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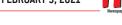
We tell you why more and more parents are raising their child as gender-neutral in today's world



ICC World Test Championship: India favourite to reach the final



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COVID-19 VACCINE DRIVE

India fastest to reach 4mn mark

ndia has inoculated around 45% of healthcare workers across the country against Covid-19 in 18 days since the launch of its vaccination drive on Jan 16, becoming the fastest country to vaccinate over 4 million, official data till February 2 shows. On Wednesday, 2,48,662 beneficiaries were vaccinated taking the total to over 43.9 lakh till late evening, accounting for 47% of the total 92,61,227 health workers enrolled from the public and private sector.

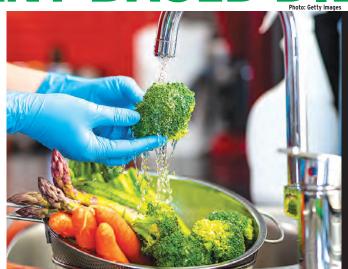


Compared to India, the US took 20 days, whereas UK and Israel took 39 days to vaccinate four million people → Among the major states (with large pool of beneficiaries), Madhya Pradesh vaccinated the highest- 69.4% of its healthcare workers till February 2, followed by Rajasthan at 64.7%

Wanna curb wildlife loss? Shift to PLANT-BASED DIET DID YOU?

world is on the verge of losing wildlife. A worldwide shift away from meat is 'urgently needed to curb wildlife loss, claims a new report backed by the UN. The report, from the UN-backed Chatham House, warns that the global rate of extinction of wild species is now 'orders of magnitude' (an exponential change of plus-or-minus 1 in the value of a quantity or unit) higher than the average over the past 10 million years.

According to researchers, the global food system is the primary driver for this state of affairs, as wildlife-rich forests and Savannah have been converted into land to grow crops or graze livestock, while efforts to produce cheap food has driven harmful intensive agriculture



WHY A VEGETARIAN DIET IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR

According to scientists, a dietary shift from meat to eating more plant-heavy products would help in combating the outsized impact that farming animals has on nature, land use, and greenhouse gas emissions, across the world It would also benefit people's health around the world, and help reduce the risk

the world's agricultural land is used for livestock grazing or growing animal feed crops, even though the majority of calories and protein comes from plant-based foods

Nearly

four-fifths of

of pandemics, which mostly come from farmed

Moreover, scientists are of the view that a vegetarian diet, away from meat can help in freeing up the lands, which can be returned to nature. This would also allow widespread adoption of nature-friendly farming without increasing the pressure on the farmers to switch to more natural land for cultivation

NO DECISION ON COUNTRYWIDE ROLL-OUT OF NRC, MHA TELLS **PARLIAMENTARY PANEL**

he Centre has not taken any decision on the roll-out of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) for the whole country, the ministry of home affairs has told a parliamentary panel. The parliamentary committee had earlier observed that there is a lot of dissatisfaction and fear among the people regarding the National Population Register (NPR) and census.



> The update of the NRC was carried out in Assam to identify bona fide Indian citizens living in the state but the initiative had created a nationwide uproar ➤ A total of 3.3 crore people in Assam had applied to be included in it. Of them, 3.11 crore have been included in the document and 19.06 could not find place in the NRC, according to the final report published in August 2019

INDIAN DOCUMENTARY 'WRITING WITH FIRE' WINS AUDIENCE | MEET INDIA'S YOUNGEST AWARD AT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

riting with Fire, an Indian film chronicling the rise of Khabar Lahariya, India's only newspaper run by dalit women, has won the audience



> 'Writing with Fire', which also marks the debut of directors Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh, follows an ambitious group of dalit women, led by their chief reporter, Meera, as the team switches from print to digital in order to stay relevant

➤ Armed with smartphones and the courage and conviction one must be born with, they investigate the incompetence of the local police force, listen to and stand by the victims of caste and gender violence, and challenge the longstanding, harmful practices that lead to injustice and intimidation

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL DISCOV-**ERS 220 MILLION-YEAR-OLD DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT AT A BEACH IN WALES**

four-year-old girl has made a big discovery. Walking along a beach in Wales with her father and their pet dog, she spotted an extremely wellpreserved dinosaur footprint that has excited paleontologists worldwide. Lily Wilder made the discovery near Bendricks Bay in south Wales, UK, finding an imprint thought to have been left 220 million years ago.

DISCOVERED

> According to experts, it's likely that the footprint was made by a dinosaur that stood about 29.5 inches



➤ It would have been a slender animal with a tail that walked on its two hind feet, and actively hunted other small animals and insects > The specimen footprint, known as a 'grallator', could help scientists to know more about how dinosaurs walked

FEMALE PILOT: AYESHA AZIZ FROM KASHMIR



yesha Aziz, the 25-year-old from Kashmir, who is the youngest female pilot in the country, is a source of inspiration and a beacon of empowerment for numerous Kashmiri women. In 2011, Aziz became the youngest student pilot to get a license at the age of 15 and underwent training to fly a MIG-29 jet at Russia's Sokol airbase, the following year. She later graduated in aviation from the Bombay Flying Club (BFC) and obtained a commercial license in 2017.

