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**VACCINE 2.0 BEGINS**


## Leading from the front, PM TAKES FIRST DOSE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the first dose of Covid vaccine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi on Monday, leading the country in the third phase of the inoculation drive as a massive chunk of population aged above 60 and those above 45 with comorbidities prepare to take the shots. Modi was administered Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. "Took my first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at AIIMS," he informed on Twitter. The Prime Minister decided to get the jab at 6.25 am to avoid media glare, as scores of people could be queuing up at the hospital. He remained under observation for half an hour in the hospital and left around 7 am.

■ The Covid-19 vaccines, Covaxin and Covishield, was made available to the general public from March 1. As many as 1,43,01,266 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine have been administered so far

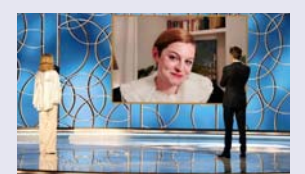
■ The first phase of the nationwide vaccination drive against Covid-19 had started on January 16. The second phase began on February 13

## Spotlight

**Diversity, Netflix dominate Golden Globes as 'Nomadland' wins best drama movie**

Drama 'Nomadland' and satire 'Borat Subsequent Moviefilm' won the movie honours at the Golden Globes on Sunday in a mostly virtual bi-coastal ceremony that was marked by impassioned calls for more diversity and the dominance of Netflix.

'Nomadland', a moving drama about van dwellers in recession-hit America from Searchlight Pictures, also took the best director prize, which went to Chinese-born Chloe Zhao, making her the second woman to win at the Globes in that category, and the first woman director of Asian descent to win.



■ Sacha Baron Cohen, the creator of 'Borat Subsequent Moviefilm' from Amazon Studios was named the best comedy movie actor, while singer Andra Day was a surprise winner for her lead role in 'The United States vs Billie Holiday' ■ 'Soul', the first Pixar movie to have a Black character in the lead, was named the best animated movie and won the best score

## Quote unquote



It is my dream to see India and Pakistan become true good friends and that we can visit each other's countries. Indians can continue to watch Pakistani dramas, we can continue to watch Bollywood movies, and enjoy cricket matches. The philosophy of borders, divisions, divide, and conquer just does not work anymore...as humans, we all want to live in peace. The actual enemy of India and Pakistan is poverty, discrimination and inequality, and both the countries should unite and fight them, rather than fighting with one another. Besides, the minorities need protection globally. They need a voice, need protection, and it is a reminder to governments and the human rights organisations to take this seriously

Malala Yousafzai, Nobel laureate, at the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF), which is being held in the virtual mode this year

## Indian students discover 18 new asteroids as part of a Global Science Programme

The International Astronomical Union (IAU), an organisation that assigns official names and designations to celestial bodies, has recently confirmed the discovery of 18 new asteroids by Indian students as part of a global science programme. Over the last two years, 150 students from India participated in this two-month-long campaign to find asteroids, making this the largest asteroid discovery project in India, Mila Mitra, co-founder and academic head of STEM and Space said.



In the project, students from India and across the globe, analysed the high-quality astronomical data provided by IASC – an online scientific programme for kids to discover Asteroids and Near-Earth Objects (NEO)

## TRENDING

### ARORA AKANKSHA CONTENDER FOR UN SECRETARY-GENERAL



My vision is to have a UN that works and is relevant in the 21st century. We have to prioritise and address the growing refugee crisis, take humanitarian crises to completion, and invest in ensuring that all countries have access to the internet  
**ARORA AKANKSHA**, on her agenda

34-year-old Canadian woman of Indian descent has decided to contest the re-election of UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres with an agenda of change but without the support of any country. Arora Akanksha, who works for the UN Development Programme, issued a slick video, announcing her candidacy recently, presenting herself as a candidate to make the UN relevant in the 21st century.

If Arora follows through and is accepted as a candidate, she will have to run the gauntlet of the Security Council and get the support of the veto-wielding permanent members

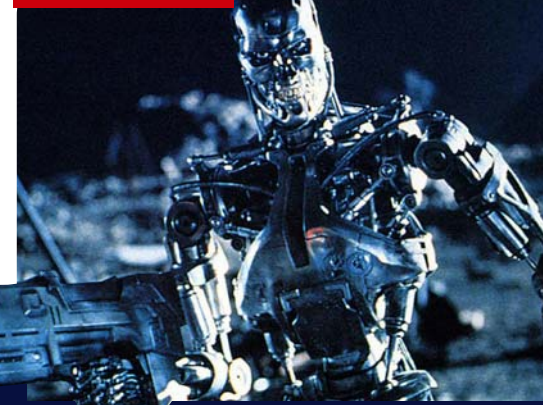
■ Arora was born in India and raised in Saudi Arabia. She did her undergraduate studies in Canada ■ She received her masters last year from the Columbia University in New York ■ According to Pass Blue, a publication monitoring the UN, she is a citizen of Canada and holds the Overseas Citizenship of India  
■ None of the UN member countries have nominated her

