom in a Slum is...

(a) William Shakespeare (b) Adrienne Rich (c) Stephen Spender (d) John Keats

Q5. Choose and write the correct answer for the following questions: [8]

a) The image of the young trees and merry children depict...

(i) hope and assurance in life (ii) contrasting phases of life (iii) insecurities in life (iv) none of the above

b) Waking Dream wish fulfilment is seen in...

(i) Sam's letter to Charley (ii) Charley purchasing old currency (iii) Charley visualizing the 1890's (iv) Sam dreaming of Galesburg

c) Pablo Neruda relates strangeness to...

(i) the feeling of isolation (ii) the feeling of togetherness (iii) the selfish ways of man (iv) the unbelievable beauty of the earth

d) The peddler was in deep thought in the carriage as...

(i) he had stolen money with him (ii) he was scared of entering the den (iii) he felt caught in a trap (iv) all of the above

e) The purpose of the first call was ...

(i) to mislead the governor (ii) to keep the back-up plan ready (iii) to keep the car ready on time (iv) to get everyone out of the way

f) Alphonse Daudet has elaborated on...

(i) the right to speak in our language (ii) the pain inflicted on people during war (iii) the attitude to learning and teaching (iv) all of the above

g) We have 'dark spirits' as ...

(i) We engage in wars (ii) We are sad and disappointed (iii) We are single minded (iv) all of the above

h) We remember General Takima as...

(i) self centered and self-obsessed (ii) good for giggle, gullible governor (iii) cruel and ruthless (iv) all of the above

## PART-B 40 marks

(WRITING-16M)

Q6. Draft an advertisement for the requirement of newreaders for a popular English news channel in around 50 words. [3]

Q7. You are Akshaya/Akriti. You have been invited to participate in a seminar on "Fundamental Rights of Children" organized by the Lions Club of your district. Respond to the invitation. [3]

Q8. You are Ashish/Nimmi. You have read the advertisement given below. Write an application along with your resume. [5]

India Chemical Industries requires Accounts officers with minimum 4 years of experience. Apply to Managing Director, ICI, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi.

Q9. In the mad rush of today's fast paced life, we often forget to enjoy the simple pleasures of life like reading books, a simple conversation with a friend, spending time with family and so on. The 'lock-down due to pandemic' brought back these pleasures. Write an article on "The simple pleasures of Life". [5]

## LITERATURE - 24 marks

Q10. Answer the following questions in brief: [2x5=10]

(i) How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers different from her? (ii) What are the series of emotions that Douglas experiences when he was almost drowned in the pool?

(iii) What does Keats consider an endless fountain of immortal drink and why? (iv) What were the terms of the Indigo contract between the British landlords and the Indian peasants?

(v) What made the peddler finally change his ways?

Q11. Answer the following questions in brief: [2x2=4]

(i) Why was the Skunk's mother angry? (ii) What made Hanak think that the prisoners of war were tortured by the Japanese?

Q12. How did M. Hamel bid farewell to the students and to the people of his native village? [5]

Q13. It was sheer negligence on the part of the prison officials that helped Evans to escape. Comment. [5]

These questions 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.

LEVEL-1



Draw the easy way

**YNSDREOM**  
A: syndrome B: years  
C: drones D: andromeda

**URCRTEN**  
A: current  
B: cures  
C: curative  
D: entertainment

**MPOTIRTAN**  
A: mortar B: portable  
C: important D: portent

Answers: (1) A, (2) C, (3) A

**Riding with the Riddle**

I am a herb with medicinal properties.  
I can be eaten raw or used in dishes  
I am a rich source of polyphenols, Vitamin A, C, and B-complex.  
I am known to increase haemoglobin levels.  
I improve brain function.

Answers: Pudding

**Quiz TIME**

Replace the word in capital in each of the following with the one closest in meaning. Choose correctly!