I chose this field because I have loved travelling since a very young age, and was very fascinated by flying. It is quite challenging because this is not like a normal 9-5 desk job. There is no fixed pattern and I have to constantly be ready to face new places, different types of weather and meet new people

COMPLY WITH ORDERS TO BLOCK ACCOUNTS

ndia has written to Twitter warning it to comply with orders to block accounts and content related to the ongoing farmers protest in the national capital, a technology ministry source said on Wednesday, Twitter blocked dozens of accounts in India, including that of a leading news magazine on Monday, after the government said that the users were posting content aimed at inciting violence. But it later unblocked some of these accounts.



twitter

■ The ministry of home affairs had demanded the suspension of "close to 250 Twitter accounts" that were allegedly posting content that sought to foment violence, a government official said **→** Content with

#ModiPlanningFarmerGenocide was posted on Twitter, which was designed to inflame passions, hatred and was factually incorrect, the technology min-

istry source said Thousands of farmers have camped on the outskirts of New Delhi for months, demanding the withdrawal of new laws that they say benefit private buyers at the expense of growers

JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN



World Web Warriors

REEL HEROES

BRING ALIVE

box office numbers, more so if the subject has a patriotic edge. Men of honour fighting for the nation always make for engaging and inspiring stories. Over the next months, Bollywood has several stories lined up

iopics have traditionally been the Indian soldier as a fictional entian easy way to stack up the ty has been around for a while, these films draw from true accounts of uniformed personnel, who fought to protect the nation. While some of these films have announced the cast, others are still in pre-production stage. We take a look at the ones that should make waves upon release.



SAM MANEKSHAW

ctor Vicky Kaushal will essay the role of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw in the biopic, directed by Meghna Gulzar. Manekshaw was the Chief of the Army Staff during the 1971 India-Pakistan



BULL

he film accounts the story of army man-mountaineer Colonel Narendra Kumar, who was pivotal in Indian Army claiming the Siachen Glacier in 1984.

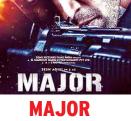
tells the story of Maior Mohit Sharma, who was posthumously awarded the Ashok Chakra. The Para Special

Forces Officer infiltrated Hizbul Mujahideen under the alias of Iftikhar Bhatt. While the cast has not yet been revealed, the film is based on Shiv Aroor and Rahul Singh's book 'India's Most Fearless 2: More Military Stories Of Unimaginable Courage And Sacrifice'.



SHERSHAAH

biopic of Param Vir Chakra recipient Captain Vikram Batra, the Vishnuvardhan directorial, will see actor Sidharth Malhotra play the lead role. During the Kargil War, Captain Batra was instrumental in capturing the crucial peak Point 4875, sacrificing his life. He was called Sher Shah among his unit members for his bravery. The film is produced by Karan Johar.



ctor Adivi Sesh will por-

tray the role of 26/11

martyr and Ashok Chakra recipient, Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, who served in the Special Action Group of National Security Guards. Produced by Mahesh Babu, the film is being shot simultaneously in Telugu that focus on valour in uniform. While





CLASS:

XII - 2020-21

SUBJECT: CHEMISTRY (CBSE)

SECTION-A

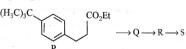
(OBJECTIVE TYPE)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (Each correct answer carries 1 mark in exams)

Columns 1, 2 and 3 contain starting materials, reaction conditions and type of reactions respectively.

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
(I) Toluene	(i) NaOH/ Br ₂	(P) Condensation
(II) Acetophenone	(ii) Br ₂ /hv	(Q) Carboxylation
(III) Benzaldehyde	(iii) (CH ₃ CO) ₂ O/ CH ₃ COOK	(R) Substitution
(IV) Phenol	(iv) NaOH/ CO ₂	(S) Haloform

The reaction of compound 'P' with CH₃MgBr (excess) in (C₂H₅)₂O followed by H₂O gives 'Q'. The compound 'Q' on treatment with H₂SO₄ at 0° C gives 'R'. The reaction of 'R' with CH3COCl in the presence of anhydrous AlCl3 in CH2Cl2 followed by treatment with H₂O produces compound 'S'. [Et in compound P is ethyl group]



The following questions (i) - (iv) are multiple choice questions. Choose the most appropriate answer:

(i) The only correct combination in which the reaction proceeds through rad-

ical mechanism is (a) (II) (iii) (R) (b) (III) (ii) (P) (c) (IV) (i) (Q) (d) (I) (ii) (R)

(ii) For the synthesis of benzoic acid, the only correct combination is (a) (III) (iv) (R) (b) (IV) (ii) (P) (c) (II) (i) (S) (d) (I) (iv) (Q) (iii) The reactions, Q to R and R to S, are

(a) Friedel-Crafts alkylation and Friedel-Crafts acylation. (b) dehydration and Friedel-Crafts acylation. (c) Friedel-Crafts alkylation, dehydration and Friedel-Crafts acylation. (d) aromatic sulphonation and Friedel-Crafts acyla-

tion. (iv) The product S is





Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: (Each correct answer carries 1 mark)

The particles of colloidal solution possess electrical charge which is responsible for the stability of these solutions. The charge on colloidal particles

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arises because of selective adsorption of ions which are common with their own lattice. The presence of charge on colloidal particles can be determined with the help of a phenomenon known as electrophoresis. However, when some electrolyte is added, the charge on the particles of dispersed phase gets neutralised and precipitation takes place. This process is also called coagulation. The coagulation is given by Hard-Schulze rules. According to these rules the ions carrying the charge opposite to that of sol particles are effective and coagulating power of an electrolyte is directly proportional to the fourth power of the valency of the ion. Coagulation can also occur by mutual precipitation, by electrophoresis, by persistent dialysis or by

heating or cooling. In these questions (Q.(i)- (iv), a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.

a) Assertion and reason both are correct statements and reason is correct explanation for assertion.

b) Assertion and reason both are correct statements, but reason is not correct explanation for assertion.

c) Assertion is correct statement, but reason is wrong statement.

d) Assertion is wrong statement, but reason is correct statement. (i) Assertion: When silver nitrate solution is added to potassium iodide so-

lution, it results in negatively charged colloidal solution. Reason: The precipitated silver iodide adsorbs iodide ions from the dispersion medium.