The last and probably the only time an Indian was considered a serious candidate for the position, was in 2006, when Shashi Tharoor contested with the backing of the government. But he lost to Ban Ki-Moon, as he could not get the unanimous support of the Council's permanent members, with reportedly the US opposing him



## Netflix to develop 'Terminator' anime series

A classic sci-fi franchise is all set to make its way to Netflix in the form of a 'Terminator' anime series. According to Variety, the upcoming series will unfold a new chapter and will not be a reboot of the parent franchise. As the project is still in the early stages, the plot details are being kept under tight wraps. The series is being led by showrunner Mattson Tomlin, who has co-written 'The Batman', starring actor Robert Pattinson.

**ENTERTAINMENT**


■ The 'Terminator' franchise has been wildly successful. Till date, the franchise has six films, two web series, one TV series, comic, novel, and game adaptations

■ The franchise started with James Cameron and Gale Anne Hurd in 1984, with the first film starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as the villainous robot from 2029, who came to the past to kill a woman named Sarah Connor, and thus stop human resistance to a machine uprising

■ The most-recent entries were 'Terminator: Dark Fate' and 'Terminator: Genisys'. Although the Netflix series will be the first animated series in the franchise's history, it has previously been adapted for the small screen

## HILLARY CLINTON, LOUISE PENNY TO PUBLISH POLITICAL THRILLER

Hillary Clinton, the former secretary of state, who ran against Donald Trump for president in 2016, is set to publish a suspense thriller with Canadian author Louise Penny in October, publishers Simon & Schuster and St. Martin's Press said. Titled 'State of Terror', the thriller will hit the bookshelves on October 12, the publishers said. It will narrate the story of a novice secretary of state serving in the administration of her political rival as a "series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray."

**BOOK**

■ By venturing into fiction, the former first lady is following the footsteps of her husband, former president Bill Clinton, who in June 2020, came out with a political novel, 'The President's Daughter', written with bestselling thriller writer James Patterson

■ They had co-authored another book in 2018 called 'The President is Missing' about a terrorist cyberattack on the White House



## POKEMON TURNS 25!

■ Twenty-five years after Pokemon first began delighting children and the adults alike, the phenomenon is still capturing hearts, with smartphone craze 'Pokemon Go' enjoying record success in virus-hit 2020. The augmented-reality game raked in \$1 billion in just the first 10 months of last year, its most lucrative yet, according to market tracker Sensor Tower  
■ Pokemon is inspired by the childhood tradition of collecting



bugs, popular during Japan's hot and humid summer holidays; part of its enduring appeal is its simple goal: to catch them all. Hundreds of round-eyed 'pocket monsters', inspired by everything- from mice

## POKEBALLS MONSTERS

The game allows players to roam the outside world, throwing Pokeballs to capture monsters that pop up on their phone screens



to dragons can be caught and trained to full strength in battles

■ The winning concept has sold countless toys, film tickets and more than 30 billion Pokemon cards since the first black-and-white Game Boy titles were released in Japan in 1996.

■ The character's signature pronouncement 'pika-pika', meaning shiny and sparkly in Japanese, has added to the bright yellow creature's powers of attraction



# HONE READING & WRITING SKILLS

## TIPS FOR ISC ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER (CLASS XII: ENGLISH PAPER 1)

Students need to remember that language skills are honed over a period of time and no amount of "mugging" notes at the last moment before the examination would help them score well.

**The first question is Essay Writing (400-450 words) and originality is appreciated.**

Examiners will deduct marks for language errors (syntax, spellings, etc.) Good vocabulary and organisation of ideas will improve the standard of your essay. Planning is, therefore, quite essential for this purpose. Your ideas should seem to flow from one point to the next, instead of a mumble-jumble. Local jargon and the use of regional languages should be avoided. Do not use short forms, numeric or abbreviations.

**The second question has two components, namely Report Writing (about 300 words) and Proposal Writing.**

A Report is normally written in the past tense using Passive Voice. This is an exercise in amplification and you are expected to include and elaborate all hints given along with the question statement. Do not use "flowery" writing and be extremely succinct in your expression.

