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**INTO THE
future**
GREEN ECONOMY

GLOBAL WARMING ON THE RISE

'July 21 was world's hottest day in at least 84 years'

The Earth experienced its hottest day in at least 84 years, with the global average temperature reaching a record high of 17.09 degrees Celsius on July 21, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S). This follows a series of record-breaking temperatures – June marked the 12th consecutive month of global temperatures reaching or exceeding the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold.

Preliminary data from C3S showed that July 21 was the hottest day since at least 1940, surpassing the previous average record of 17.08 degrees Celsius set on July 6, 2023. What stands out is the significant difference between the temperatures since July 2023 and all previous years. Before July 2023, the Earth's daily average temperature record, set in August 2016, was 16.8 degrees Celsius. However, since July 3, 2023, there have been 57 days with temperatures exceeding that previous record.

IS IT A MATTER OF CONCERN?

► The global average temperature usually peaks between late June and early August, driven by the northern hemisphere's summer. The land masses in the northern

hemisphere warm up faster than the southern hemisphere's oceans can cool down.

► With global average temperatures already at near-record levels, a new daily average temperature record was not completely unexpected.

♦ There is a 99 per cent chance that 2024 will have an annual average temperature anomaly of more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above the 1850-1900 average ♦ The Earth's global surface temperature has already increased by around 1.2 degrees Celsius due to the rapidly-increasing concentration of greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide and methane, in the atmosphere. This warming is considered to be the reason behind record droughts, wildfires and floods worldwide.



India takes climate change seriously. FM introduces climate change taxonomy in the Budget



The Centre will create a taxonomy for climate finance to encourage investments in climate action, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in the 'Next Generation Reforms' section of the Union Budget 2024-2025 on July 23

We will develop a taxonomy for climate finance to enhance the availability of capital for climate adaptation and mitigation. This will support the achievement of the country's climate commitments and green transition

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, Union finance minister

What is climate finance taxonomy

According to experts, climate finance taxonomy is a classification system that defines criteria for economic activities that are aligned with a net zero trajectory, and broader environmental goals. In other words, taxonomy helps classify economic activities aligned with climate commitments along with broader environmental goals other than climate.

How will it help India

Market analysts are of the view that a taxonomy could bring in more climate funds from international sources. Currently, green finance flows in India are falling far short of the country's current needs – they account for around 3% of total FDI inflows to India, according to the Landscape of Green Finance in India 2022 report, published by Climate Policy Initiative.

Do other countries have taxonomies?

Countries like South Africa, Colombia, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Canada, Mexico and The European Union have developed taxonomies.

Foreign direct investment (FDI), an important driver of economic growth, is an investment made by a company or an individual in one country into business interests located in another country.

WHAT ARE INDIA'S CLIMATE COMMITMENTS?

India aims to achieve a net-zero economy by 2070. It has also pledged to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030, from the 2005 level.



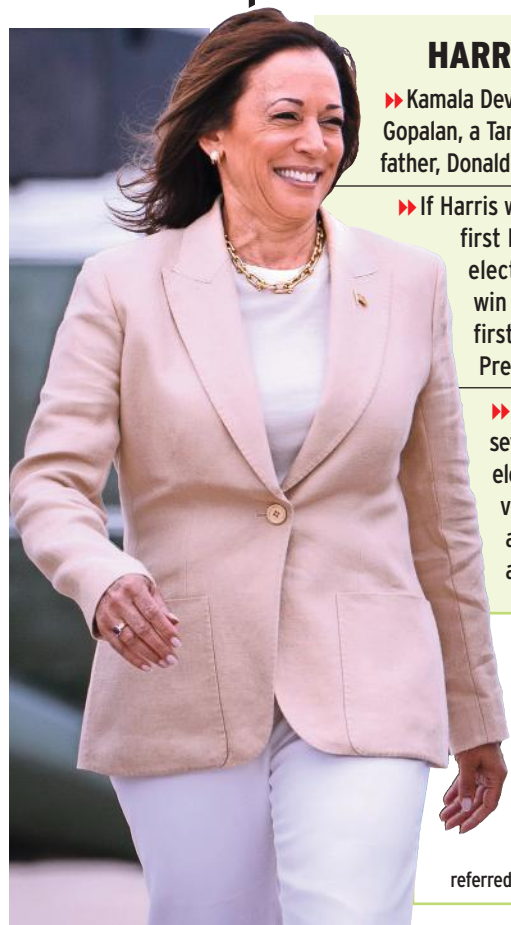
WORDSWORTH

♦ Net zero refers to a phenomenon in which any emissions are balanced by absorbing an equivalent amount from the atmosphere. In order to meet the 1.5°C global warming target in the Paris Agreement, global carbon emissions should reach net zero around mid-century.