(ii) Assertion: The conversion of fresh precipitate to colloidal state is called Peptization.

Reason: Peptization is caused by addition of common ions. (iii) Assertion: Ultrafiltration stops the

flow of colloidal particles. Reason: Pore size of ultrafilter papers is more than the size of colloidal parti-

(iv) Assertion: Coagulation power of

Al³⁺ is more than Na⁺. Reason: Greater the valency of the flocculating ion added, greater is its power

to cause precipitation. In the following questions, (Q.No.3 -7) a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the

following choices: (a) Assertion and reason both are correct statements, and reason is correct explanation for assertion

(b) Assertion and reason both are correct statements, but reason is not correct explanation for assertion.

(c) Assertion is correct statement, but reason is wrong statement. (d) Assertion is wrong statement, but

reason is correct statement. (e) Assertion and reason both are wrong statements.

Q3. Assertion: The two DNA strands are complementary to each other. **Reason:** Adenine forms two hydrogen bonds with cytosine and thymine forms three hydrogen bonds with Guanine. **Q4.** Assertion: Sulphur exist as S₈ but oxygen exists as O₂.

Reason: Oxygen forms $p\pi$ - $p\pi$ multiple bond due to small size and small bond length but $p\pi$ - $p\pi$ bonding is not possible in sulphur.

Q5. Assertion: When a solution is separated from the pure solvent by a seminermeable membrane the solvent molecules pass through it from pure solvent side to the solution side.

Reason: Diffusion of solvent occurs from a region of high concentration solution to a region of low concentration solution.

Q6. Assertion: p-nitrophenol is more

acidic than phenol.

Reason: Nitro group helps in the stabilisation of the phenoxide ion by dispersal of negative charge due to resonance.

Q7. Assertion: Boiling points of alcohols and ethers are high. Reason: They can form intermolecular

hydrogen-bonding.

SECTION-B

The following questions, (Q.No.8-16) are Short Answer Type I questions (SA-I). (These carry 2 marks each) Q8. Write the structures and names of the compounds formed when compound 'A' with molecular formula, C7H8 is treat ed with:

(i) Cl2 in the presence of FeCl3. (ii) CrO₂Cl₂ in CS₂ followed by H₃O⁺.

Q9. The vapour pressure of water is 12.3 kPa at $300 \, K$. Calculate vapour pressure of 1 molal solution of a non-volatile solute in it.

Q10. (a) Predict the geometry of [Ni(CO)4].

(b) Calculate the spin only magnetic moment of [MnBr₄]²- ion.

Q11. The following results have been obtained during the kinetic studies of the reaction: 2A+B→C+D

Determine the rate law expression for the reaction.

Q12. The half-life for radioactive decay of ¹⁴C is 5730 years. An archaeological artifact containing wood had only 80% of the 14C found in a living tree. Estimate the age of the sample.

Q13. Explain the mechanism involved when HCl is added to isobutylene.

Q14. Explain why ozone is thermodynamically less stable than oxygen.

Q15. The following haloalkanes are hydrolysed in presence of aq. KOH.

(i) 2- Chlorobutane

(ii) 2-chloro-2-methylpropane Which of the above is most likely to give

a racemic mixture? Justify your answer. Q16. Atoms of element B form hcp lattice and those of the element A occupy 2/3rd of tetrahedral voids. What is the formula of the compound formed by the elements A and B?

SECTION-C

Q. No. 17 - 21 are Short Answer Type II Questions (SA-II) (Carry 3 marks in exams):

Q17. Give reasons for the following: (a) The enthalpies of atomisation of the transition metals are high.

(b) Mn²⁺ compounds are more stable than Fe²⁺ towards oxidation to their +3 state? (c) The lowest oxide of transition metal is basic, but the highest is amphoteric/acidic.

Q18. (a) Give a chemical test to distinguish between N-methylethanamine and N,N- dimethylethanamine.

(b) Write the reaction for catalytic reduction of nitrobenzene followed by reaction of product so formed with bromine water.

(c) Out of butan-1-ol and butan-1-amine, which will be more soluble in water and

Q19. Aluminium crystallises in a cubic close-packed structure. Its metallic radius is 125 pm

(i) What is the length of the side of the unit cell?

(ii) How many unit cells are there in 1.00 cm³ of aluminium? Q20. Three amino acids are given below:

Alanine CH3CH(COOH)(NH2), Aspartic acid HOOC-CH₂CH(COOH)(NH₂) and Lysine H₂N-(CH₂)₄-CH(COOH)(NH₂). (a) Make two tripeptides using these

amino acids and mark the peptide linkage in both cases. (b) Represent Alanine in the Zwitter ion

ic form. Q21. (a) Arrange the following in the in-

creasing order of basic strength: NH₃ ShH₃ BiH₃ PH₃ AsH₃

(b) With what neutral molecule is ClOisoelectronic? Is that molecule a Lewis

(c) What inspired N. Bartlett for carry-

ing out reaction between Xe and PtF6?