**1** He is trusted because he is a **VERACIOUS** boy  
a) Tactful b) Thoughtful  
c) Tolerant d) Truthful

**2** She expresses her opinions in a **CANDID** manner  
a) False b) Friendly  
c) Foolish d) Frank

**3** He often makes **INANE** remarks  
a) Sarcastic b) Sensible  
c) Stupid d) Serious

**4** Any strange drug for Covid-19 is a **QUESTIONABLE** remedy  
a) Dubious b) Disgusting  
c) Desirable d) Durable

**5** She has always been rather **PARSIMONIOUS**  
a) Meddlesome b) Miserly  
c) Militant d) Mercurial

**6** Youngsters are showing **LAUDABLE** courage these days  
a) Capable b) Curable  
c) Commendable d) Charitable

Answers: (1) d. Truthful, (2) d. Frank, (3) c. Stupid, (4) a. Dubious, (5) b. Miserly, (6) c. Commendable

SPOT THE SYNONYMS!

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LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

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(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Ms Raman announces a test to be held in few days. The students feel that they need more time to prepare. They would like the test postponed to Monday, so that they can study over the weekend. The only way the date can be changed is for the children to tell Ms Raman how they feel. They hesitate, for none of them is brave enough to approach the stern teacher, on behalf of the class, even with a reasonable request.

**A) Bell the cat**  
**B) Bite the dust**  
**C) Bury the hatchet**

Ramesh's sister upsets a bottle of paint over his homework. "Ramya!" yells Ramesh furiously, although he knows that she has not done it purposely.

**a) Go green**  
**b) See red**  
**c) Feel blue**

**TRIVIA**  
The phrase probably derives from bull-fighting, in which a red cape is waved before a bull, to make it 'see red' (get angry) and charge at the toreador (called matador only if he kills the animal). Actually, since bulls are partially colour-blind, it is the movement of the cape rather than its shade that irritates them. Interestingly, the phrase was first used in the early 20th century, long after bull-fighting began.



Weave a story with headlines

Include these headlines to make a story and give it a title. Mail the story to us at [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com). The interesting one will be published in the edition. Watch out for this space!!!

- The headlines:**
- 1) CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at a record high despite Covid-19 pandemic
  - 2) Jeff Bezos to fly to space next month on Blue Origin rocket
  - 3) Two months of second wave cost India 2% of GDP
  - 4) Experts say one vaccine dose enough for five people
  - 5) Indian shooters ready to deal with strict Tokyo rules

Blank lines for writing a story.

Learn a NEW LANGUAGE FRENCH

- 1) Madame/Monsieur/Mademoiselle  
Meaning: Mrs./Mr./Miss
- 2) À tout à l'heure!  
Meaning: See you later!
- 3) De rien  
Meaning: You're welcome.
- 4) Je ne comprends pas  
MEANING: I do not understand
- 5) Répétez, s'il vous plaît  
MEANING: Repeat, please

**Work sheet**

**Q:1** How will you tell a married lady to see you later?

**Q:2** How will you ask a girl to repeat a conversation?

**Q:3** What will you say if a man says thank you?

**Q:4** What will you say if you do not understand what someone said and want it to be repeated?

Answers: (1) Madame, (2) Monsieur, (3) Mademoiselle, Répétez, s'il vous plaît, (4) Je ne comprends pas, Répétez, s'il vous plaît

**JUST LIKE THAT** AJIT NINAN

**'Offosition'**

**MATH MAGIC**

FIND THE MISSING TERMS IN THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE

**1**

30	16
?	18
26	20
24	22

Answers: A. 16, B. 28, C. 48, D. 14

**2**

25200	5
3600	5
?	10
120	30

Answers: A. 200, B. 280, C. 489, D. 600

**3**

J	E
15	17
E	L
24	29
J	C
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# ITALY FIRST TO KNOCKOUTS

**Locatelli scores twice as dominant Italy becomes first team to qualify after 3-0 win over Switzerland**

**M**anuel Locatelli bagged a brace of goals for the first time in his career as imperious Italy defeated Switzerland 3-0 at the Stadio Olimpico on Wednesday to become the first side into the last-16 of Euro 2020. Midfielder Locatelli started and finished the move from which he opened the scoring, netting from close range following Sassuolo team mate Domenico Berardi's excellent run down the right wing. He then rifled a shot into the bottom corner of the net from the edge of the box early in the second half.

Ciro Immobile added a late third to secure back-to-back 3-0 wins for Italy in the tournament, which extends their unbeaten run to 29 games, the last 10 of which have been victories where they have scored 31 goals and conceded none.