♦ In common parlance, **taxonomy** is the science of identifying, naming, and classifying living things.



Spotlight KAMALA HARRIS Leads Donald Trump in new poll after Biden dropout



HARRIS' INDIA CONNECTION

► Kamala Devi Harris was born in California to Shyamala Gopalan, a Tamil biologist and Jamaican-American father, Donald J Harris, who was a professor.

► If Harris wins the nomination, she would be the first Indian-origin woman to be standing for elections in the United States. Besides, her win as President, would make her both the first Indian origin and first woman President of the country.

► Interestingly, her identity as an Indian is set to play a large part in the upcoming elections for Democrats, as the Republican vice president nominee JD Vance's wife is an Indian, who has also managed to appeal the immigrant voter base.

KAMALA HARRIS OWES HER ORIGIN TO WHICH PLACE IN INDIA?

Thulasendrapuram, Tamil Nadu. Harris' maternal grandfather was born here. Harris visited it when she was five. The New York Times reported in 2021 that the village held a special ceremony in a temple to pray for Harris and even inscribed her name inside the temple. Many people referred to her as the 'daughter of the village'.



News @ A Glance

Pradhan hails SC decision on NEET issue, says exam's final results to be out within 2 days

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday hailed the Supreme Court's decision on the NEET-UG issue, saying truth has prevailed, and announced that the final results of the medical entrance exam will be declared within two days. The top court dismissed the pleas seeking cancellation and re-test of the controversy-ridden 2024 NEET-UG, holding that there was no evidence on record to conclude that the exam was "vitiated" on account of "systemic breach" of its sanctity. Pradhan said the NTA will announce the final results for the NEET-UG within two days and added that the exam's merit list will be revised according to the observations made by the SC. As per the marking, if a student skipped the question, he would lose 4 marks but if he marked a wrong answer, then he would lose 5 marks, 1 extra mark lost due to negative marking.

Plane crashes in Nepal with 18 dead, pilot sole survivor

A passenger plane crashed on takeoff in Kathmandu on Wednesday, with the pilot rescued from the flaming wreckage but all 18 others aboard killed, police officials said. The Saurya Airlines flight was carrying two crew and 17 of the company's staff members, Nepali police spokesman Dan Bahadur Karki said.

WHAT MAKES FLYING IN NEPAL A CHALLENGE

► The country's rugged terrain, with towering mountains and deep valleys, creates challenges for pilots. Besides, the weather conditions and the air makes Nepal airports tricky for aviators. Sudden changes in wind direction and speed, makes it difficult for pilots to maintain control of their aircraft. ► The **tabletop** runways (located on the top of a plateau or hill) are situated on elevated terrain, with steep drops on one or more sides, leaving minimal margin for error. If a plane overshoots the runway, it can crash down the slope.

IN INDIA: Shimla, Calicut, Mangalore, Lengpui (Mizoram), and Pakyong (Sikkim) have tabletop runways

THIS DAY JULY 26 KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS



Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on July 26 to rekindle the pride and valour of the soldiers who took part in Operation Vijay. The day marks the victory of Indian soldiers in capturing the mountain heights that were occupied by the Pakistani Army on July 26, 1999.

► During this conflict, Indian forces successfully reclaimed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Ladakh's Drass on July 26 to mark the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas

strategic positions in the Kargil sector of Jammu and Kashmir that had been infiltrated by Pakistani soldiers and terrorists.

The armed conflict between India and Pakistan started after the Pakistani soldiers crossed the Line of Control (LoC) and entered Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir (now part of the Union Territory of Ladakh). Known as the Kargil War, it continued from May to July 1999. Captain Vikram Batra, Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey, Major Rajesh Singh Adhikari, Major Vivek Gupta and others were among the 527 brave soldiers who gave their lives for the country.