Get the equation right with Maths



MOCK PAPER SUBJECT: MATHEMATICS (CBSE) (2020-21) **CLASS X**

Paper set by Shipra Budhiraja, coordinator - Math, DPS Whitefield, Bengaluru

PART-A (SECTION-I)

Q1. Find the ratio between the LCM and HCF of 5, 15, 20. Q2. If α and β are zeros of polyno-

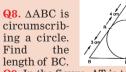
mial $p(x) = x^2 + 5x + a$ and $\alpha.\beta = 2$, find the value of 'a'. Q3. Find the value of k so that the following system of equation has

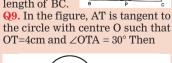
infinite solutions 3x-y-5=0; 6x-2y+k=0Q4. The students of a class are made to stand in a rows. If 3 students are extra in a row, there would be 1 row less. If 3 students are less in a row, there would be 2 rows more. Take number of rows as x and num-

> ber of students in each row as v. Write linear equations in two variables to represent the situation. Q5. The 17th term of an

> > AP exceeds its 10th term

by 7. Find the common difference. **Q6.** Find the roots of the quadratic equation $100x^2 - 20x + 1 = 0$ Q7. If (1-p) is a root of the equation $x^2+px+1-p=0$, then find roots of the equation.





find the length of AD. Q10. In triangle ABC, DE || BC and $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{3}{5}$, If AC = 4.8 cm, find AE

Q11. In the given construction, what is the length tangents?



Q12. If $\sin \alpha = 1/3$, then find the value of $(2 \cot^2 \alpha + 2)$. Q13. If cosec A-cot A=k, then find

the value of cosec A+cot A. Q14. A piece of wire 20 cm long is bent into the form of an arc of a circle subtending an angle of 60° at its centre. Find the radius of cir-

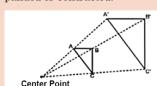
Q15. Volume and surface area of a solid hemisphere are numerically equal. What is the diameter of hemisphere?

cle in terms of π .

Q16. Two different dice are tossed together. Find the probability of getting a doublet.

(SECTION-II) Case study questions

Q17. A dilation stretches or shrinks a figure. The image created by a dilation is similar to the original figure. The scale factor (k) of a dilation is the ratio of corresponding side lengths. The center of a dilation is a fixed point in the plane about which all points are expanded of contracted



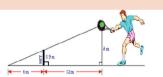
Scale Factor, k: If k>1, enlargement If 0 < k < 1, reduction If k=1, congruence

a) From the above given informa-

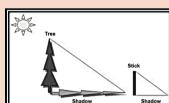
tion, triangles ABC and A'B'C' are

similar. Which of the following options will hold good? (i) ΔBAC ~ ΔA'B'C'(ii) ΔBCA ~ ΔC'B'A' (iii) ΔCBA ~ ΔB'C'A'

(iv) $\triangle CAB \sim \triangle C'A'B'$ b) With what scale factor 0.9m is to be multiplied to get the value of 'h' in the above given real life situation.



(i) 3:1 (ii) 1:2 (iii) 1:3 (iv) 2:1 c) The shadow of a stick 5m long is 2m. At the same time the shadow of a tree 12.5m high is



(i) 3m (ii) 3.5m (iii) 4.5m (iv) 5m d) The dimensions of the model of a multi-storey building are $1.2 \text{m} \times$ $75 \,\mathrm{cm} \times 2\mathrm{m}$. If the scale factor is 1:30. what is the actual dimensions of the building.

(i) $36m \times 22.5m \times 60m$ (ii) 10.2m × 2m × 15m (iii) 120cm × 150cm x 200cm

(iv) $24m \times 14.4m \times 80m$ e) A model of a boat is made on the scale of 1:4. the model is 120cm long. The full size of the boat has a width of 60cm. What is the width of the scale model?



(iii) 15cm (iv) 240cm Q18. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is a system of premier central government schools in India that are instituted under the aegis of the Ministry of Education (MHRD), Government of India. As of October 2020, it has a total of 1243 schools in India, and three abroad. It is one of the world's largest chains of schools. Its schools are all affili-

ated to the Central Board of Sec-

ondary Education (CBSE), Its ob-

jective is to educate children of the Indian Defence Services personnel who are often posted to remote lo-



One of the Kendriya Vidyalaya prepared a table of marks obtained by 100 students

 Marks obtained
 0-20
 20-40
 40-60
 60-80
 80-100

 Number of Studnets
 15
 18
 21
 29
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 Mean marks obtained are 53

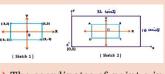
a) How many students obtained marks in the interval 80 -100? i) 20 ii) 17 iii) 28 iv) 26

b) What is the lower-class limit of modal class? i) 20 ii) 40 iii) 60 iv) 80 c) What is the modal marks?

i) 68 ii) 58 iii) 48 iv) 78

d) What is the median marks? i) 68 ii) 58 iii) 48 iv) 78 e) What is the upper limit of the median class? i) 20 ii) 40 iii) 60 iv) 80

Q19. A plotter is a device which is attached to a computer like a printer. It is used for drawing complicated sketches. Plotter accepts only positive coordinates where the point (0.0) is the left bottom corner of the paper. Suresh has a rectangular sketch. which he needs to draw on a paper of length and breadth 32 units and 16 units respectively, using plotter. The sketch ABCD needs to be centrally aligned on the paper.