## Focused on winning

Italy, who beat Turkey in their opener, lead Group A with six points after two rounds of matches and are ahead of Wales (four), Switzerland (one) and Turkey (zero). They can seal top spot with a draw in their final group game against Wales on Sunday when the Swiss face Turkey. "We won the game thinking we wanted to win it at all

costs," Italy coach Roberto Mancini said. "It was a very tough match. We could have scored a second goal a bit earlier. We suffered when we had to suffer but in the end it's a well-deserved victory. It was the second game in five days and the boys have worked a lot. We could have sealed it earlier but we stayed patient."

## Italy still not at top

Italy extended its unbeaten streak to 29 matches - one shy of the team record - and kept its 10th clean sheet in that run. Mancini, however, suggested that Italy still trails France, Portugal and Belgium on the list of tournament favorites. "One of them is the World Cup champion, one is the European champion and one has been first in the ranking for quite a while," Mancini said. "They've been shaped over time and it's only normal that they're ahead of us. But anything can happen in soccer. It's not such a sure thing."

## Switzerland outclassed

The Italians, however, outclassed their opponents and delighted the home crowd who have now seen their side score three times in a European Championship match for the second game in a row having never done so previously. Italy skipper Giorgio Chiellini, making his 14th European Championship appearance, more than any other outfield player for Italy, thought he had scored when he powered past two defenders to fire in from close range only for his effort to be ruled out for handball. The Italians were not to be denied, however, even after Chiellini went off injured, with Locatelli launching a move with a brilliant pass and then finishing it off after Berardi had cut in from the right in the 26th minute.

The Swiss pressed high after the break in search of an equaliser but it was Italy who scored again with Locatelli rifling in from the edge of the box for his second goal of the evening. "Two goals for a midfielder are not easy at all and not a given," Mancini said. "Manuel played a great match. His action in the first goal was great."

Italy keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma stopped a double effort from Steven Zuber in the 64th minute to protect their flawless record over the last 10 games, before Immobile twice fired narrowly wide. The Italy striker did get onto the scoresheet in the 89th minute, however, thumping in his shot from 20 metres to beat keeper Yann Sommer.

Switzerland have now won none of their last nine matches against Italy and last beat their neighbours 28 years ago.

Italy's Manuel Locatelli, celebrates after scoring the opening goal



They caused us a lot of problems and we weren't (playing) at 100%, we weren't secure on the pitch, which is normally not our character.

**VLADIMIR PETKOVIC, Switzerland coach**

## BAJRANG OPTS FOR TRAINING OVER RANKING

**Decides to skip Poland ranking meet to get some hard training with top wrestlers in Russia**

**B**ajrang Punia opted out of the Poland Open, a ranking series event, to train and grapple with some of the top wrestlers in Russia. After reaching Russia, he saw Vinesh Phogat winning gold in Poland to confirm herself the top seeding in the women's 53kg draw for the Tokyo Olympics. Bajrang could have done the same, but he isn't repenting or thinking about the Olympic draw. Ranked world No. 2 in the fiercely competitive 65kg freestyle

event, Bajrang is assured of a top-four seeding in Tokyo. Last week, Bajrang tweeted pictures of him training in Russia with David Baev, the 2019 world champion in the 70kg category. For Bajrang, this training experience is more valuable.

"I would have benefited in ranking if I had competed in Poland... (But) I am not thinking so much about the draw, 65kg is a very competitive category, so I have to put in my best in every match," Bajrang told Timesofindia.com from Russia. "The advantage of the draw will be in the first 1-2 matches, but if you go ahead, then you have to fight hard and give your best. I need training the most now," the 2018 Asian Games and Commonwealth Games champion said.

## Workout routine important

Bajrang puts a lot of effort into his workout routines, which is what he feels separates him from many international wrestlers. "Foreign athletes work mostly on their technique, but I like to work not only on my technique but also the physical workout. Apart from this, I have got to learn a lot from my old bouts. I watch them a lot with my coaches to improve all my weaknesses."