A Proposal is written under three separate sections, viz: The Heading/Introduction, Objectives and List of Measures. You must write a distinct concluding line. Make sure your tone is formal and give complete details to substantiate the importance of your proposal, including suggestions to procure finances for its feasibility.

**The third question tests specific grammatical abilities of the students.**

Section (a) is transformation of sentences following given instructions. You must take care not to change the meaning from the original sentence given.

Sections (b) and (c) test the appropriate use of prepositions and tenses. You must practise amply for these objective questions that are

marked with strictness. Forgetting to put a full stop at the end of a sentence may cost you a mark!

**The last question is Reading Comprehension with an unseen passage of about 500 words followed by questions based on it to test the students' knowledge of vocabulary and ability to understand the content of the given text.**

The first sub-part, Qs. 4 a (i), deals with word-meanings where you have to locate precise words from the given passage corresponding to the meanings that are given.

In the next part of this question, Qs. 4 a (ii), students have to compose sentences using certain words in a meaning different from the one given in the passage. You cannot change the form of the word here. Knowing the Parts of Speech helps you to score well here.

Question 4 (b) entails short questions requiring brief answers written in your own words. The last part - Question 4 (c) - tests your linguistic ability to be precise and accurate, eliciting the main ideas of all or part of the passage. It is advised to write the Precis answer in a Grid form and adhere to the word limit rigidly.

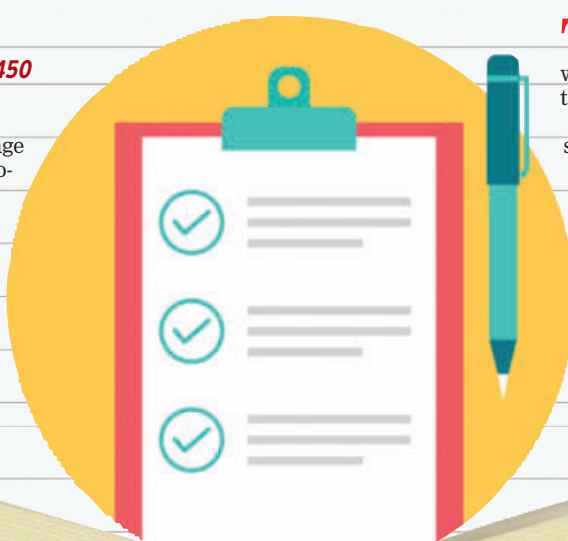
This year, in addition to the syllabus prescribed for the Theory Paper (80 marks), the Council has introduced Project Work (20 marks), where the candidates would be assessed for their Writing, Speaking and Listening skills by internal and external examiners.

### General instructions:

Be neat in your overall presentation and use the allotted time per question effectively. Avoid literal translations of vernacular idioms. Pay attention to spellings, punctuations and the use of good lexicon.

Best of Luck!

Ishita Basu,  
Senior Teacher, La Marteniere's Girls' College, Lucknow



## PET SUBJECT

### Fascinating French

I have always found French an appealing subject. I believe languages are wonderful and if the teacher is able to explain it correctly, there's nothing better than that. French specifically is easy enough to be able to relate with English and yet different enough for it to be a challenge. That is what I find most intriguing about this subject. It's a pretty language from the way you write to the pronunciation of words. The manner in which French is taught is also important; which includes writing, listening, speaking skills and of course grammar. It allows creativity and liberty in terms of writing which I find extremely fun.

Diya Rajadhyaksha, class VIII Student, Ryan Global School, Chembur



## REVISION WITH PEER

### Q: How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?

**A**: Mandela as a child was oblivious of the atrocities committed;

unaware it would affect him in the near future. His understanding of freedom changed from being a young child, who thought freedom was the unrestricted joy in the open fields, roasting mealies under the stars or swimming in the lapping waves; to a teenager who had an epiphany, which made him yearn for transitory freedom. Freedom now, to him, meant being able to stay out late, picking good reads for

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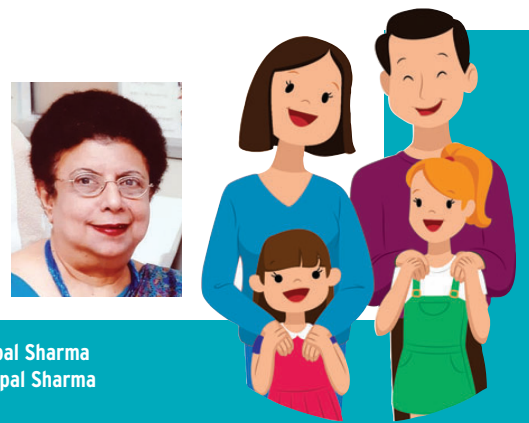
himself or going wherever he pleased. Further, moulded into a young adult in Johannesburg, he sought for freedom which allowed him to marry the girl he wanted, to keep his earnings. And finally the definition of freedom as Mandela understood, as a man, wasn't limited to himself. He fought for freedom, not only for his own but for his brothers and sisters. For basic rights as a human and a soul.