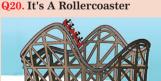
a) The coordinates of point o in

i) (32 10) ii) (19 10) iii) (13,10) iv) (10,32) c) In sketch 2, point O divides AC in the ratio k:1. The value of k is

i) 2 ii) 1/2 iii) 1 iv) 3 d) The point on x axis (sketch 2) which is equidistant from points D i) (8.0) ii) (0.8) iii) (0.-8) iv) (-8.0)

which is equidistant from points B i) (8,0) ii) (0,8) iii) (0,16) iv) (16,0)

The point on y axis (sketch 2)



Designing a roller coaster is not easy. They have to be exciting but not jerky. Mathematics equations are used to design shape of a smooth curve, including loops and

a) The figure shows the graph of a section of roller coaster ride. What are the number of zeros of the polynomial represented by graph?

many other features.

b) A yet another ride is designed using the polynomial $y = x^2-3x+2$. Which of the following would be the shape of the graph? i) Straight line ii) parabola iii) circle iv) none of these

c) What is the value of polynomial, $y=z^2-5z+1$ at z=-1? i) 4 ii) 5 iii) 6 iv) 7 d) What is the maxi-

ball according to this time - height graph of a ball? i) 500 ii) 1000 iii) 1500 iv) 2000

mum height

achieved by

cm)

e) What are the zeroes of the polynomial? $p(x)=(x-2)^2-4$ i) (0,4) ii) (0,2) iii) (2,4) iv) (2,6)

PART-B

Q21 to 26 carry two marks each

Q21. In a school, there are two sections – section A and section B of class X. There are 32 students in section A and 36 students in section B. Determine the minimum number of books required for their class library so that they can be distributed equally among students of section A or section B.

Q22. Find the points on the x axis which are at a distance of $2\sqrt{5}$ *units* from the point (7,-4). Q23. Find the value of k such that

 $x^2+k(2x+k-1)=0$ has real and equal roots. Q24. Draw AB=10cm. Find a point P on AB such that AP:AB = 1:3. **Q25.** Find the value of tan 45°

sin30° tan30° cos30° **Q26.** If PQ=28cm, then find the perimeter of APLM **Q27.** Prove that 7-2 $\sqrt{5}$, is an irrational number.

Q28. The sum of three numbers in AP is 24 and the sum of their squares is 194. Find the numbers. $\mathbf{Q29}$. In the give en figure, PSR,

are three semi circles of diameters 10cm. 3cm, 7cm respectively. Find the area

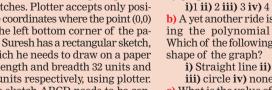
of shaded region. (use π = 3.14) **Q30.** In the below left figure, $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ and $\triangle NSQ \cong \triangle MTR$ Then prove that

 $\Delta PTS \sim \Delta PRQ$

RTQ and PAQ



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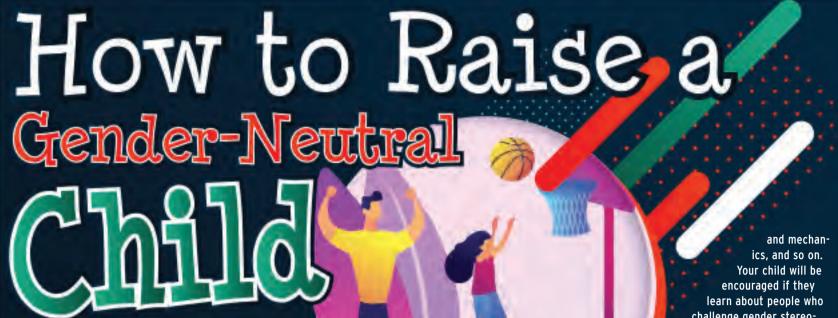
sketch 2

i) (8,16) ii) (16,8) iii) (-8,16) iv) (-16,8)

b) The coordinates of point A in

"Life is short, but there is always time enough for courtesy." **RALPH WALDO EMERSON, POET**

03



More and more parents are deciding to raise their kids gender-neutral. Experts explain what it is, when parents should start, and how it affects a child's development

WHAT IS GENDER-NEUTRAL **PARENTING?**

ender-neutral parenting can take many forms. Some stricter applications of this parenting style can keep the child's gender hidden from the outside world until they are ready to identify as male or female. The most famous example of this is a family covered by the Toronto Star in 2011, who wouldn't reveal the gender of their child - Storm Stocker-Witterick. Other iterations don't take gender-neutral as literally, instead exposing their child to toys, clothes, and activities that cross gender lines. Christia Spears Brown, Ph.D., associate chair at the University of Kentucky, is a genderneutral parenting expert. She uses this parenting style with her two daughters because she doesn't think the alterna-

tive best serves their future.



Watch out for attributing gender stereotypes and any stressing of difference between boys and girls. Never associate pink with a girl and blue with a boy. This can change their thinking and behaviour to adapt to norms...

HOW TO RAISE A GENDER-NEUTRAL CHILD

Gender-neutral parenting psychology can be tricky. Here are a few science-backed tips:

Reduce the Importance

Don't use the term genderneutral, but help your kids be free of any gender restrictions. You can do this by removing labels on gender from your language. For example, replace 'What a smart girl you are!' with 'What a smart kid you are!'.

Avoid the Pink and

Watch out for attributing gender stereotypes and any stressing of difference between boys and girls. Never associate pink with a girl and blue with a boy. This can change their thinking and behaviour to adapt to norms early on. You can get them gender-neutral clothes, and encourage them to wear neutral colours. However, if your child naturally gravitates towards either pink or blue, don't discourage them. Teach them that all colours are equal, and they can choose whatever

Encourage Girls and Boys to Play Together

It is vital for children to be comfortable playing with the opposite gender, as this will make them ready for future relationships at work, at home, and in school. You can enter your child in mixed-gender activities, sports, and play groups.