The men's 65kg freestyle competition is scheduled for August 6 and 7. Apart from Bajrang and Vinesh, seven other Indian wrestlers will compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

## LEGENDARY REAL MADRID SKIPPER RAMOS TO QUIT CLUB

**L**egendary captain Sergio Ramos is set to leave Real Madrid after a glittering, trophy-laden career spanning 671 games and 16 seasons, the club has announced. Real called for a press conference as an "act of tribute and farewell" to the four-time Champions League winner. The announcement follows an injury-wracked 2020/21 campaign where the 35-year-old Ramos appeared in only 21 games in all competitions, his fewest in a 16-year career at Madrid. He has played just five times this year. The veteran defender and national team captain was omitted from Spanish coach Luis Enrique's Euro 2020 squad because of his lack of playing time.

Ramos will become a free agent after June 30 with a host of top European clubs, including Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, reported to be interested in signing the veteran. A fierce competitor, he has come under fire for his harsh tackling. This season he missed games after catching Covid and because of a series of injuries. He was in Madrid's squad for the final La Liga game but did not play.

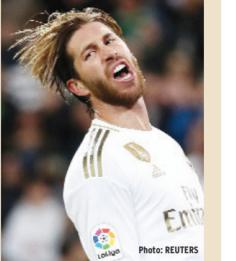


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## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1.** Who won the first-ever gold medal in the history of the Commonwealth Games?

- a) Roger Bannister  b) Gordon Smallacombe   
 c) John Landy  d) John Cooper

**Q2.** Which footballer suffered a cardiac arrest on field in a recent Euro 2020 game?

- a) Christian Eriksen  b) Neymar   
 c) Cristiano Ronaldo  d) Lionel Messi

**Q3.** When was the first World Cup Football held?

- a) 1904  b) 1906  c) 1912  d) 1930

**Q4.** Who is the current World Champion of Chess?

- a) Howard Staunton  b) Paul Morphy   
 c) Magnus Carlsen  d) Pierre Charles

**Q5.** When were the ICC Women's Rankings launched?

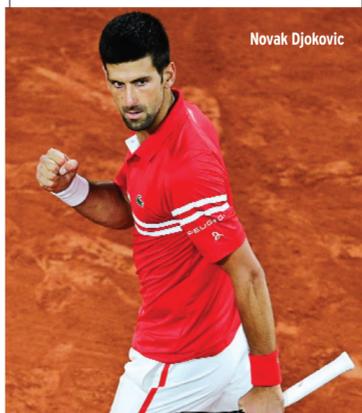
- a) 2000  b) 1996  c) 2003  d) 2015

**Q6.** Which cricket world cup is known as "Wills World Cup"?

- a) 1992 Cricket World Cup   
 b) 1996 Cricket World Cup   
 c) 1999 Cricket World Cup   
 d) 2003 Cricket World Cup

**Q7.** How many grand slam titles has Djokovic won so far?

- a) 18  b) 19  c) 20  d) 10



Novak Djokovic

Photo: AFP

**Q8.** Who took the most wickets in the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup?

- a) Jhulan Goswami  b) Chandima Gunaratne   
 c) Dane Van Niekerk  d) Anya Shrubsole

**Q9.** Who is the first Indian badminton player to achieve the world number 1 ranking in badminton?

- a) Prakash Padukone  b) Chetan Anand   
 c) Pullela Gopichand  d) Parupalli Kashyap

**Q10.** The "Eliteserien" is the premier professional men's handball league of which country?

- a) Sweden  b) Denmark   
 c) Finland  d) Norway

**Q11.** The wood of a cricket bat is usually treated with a specific oil which serves a protective function. What is the name of the oil?

- a) Coconut Oil  b) Sesame Oil   
 c) Til Oil  d) Linseed Oil

**Q12.** Which country has the maximum number of Sudirman Cup titles?

- a) China  b) South Korea   
 c) Indonesia  d) Denmark

**ANSWERS:** 1) b) Gordon Smallacombe

2) a) Christian Eriksen 3) d) 1930

4) c) Magnus Carlsen 5) d) 2015

6) b) 1996 Cricket World Cup 7) b) 19

8) c) Dane Van Niekerk 9) a) Prakash Padukone

10) d) Norway 11) d) Linseed Oil 12) a) China