Kritika Agrawal, class 10-G, Ryan International School, Kandivali East

## POSITIVITY WINS

Children, now is the time to look around you and see what you can do to enhance your values and do some good for the people. Do not mourn and groan. Be spirited and keep the people around you happy and joyful.



Gool Ghadiali, Principal, Gopal Sharma International School and Gopal Sharma Memorial School, Powai

## ✓ Dos and Don'ts ✗

### Drive away exam anxiety

Exams are often considered a 'fear' factor among children. Students preparing for exams often feel under pressure and this may result in feelings of anxiety or nervousness. Students of all age groups undergo exam anxiety and have 'exam phobia' when it is round the corner. Some do take it easy while some cannot. So are here some dos and don'ts of exams to combat examination stress:

### ✓ DOS

● Do engage yourselves with new study methods like making flashcards, creating flowcharts and memory graphs, mind maps, and mnemonic devices. Follow alternative mode of studying for subjects that need memorising too much information and formulae.



● Plan your time according to your subjects. Set the alarm, set wall planner make-to-do your list of important topics, set your limits.



● Review and revise - quiz yourself, make your own study material, teach others.

● Try to study in a place which resembles the exact environment of an exam hall. If your study place is calm and quiet, chances are more for recollecting and presenting it well in an exam situation.

● Do sleep and eat well, as physical and mental fitness play a vital role during exam time.

● Finally, do try to recollect what you have studied just a while before you go to bed. You will find that you can remember every single word very clearly the next morning.

### ✗ DON'Ts

● Don't wait for 11th-hour preparation. It is quality of preparation and not quantity that's going to help you in the exams.

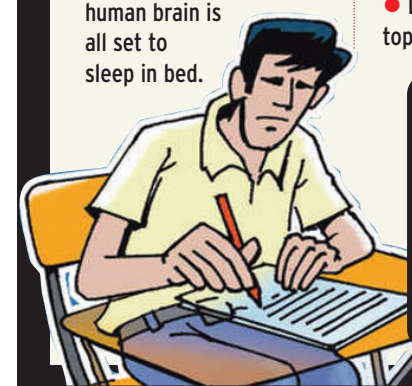
● Please don't talk to your friends who say they are not prepared for the exams.

● Don't study in bed as it is one of the worst places to study. The human brain is all set to sleep in bed.

● Don't revise the entire chapter a day before an exam; just revise the main points.

● Don't waste your time in activities like talking to your friends, aimless surfing on TV/ computer/ mobile, negative thoughts/ gaming etc.

● Don't get stuck on a tricky topic/assignment for long.



Neelam Dubey & Aman Kapur,



## 'Nationalism in Europe and in India'

**Q1.** Young Italy, a secret society was formed by  
a) Mazzini b) Metternich  
c) Wilhelm Wolf d) Bismarck

**Q2.** What does La patrie mean  
a) The citizen b) The motherland  
c) The fatherland d) The Country

**Q3.** What did Germania symbolize?  
a) French Nation b) German Nation  
c) British Nation d) None of these

**Q4.** Who was called the Bismarck of Italy?  
a) Mazzini b) Garibaldi  
c) Cavour d) Johann Gottfried Herder

### QUICK REVISION: SOCIAL SCIENCE, CLASS: X

Reena Negi, Social Science Teacher,  
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Dehradun



**Q5.** In which year was Treaty of Vienna signed?  
a) 1811 b) 1810  
c) 1815 d) 1812

**Q6.** Who initiated 'Purna Sawraj'?  
a) Mahatma Gandhi  
b) B.R.Ambedkar

c) Motilal Nehru  
d) Jawaharlal Nehru

**Q7.** Who wrote the book 'Hind Sawaraj'?

a) Mahatma Gandhi  
b) Jawaharlal Nehru  
c) Lal Bahadur Shastri  
d) Maulana Azad