Don't Eliminate Gender Entirely

Your goal should not be to erase gender, but to encourage your child to and pursue all interests, careers, and hobbies. By making sure their opportunities and choices are not restricted by gender, you can better emphasise how irrelevant gender is in

Introduce Them to Role

Expose your children to role models like male nurses, female engineers

challenge gender stereo-

types, and express themselves

Focus on Your Kid As an Independent Individual

in a gender-fluid manner.

Studies show that there is no difference between a male brain and a female brain. Although both genders have biological differences, in other aspects, they have a mix of traits that are characteristic of both sexes. Hence, it is essential to focus on your child as a single human, rather than a genderrelated boy or girl.

Teach Them That Being Different is Okay

It is important to teach and reassure your child that being gender-neutral might be slightly different to others, but is still completely okay, posi-



Encourage Free Expression in a Safe

Allow your child to explore and experiment in a safe environment, in activities like role play.

Dental habits you do not want your kids to have

kids to have healthy teeth and gums. This is why they spend hours making dental care fun for them. While you make sure that Here are five dental habits you do your kids brush their teeth twice a

ll parents want their day and don't miss their dentist appointment, there are a few harmful habits that often go unnoticed. These habits might seem harmless, but that is not actually the case.

not want your kids to have



One of the most common and worst habits is thumb sucking as it impacts the teeth and jaws. Not many parents know that the psychological reason behind the habit is your child craving for love, affection and security. You need to train your child to discontinue it. You can use habit breakers like thumb guards, bitter liquids or visit the dentist to treat the habit.



The habit is a hard one to notice. It

happens when a child pushed his tongue forward between the teeth while swallowing. The habit is usually a harmless one but over the years it can cause a shift in the tooth position.

Many kids have a habit of going to bed with their bottles, which parents think is comforting and harmless. This can lead to babybottle decay, which is a lethal condition, where the teeth get softened by the rapid action of decay-causing bacteria leading to pain and infection in the mouth.

List of harmless habits includes lip biting, pencil chewing and putting everything in the mouth.

Frequent snacking can cause food sticking to the teeth for numerous hours, which can cause tooth decay and gum problems. Teach your kids to rinse your mouth after every meal, or at least twice a day.



These statements can trigger disordered eating in kids To do so they must be careful about what like cutting calories, skipping meals, with-Some major differences

t is important to instil healthy eat- Disordered eating vs ing habits in children early in life to shape their relationship with eating disorder a world where people have a habit of labelling things and people, it can

be challenging to teach kids about food in a positive way. Children are like a sponge. They absorb everything said and done around them and mimic the actions and even adopt them. So, the way you talk about food around them is

vital. It can either

food. But talking to kids about food There is a huge difference between an eatand weight can be a tricky task. In ing disorder and disordered eating. Ex-

treme cases of disordered eating are Anorexia and Bulimia. The signs of eating disorders are easy to identify like obsessing over food, which can interfere with their ability to carry out their daily activities and even damaging mental health. But cases of disordered eating are more

help them build a healthy subtle and difficult to pinpoint. It is generally a term used for unhealthy eating behaviours and worries about body image like dieting and restrictive eating. We

between an eating disorder and disordered eating is the frequency and degree of severity. Parents must help their kids improve their eating habits and self-esteem



mostly take these things lightly, but it can lead to grave damage later in life. Some major differences between an eating disorder and disordered eating is the frequency and degree of severity. Those deal-

ing with disordered eating habits engage in similar behaviours as those with an eating disorder, but it is sporadic and less severe. Parents must help their kids improve their eating habits and self-esteem.

they say and how they act around their little one. Here are common phrases that you must avoid around your kids to prevent disordered eating.

"I am watching my weight"

It seems like an innocent comment that This is another common statement we

just mean that you are taking care of your eating habits and are conscious about what you eat, but it can have a negative impact on your kid. As per research published in the 'Journal of Adolescent Health', talking about your own

unhealthy and extreme methods to con- the importance of healthy eating and trol the weight. She can take drastic steps drinking more water.

out your knowledge that can turn out to be dangerous for her health.

"You are always hungry" or "Your appetite has increased"

many people make regularly. You might make on a general basis without realis-

ing how much harm it causes to

your kid. Statements like this make your kids feel that they are eating more and they start feeling uneasy about weight and body shape. The best

thing to do is to weight in front of your daughter may in- avoid commenting on how much they are crease the likelihood of her practising eating. Rather, make them understand

QUIZ TIME (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Q.1) Arinjeeta Dey medal for India in **World Youth Cup**

2019. A. Gold

B. Silver C. Bronze

D. None of these Q.2) Who is the

author of the book

'Whispers of Time'? A. Krishna Saksena B. Jhumpa Lahiri

disinvestment of **CPSEs including** Air India? C. Vikram Seth A. ₹6,05,000 crore B. ₹1.05.000 crore

through the

D. Rohinton Mistry Q.3) What amount C. ₹2.05.000 crore did the Union D. ₹1,08,000 crore **Budget 2019 target**

ANSWERS

1. B) Silver 2. A) Krishna Saksena 3. B) ₹1,05,000 crore

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Eiffel Tower

This tower becomes 15 cm taller in summer because when a substance is heated up, its particles move more, taking up a larger volume. This is known as thermal expansion. Conversely, a drop in temperature causes it



to contract again. This effect is most dramatic in gases but occurs in liquids and solids such as iron too. For this reason, large structures such as bridges are built with expansion joints which allow them some leeway to expand and contract without causing any damage.