**Q8.** Whose name is associated with "Folklore of Southern India"?

a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak  
b) Natesa Sastri  
c) Bipin Chandra Pal  
d) T Krishnamurthy

**Q9.** The Poona Pact took place in the year  
a) 1857 b) 1932  
c) 1935 d) 1942

**Q10.** Who painted the image of Bharat Mata?

a) Rabindranath Tagore  
b) Abanindranath Tagore  
c) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay  
d) Natesa Sastri

### ANSWER KEY

1-a) 4-b) 7-a) 10-b)  
2-c) 5-c) 8-b)  
3-b) 6-d) 9-b)





## UNIQUE FAIR THROWS SPOTLIGHT ON TOYS

**T**oys are the best means for small children to start learning. Educational toys enhance intellectual, social, emotional, and/or physical development. Making education fun can help children develop a positive attitude towards learning.

Under the guidance of principal Sumitha S Rao, DPS Nacharam is participating in the first-ever virtual Toy Fair which is being held from Feb. 27 to March 2. The school participated for the first time as an exhibitor in the fair. In all, 22 toys from the school are be-

### Delhi Public School Nacharam

ing showcased as Learning Toys at the fair.

The school participated in two categories: 'Educational Toys' - story telling toys and educational aids - reading sticks and 'Innovative Toys' - science kits, AR/VR toys and RC drone.

The names of the toys being showcased are Dragon Scroll, Story Stones, Fantocinni, Whirli Gig, Alpha Doll, Hungry Birds, Emotion Cups, Great Indian Village, Make and Shake Toy, Un-

scramble Cube Chemistry, Genie in the Bottle, UNO Chemistry, Chromatography art, Loopy light, Amphibious car, Moksha Patamu, Spinning DNA, Toy Generator, Arlopa App, RC Plane, Cell Swirl Magical Microworld.

The main attractions of the toy fair are the virtual exhibitions, webinars by experts in the field, online activities, and panel discussions by eminent national and international panelists on toy-based learning. The fair has captured the interest of parents, teachers, children, and all other stakeholders.



## Into the lives of farmers

"When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilisation."

### Y Shailaja, History Faculty of Middle School, Johnson Grammar School, ICSE Habsiguda

**F**armers are the most hard-working and ever busy, working hard for their crops, during day and night. They cater to the needs of the people by providing abundant supply of food to satiate the hunger of every person.

Farmers make the daily fuel easily available. Can you imagine a world without food? So, it would not be wrong to say that the farmer's effort drives the world. Had farmers not been there, life would have been unsustainable. Farmers are one of the reasons for the survival of human beings, animals, and organisms



on the planet. The students of class VIII participated in a debate on the topic "3-Point Farmer's Bill is a good move by the Government". The students explained that the Indian farmer is one of the prominent members of society as he is the producer and giver of the food for the entire nation.

The participants explained about the present situation of the farmers and what they are expecting from the government.

They spoke about both the sides of the current farmer's bill as it was a debate.

## Standing strong amidst all odds

### Rajyalaxmi Bhat, Principal, Kennedy High The Global School Hyderabad

**T**he coronavirus pandemic forced us to close the school and like all others, initially we too were uncertain as to what steps needed to be taken so that the teaching and learning process is not hampered.

However, within a few days Kennedy High family rallied to start online teaching and virtual meetings and discussions were held with the teachers. To raise awareness about COVID-19, we created PPTs and organised webinars for the students, parents and staff.

Our aim was to make the teaching-learning process as secure and effective as possible by restricting the number of students in one section, to 30 only.

To deliver quality content online, we incorporated blended

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

learning with flipped classes. Apart from curriculum, the students' socio-emotional well-being, cultivating critical, creative, flexible thinking, resilience, and empathy, are also being taken care of.

We kept motivating our teachers to attend capacity building workshops to build their pedagogical acumen.

Owing to our combined efforts, teaching learning approach is now interdisciplinary, experiential, joyful, art-integrated and project-based, wherein students are encouraged to apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems.

We have been conducting online assessments regularly and our students are reaching new heights

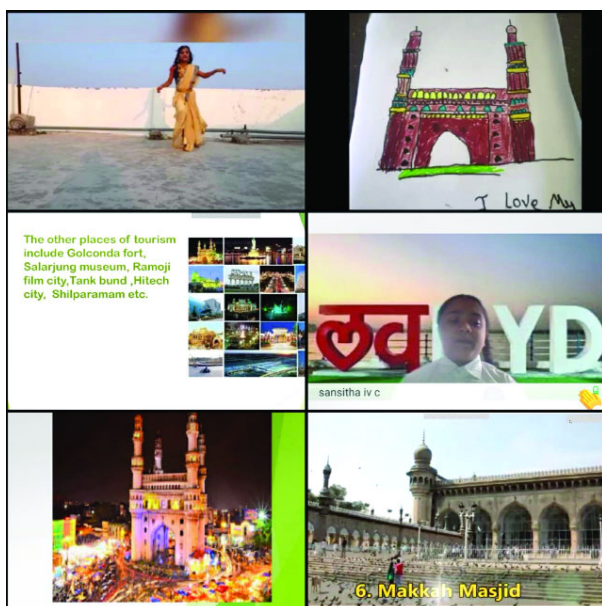


academically. Art, dance, music, physical activities such as yoga, Taekwondo and soft skill classes and competitions are also being held online. We celebrated national and regional festivals, Fit India school week, Road Safety month and cyber bullying awareness campaigns, virtually.

Our students are winning accolades in various inter-school, state and national level competitions.

Needless to say, without the co-operation of our parents, all this would not have been possible.

Now that school has re-opened partially, online as well as offline classes are being held, following all Covid related precautions.



## CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF OUR CITY

**P**allavi Aware International School believes that along with being a global citizen, it is also very important to take pride in one's own culture and heritage. Keeping this in view, a special assembly was conducted to explore our own city, Hyderabad - the city of pearls.

Students celebrated Hyderabad through an array of presentations - dance, music, skit, artwork and a virtual city tour, which included the Charminar, Tank Bund, Ramoji Film City, Salarjung Museum and

### Pallavi Aware International School Sarornagar Campus

many more places. Students discussed the city's history and shared the fact that Hyderabad is ranked as the best city to live and work in India.

Principal Sudeshna Mairal, in her address, admired the harmony and co-operation among the people of Hyderabad that makes it culturally diverse and distinctive.

## MY GURU, MY MOTHER

**M**y mother, amma, maa and tons of other names we call her, but ultimately she is one woman, the birth-giver and our first love. She is the woman that comprises all things from waking up early to sleeping late, from being our guru to our best friend. She is the one person who means everything to us.

It is the same with me - my role model, my mother. Being focused on her goal, yet taking care of our needs. She is kind, caring, strong, strict and all the things that I would love to be one day. She is a health conscious per-

### INSPIRING ICONS



son and is a yoga trainer. She manages the family and her yoga classes in a balanced way which inspires me a lot.

Having an amazing yoga teacher, a multi-lingual, kind-hearted, caring person as my role model is truly a blessing and to be like her one day would be my biggest achievement.

**AKSHARTA JADHAV**, class X D, Pallavi Model School, Alwal

### INSTRUCTIONS

01

Stand tall with your feet together and press it down firmly. Place your right fingertips on the wall to help find balance and fix your gaze at one point in front of you.

02

Shift your body weight to your right leg by leaning towards your right. Place the sole of the left foot on the right inner leg, either above the knee close to your perineum or below the knee, but never on the knee.

03

Point the left toes downward and the left knee towards your left. Keep your right leg straight and left palm on your hip.

04

Keep your breathing slow and relaxed. Slowly try to take the right fingertips off the wall. When comfortable, join your palms in Namaskara Mudra, either in front of the chest or over your head. Keep your hips level by pushing the standing heel into the ground and elongating the spine.

05

When you feel like releasing the posture, lower your arms down. Use your left hand to slowly release the left foot down. Loosen and relax your legs. Repeat the practice on the opposite side for the same duration.

## Vrikshasana

In Sanskrit the word 'vriksha' means 'tree' and 'asana' means 'posture'. This asana represents the graceful and stable stance of a tree.

### BENEFITS

- Improves Neuromuscular coordination, balance and concentration.
- Strengthens the leg muscles, knees, ligaments, tendons and opens up the hip joints.

### PRECAUTIONS

- This posture is to be avoided by people with Vertigo or Arthritis until their condition improves and also during an episode of migraine.

### FACTS

The longest time to hold the tree posture is 1 hr 12 min 59.84 sec, and was achieved by Jayaseelan Venkadasamy (Indian) in Singapore.