WORD WISE

ial: (n) of the pure and essential essence of something. Of or relating to the most perfect embodiment of something.

typical, ultimate, classic,

This is the st Jewish delicatessen

in the city.

performance of the Brandenburg Concertos.

■ In reality, he is a class example of how Washington corrupts.

■ It was so typical of Angela's aunt to play fairy godmother and shower her favourite niece with gifts.

COMMON GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES

EFFECT / AFFECT

THE RULES:

An effect is a result or a consequence. (usually a noun). Effect may also function as a verb meaning "to bring about something." An **affect** is to have an impression, influence, or effect on something.

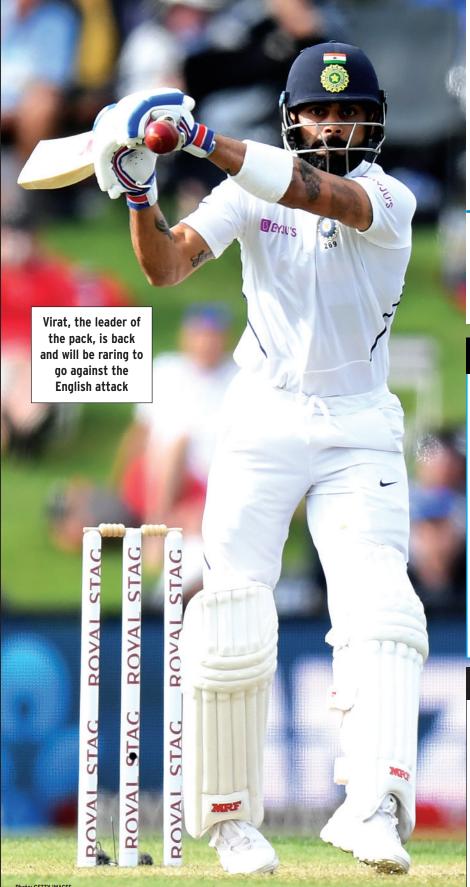
(usually a verb) HOW NOT TO DO IT:

■ This has greatly effected his mental state.



HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY: ■ This has greatly **affected** his mental state. ■ The **effect** was catastrophic.

■ He **effected** the change in the existing system.



ALLEYES ON WTC FINAL SPOT

A dream took flight during an unforgettable Australian summer and a confident India will aim to soar higher with the return of Virat Kohli against Joe Root's England during a four-Test series starting Friday with both sides bidding to qualify for the World Test Championship final — set to be played from June 18 to 22 at Lord's

INDIAN SIDE HAS EVERYTHING TO OVERCOME THE ENGLISH CHALLENGE

- The four-match Test series Down Under was not only about cricket, it was a mental, physical and temperamental test of the players which they passed successfully. Virat Kohliled side is on higher morale as compared to England, who are coming after a 2-0 series win against depleted Sri Lanka. Both the teams are fighting for a finals spot in the World Test Championship (WTC). New Zealand on Tuesday had become the first team to qualify for the inaugural ICC WTC final as the Test series between Australia and South Africa was postponed. The Kiwis will now be joined by either India, England or Australia in the WTC finals.
- ➤ To book their place in the WTC finals, India will have to win the series against England by 2-1, 2-0, 3-1, 3-0, or 4-0, margin. For England to qualify and join New Zealand, they will have to win the series against India by 3-1, 3-0, or 4-0 margin.
- While looking at the home squad, it seems like the side has all to overcome the English challenge. Rohit Sharma will continue to pair with his rookie partner Shubman Gill in the opening. Kohli, vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane and Cheteshwar Pujara will power the middle-order while it will be a tough call to pick between Rishabh Pant and Wriddhiman Saha for behind the stumps duty. India have always given preference to Saha in home conditions while Pant is considered as a foreign tour wicketkeeper by the management. But after the Australia tour, Pant has done it all to cement his place in the team irrespective of the conditions.
- It will be interesting to see whether India goes with four bowlers or five. Most likely the hosts will opt for three spinners. Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and chinaman Kuldeep Yadav will be the first two choices while there will be a toss-up between offie Washington Sundar and orthodox left-armer Axar Patel.

England lose Zak Crawley to wrist injury

- On the other hand, England struggled with the opening pair in the Sri Lanka tour and Zak Crawley's injury has added another worry for the side. Crawley injured his right wrist and as a result, the top-order batsman didn't train on Wednesday at the practice session.
- ► In Crawley's absence, Rory Burns can join Dominic Sibley for the opening. Root, who will be playing his 100th Test on Friday, will bolster the middle-order while Jos Buttler, Ben Foakes, Dan Lawrence and Ben Stokes will further power the batting line-up.
- → Jofra Archer will lead the fast bowling for visitors while there could be a toss-up between James Anderson and Stuart Broad. If Moeen Ali gets a chance in the XI, either Dom Bess or Jack Leach will play as the other spinner.

'EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE VISITORS TO OVERCOME THE CONDITIONS'

I hate predicting because it's a sport. And it's very difficult to predict. But then, again, I think the venue for the first two Test matches, obviously we'll put India as favourites because Chennai has always been a happy hunting ground for India. Plus, obviously, spin plays a huge part, and if you compare both the sides with their spinning options,

(Ravichandran) Ashwin, probably the

best in the world right now. You have got Kuldeep Yadav. And on the other side here, they've got an inexperienced spin bowling attack. Gautam Gambhir,

former India batsman

If a third team of India can beat Australia at their backyard, I feel they will go into the series as clear favourites. Any Test series is expected to be 'competitive,' it will be extremely difficult for the visitors to overcome the conditions. The last time England played a full Test series in India in 2016, they were wallopped 4-0 while it was Alastair Cook's men who could last turn the tables on India in 2012 with James Anderson and Stuart Broad at their peak.