**SUDHARSAN V J**, Yoga Trainer & Alumnus S.B.O.A Matriculation & HSS, Coimbatore

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# 'MOANING & GROANING OVER TRACKS HAS TO STOP'

Amid the debate over the third Test pitch, West Indies great Vivian Richards slammed England for complaining about the spinning wicket, adding that he wants to see a similar track in the final Test of the series

In Ravindra Jadeja's absence, Axar Patel has done phenomenally well in the England Tests at home

## ANOTHER TURNING TRACK LIKELY FOR 4TH TEST

India had managed to defeat England within two days in the pink-ball in Ahmedabad. The match saw both India and England batsmen failing to shine and getting out to balls that didn't turn and skidded through from the spinners. But critics have looked to blame the pitch for the failure of the batsmen. India batsman Rohit Sharma clarified that he did not think the pitch had any demons. Even skipper Virat Kohli was vocal about the dreadful batting display from the two teams. Spinner Ravichandran Ashwin also echoed the sentiments. Further, Richards also feels that batters need to prepare themselves for these conditions rather than complaining about the spinning conditions. According to reports, the track for the fourth Test, at the same venue, will be no different.

"The complaints have been that the wicket is spinning too much and all that sorts of stuff. This is another side of the arc guys. People seem to forget that if you're going to India, you should expect that. You are going to spin land. You should basically prepare yourself to know what you're going to encounter," Richards said in a video posted on his Facebook page.

"Rather than the moaning and groaning, especially just re-

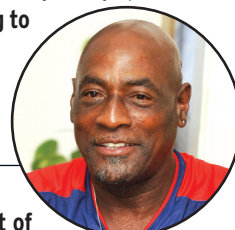
cently how quickly that Test match was over. It gives England an opportunity and a chance to assess things, to believe that for some reason the wicket that they're going to encounter in the fourth Test is going to be the same. If I was India or I had anything to do with the preparations of the wicket, I would bring in very much the same," Richards added.

### VVS Laxman recalls how he dealt with turning tracks

Former India Test specialist VVS Laxman recalled how he played on turning tracks. Laxman shared two suggestions for India and England players on how to deal with such surfaces. "I never swept, there were two options: step down the wicket, or go right back and play late. Go back early and play late, after allowing the ball to finish doing whatever it is. That's how I disrupted length. The bowler will think he is bowling too full or too short, adjust his length, and in the bargain I would get overpitched deliveries to drive or short balls to pull," Laxman told the 'Guardian'. Laxman highlighted the significance of 'defence' on such surfaces and how a batsman should trust its defence to bail himself, or herself, out while playing on such tracks.

## ENGLAND SHOULD COME OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE

I've been asked questions recently about the Test match that was played in India... the second and third Test match against England. And I am a little confused about the question really because there seems to be a lot of moaning and groaning about the wicket that they were playing on. I just felt that the ones who are moaning, in my opinion, should realise that there are times that you're going to get a seaming track, a ball that is basically jumping off a good length and everyone thinks that's a problem for batters. There are times batters sometimes cope with that.



Ever since that first Test match, England were in their comfort zone. They have now been taken out of their comfort zone at present and they have got to find ways and means to cope with what they are going to encounter. Spin in all part of the game, this is what a Test match brings. The Indian pacers have been brilliant over the past few years in terms of substance, wicket-taking ability and stuff like that. But now that you're in India, you are going to encounter things and have got to find a way. You're going to get dirty. There is nothing in the rule book that says I've got to score my runs in pretty, classical ways.

VIV RICHARDS, FORMER WI PLAYER

## WHEN DOES ICC RATE A PITCH POOR?

When it comes to spin-friendly tracks, the ICC rulebook has definite criteria when it comes to rating a pitch poor. The rule states: "A poor pitch is one that does not even allow an even contest between bat and ball, either by favouring batters too much, and not giving the bowlers (seam and spin) from either side sufficient opportunity to take wickets, or by favouring the bowlers too much (seam or spin), and not giving the batters from either team the opportunity to make runs," ICC rules state.

## 'Improving' Arsenal heading in the right direction, says Arteta



Arsenal have shown improvement in recent months and are heading in the right direction, manager Mikel Arteta said after Sunday's comeback Premier League victory at Leicester City revived their hopes of securing European qualification for next season. Leicester took an early lead through Youri Tielemans, but goals from David Luiz, Alexandre Lacazette and Nicolas Pepe helped Arsenal to a 3-1 win, lifting them one place up to 10th on 37 points from 26 games. REUTERS

The team is clearly improving, it's taking a direction I like. We are still giving things to the opposition. It's something we have to eradicate to give ourselves the best possible chance. It's about how we played against top-quality opposition ... I'm proud about winning but obviously the way we've done it. The way we are playing looks much closer to what we want. The way the team is evolving, we have some consistency in recent months.