K Srikanth, former opener, India

I think India is going to win this series 3-0, or 3-1. I think England

will have their day at Ahmedabad in the third Test match. But I think that India will come in and win the final Test match of the series in Ahmedabad. India are definitely going to win the two Test matches in Chennai.

So 3-1 and they will go to the World Test Championship final at Lords.

former Australia spinner

WE DON'T SHARE EVERY TRICK OF TRADES WITH FOREIGN PLAYERS IN IPL: AJINKYA



The top England players like Jos Buttler, Jofra Archer and Ben Stokes may all be IPL regulars but it doesn't mean that they always get a sneak peek into a top Indian player's mindset or strategies

What we do in IPL, it's not like we tell them all the things and I think that is very important. Yes, we have played a lot of cricket together, but when you represent the country, it is all about how best you can give individually and as a team.

Ajinkya Rahane

'WE MUST PLAY AS A TEAM'

- The IPL has made it easier for players across the globe to come closer and also exchange notes on each other's games while sharing the dressing room for two months. How much will that help England during the upcoming series? Ajinkya Rahane was asked that question during the day. "See, we definitely play in the IPL, but Test cricket and IPL are completely different. We do know how their bowlers bowl here, but length (that one bowls) is completely different in Test cricket from what they are in white ball (formats)," Rahane replied.
- While he admitted that Archer and Stokes are key players for England, Rahane said one can't ignore the kind of balance that the opposition squad as a whole possesses. "Ben Stokes and (Jofra) Archer, they are really good players. They did really well for England, so it is not about any individual. I think it is all about a team, England team, they are a very balanced outfit which did really well recently against Sri Lanka. So for us, what is important is that we plan against all their guys and just play as a team here and back our strengths." ₱ 🛮

Liverpool stunned by **Brighton** as Man City go 3 points clear



Liverpool's Premier League title defence suffered a damaging blow as Brighton earned a shock 1-0 win at Anfield, while Manchester City moved three points clear at the top with a 2-0 victory against Burnley. Jurgen Klopp's side paid the price for a sloppy display as Steven Alzate's second half strike gave struggling Brighton a memorable success at the

expense of the injury-hit champions.

Brighton's first away league win against Liverpool since 1982 was secured in the 56th minute when Dan Burn headed a cross towards Alzate and the Colombia midfielder flicked his shot inside the far post. Liverpool are languishing in fourth place and trail Manchester City by seven points, with the leaders holding a game in hand. The Reds' dismal defeat leaves them in desperate need of three points when in-form City visit Anfield for a crucial clash on Sunday.

QUIZ TIME!

1. Who is the leading run-scorer (15,921) of all time in Test matches?

a) Brian Lara b) Sanath Jayasuriya c) Don Bradman d) Sachin Tendulkar

Q2. In which year, Muhammad
Ali was chosen to light the flame during the Opening Ceremony of the Atlanta Olympic Games?

a) 1996 □ b) 2010 □ c) 2014 □ d) 2016 □

Q3. Which South African cricketer has scored the fastest century in One Day International (ODI) cricket?

a) Graeme Smith □ b) Hashim Amla □ c) AB de Villiers □ d) Jacques Kallis □

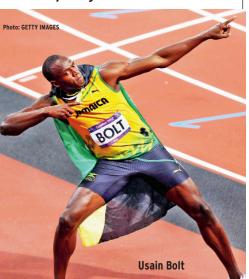
Q4. Other than George Bailey, which of the following male cricketers hold the record of most runs scored by a player in a Test match, in one over?

a) Don Bradman b) Sanath Jayasuriya c) Brian Lara d) Sachin Tendulkar

O5. Which Indian male shooter broke world record at the ISSF World Cup 2019 to claim 10m Air Pistol gold and maiden entry into Tokyo Olympics quota?

a) Divyash Singh Panwar b) Abhishek Verma c) Sanjeev Rajput d) Saurabh Choudhary

O6. During which Olympics, Usain Bolt made his debut as a 17-year-old sprinter where he went out in the opening round of the 200m?



a) Athens Olympics, 2004 □
b) Beijing Olympics, 2008 □
c) Rio Olympics, 2016 □
d) London Olympics, 2012 □

7. Which women cricketer hold the record of most dismissals by a wicket-keeper in Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is)?

a) Rachel Priest b) Taniya Bhatia c)
c) Sarah Taylor d) Alyssa Healy

08. Who won the gold medal in men's javelin throw at the Rio Olympic Games in 2016?

a) Julius Yego □ b) Thomas Rohler □
c) Johannes Vetter □
d) Andreas Thorkildsen □

9. In which year, Thomas Bach was elected as the ninth President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

a) 2013 b) 2012 c) 2011 d) 2010 c

Q10. Which of the following players has hit the most number of sixes in a Test match?

a) BB McCullum □ b) Wasim Akram □
c) Navjot Singh Sidhu □ d) Rohit Sharma □

ANSWERS: 1 d) Sachin Tendulkar 2 a) 1996 3 c) AB de Villiers 4 c) Brian Lara

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5 d) Saurabh Choudhary
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6 a) 2004 Athens Games 7 d) Alyssa Healy 8 b) Thomas Rohler 9 a) 2013 10 d) Rohit Sharma