MIKEL ARTETA, ARSENAL MANAGER

## 'VIRAT KOHLI HAS BEEN PINNACLE OF THE GAME'

Glenn Maxwell looking forward to his 'next level' RCB stint in IPL



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## Man United is not scoring enough goals, says Solskjaer

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer praised the team's defensive display in Sunday's Premier League goalless draw with Chelsea but said his attacking players have room for improvement. Solskjaer's side have scored the most goals in the league this season (53) but the Norwegian expects more quality from his side, who is second on the table with 50 points from 26 games, 12 points behind leader Manchester City. "We're not scoring enough goals, that's for sure," Solskjaer said after the match. "We came away and it's another good clean sheet but the next step for this team is to win these games and score a goal." JANS

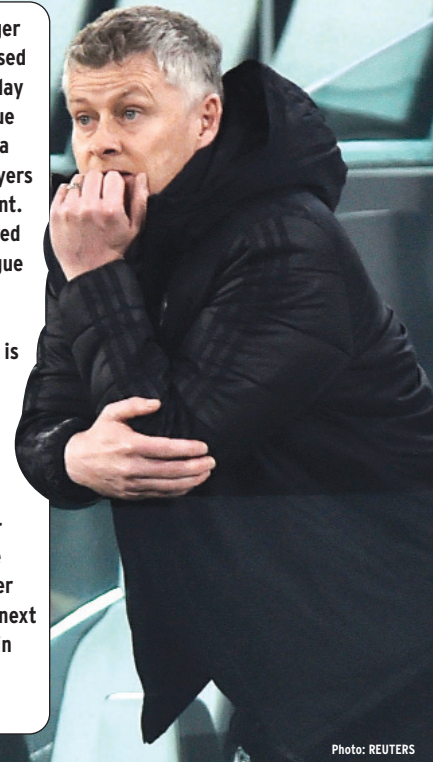


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## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Who holds the record of top scorer (excluding qualifying)?

- a) Robert Lewandowski ☐ b) Raúl González ☐  
c) Cristiano Ronaldo ☐ d) Lionel Messi ☐

**Q2:** Who holds the record for most career centuries in Women's Test matches?

- a) Claire Taylor ☐ b) Sandhya Agarwal ☐  
c) Enid Bakewell ☐ d) Janette Brittin ☐

**Q3:** After winning the Wimbledon title in 1884 and 1885, by whom was Maud

Watson defeated?

- a) Ellen Hansell ☐ b) Lena Rice ☐  
c) Blanche Bingley ☐ d) Lottie Dod ☐

**Q4:** In 2020, who became the first-ever defender to collect the best FIFA women's player award?

- a) Amandine Henry ☐ b) Lucy Bronze ☐  
c) Pernille Harder ☐ d) Wendie Renard ☐

**Q5:** In tennis, what is the term used when a game has reached a 40-40 tie?

- a) Ace ☐ b) Double ☐ c) Deuce ☐ d) Deep ☐

**Q6:** Which is the only Grand Slam event that is played

on grass?

- a) Wimbledon ☐ b) French Open ☐  
c) Australian Open ☐ d) US Open ☐

**Q7:** How many innings did Sachin Tendulkar take to become



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the first and only person to complete 15000 runs in Test Cricket?

- a) 170 ☐ b) 200 ☐ c) 300 ☐ d) 400 ☐

**Q8:** How many times has Real Madrid won the Spanish Super Cup?

- a) Eleven ☐ b) Fifteen ☐  
c) Nineteen ☐ d) Seven ☐

**Q9:** After Virat Kohli, which player has made the fastest 2000 runs in T20 Internationals?

- a) Paul Stirling ☐ b) Martin Guptill ☐  
c) Aaron Finch ☐ d) Brendon McCullum ☐

**Q10:** After Graeme Smith, which cricketer has

played most matches as captain in Test history?

- a) MS Dhoni ☐ b) Allan Border ☐  
c) Stephen Fleming ☐ d) Ricky Ponting ☐

**Q11:** After Rashid Khan, who was the youngest captain in Test history?

- a) Tatenda Taibu ☐ b) Graeme Smith ☐  
c) Waqar Younis ☐ d) Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1c) Cristiano Ronaldo  
2- d) Janette Brittin 3- c) Blanche Bingley  
4- b) Lucy Bronze 5 c) Deuce  
6 a) Wimbledon 7- c) 300 8 a) Eleven  
9- c) Aaron Finch 10- b) Allan Border  
11- a) Tatenda Taibu