Seventeen-year-old Amara Jain's story of developing her own online fashion business with a sustainability mission is inspiring. Here's her entrepreneurial journey with massive takeaways. If she can, so can you

Teen eco warrior's fashion venture

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Amara Jain's passion for sustainable fashion didn't just remain a passing fancy. The class XII student at the Shri Ram School, Moulisari, Gurugram, converted her passion into something concrete by starting her own eco-conscious online fashion brand Clo_ser (closerindia.com) during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2022.

cled and designed to create garments and home decor.

Teaming up with under-privileged women tailors!

The proceeds from the sale of my apparel and home decor items help in providing stitching and tailoring training to less privileged girls. The courses offered, besides tailoring, also teaches life skills and communication skills to the girls, to groom them for future employment. We intend to provide tailoring training to 200 more girls too.

The NGO way – give back to the society

We collaborated with an NGO in Kashmir to provide sweatshirts from our winter collection to young students in peak winter. So, by reinvesting our earnings back into the project to upskill and economically empower the women in the community and through the donations to the NGO in Kashmir, we

were able to impact the wider community. It feels good for sure.

The balancing act: Studying is imp

Running a sustainable product business along with studies is challenging, but it is doable if you have a robust support system. My support system are my parents who help me work effectively through a timetable and tons of motivation.

THE TOUGH BUT PROMISING BEGINNING...

We started by identifying different types of available fabric, and how they could be used. I mapped trends, colours, designs and consumer preferences based on changing seasons and styles. Being a young individual, this opportunity allowed me to tap into my own and my peers' experiences as consumers and contribute to the design aesthetics from a set of fresh eyes and a new perspective.

How her start up began

Clo_ser is an initiative that focuses on sustainable fashion, utilising leftover scraps from the fashion industry that are upcycled to reduce land and sea-fill, while economically empowering young girls by upskilling them. My brand currently operates on the circular fashion approach where leftover fabrics from the fashion industry is upcy-

Students, take Note

Self-discipline is the main takeaway from Amara's success story. "Trying to strike a balance between academics and entrepreneurship is easier said than done, but if you are focused and disciplined, you can live your entrepreneurial dream every single day," she says.

STUDENT ACHIEVER

WORDSWORTH

UPCYCLING

It is the act of taking something (old clothes, furniture, etc.) no longer in use and giving it a new function. In doing so, the finished product often becomes more practical, valuable and beautiful than what it previously was.

NGO

The full form of NGO is non-governmental organisation. NGO is any non-profit, voluntary group of individuals established to fix social inequalities like poverty, lack of resources for underprivileged kids, etc.

AMARA'S ADVICE TO TEEN ENTREPRENEURS

★ Passion isn't enough; you need supporters. Find people who can support you in a tangible way – through resources, investment, loans and so on.

★ I have always been keen on sustainability and was curious to understand what happens to all the waste fabric in garment factories and how they could be put-to-use for a sustainable cause. To take this ahead, I connected with my parent's friends who were entrepreneurs or ran factories in the concerned industries.

★ I convinced those entrepreneurs and business-people about the idea I had – to use all the unused fabric for upscaling outfits and sell in the market. I ended up negotiating a buy-in and collaborating with these individuals and kickstarted the implementation of my sustainability project.

HELPFUL TIPS!

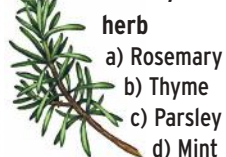
What is sustainable fashion?

Sustainable fashion is a way in which brands create clothes that reduces the impact on the environment and is mindful of the people who work to produce the garments. It is fashion that is ethically made and is eco-friendly.

FOOD QUIZ

While monsoon is still around, it's good to know about herbs and their benefits. Take this quiz and get more herbalicious than ever

1. Identify this herb



- a) Rosemary
- b) Thyme
- c) Parsley
- d) Mint

2. Which among the following teas help in inducing sleep?

- a) Peppermint tea
- b) Chamomile tea
- c) Ginger tea
- d) Tulsi tea



3. Which country is the largest producer of saffron?

- a) Iraq
- b) Iran
- c) India
- d) Sri Lanka



4. Which among the following countries is known as the 'land of spices'?

- a) Vietnam
- b) Malaysia
- c) India
- d) Thailand



5. Which of these spices is a commonly used powder consisting of horseradish and mustard?

- a) Curry
- b) Red pepper
- c) Thyme
- d) Wasabi

ANSWERS: 1. a) Rosemary; 2. b) Chamomile tea; 3. b) Iran; 4. c) India; 5. d) Wasabi

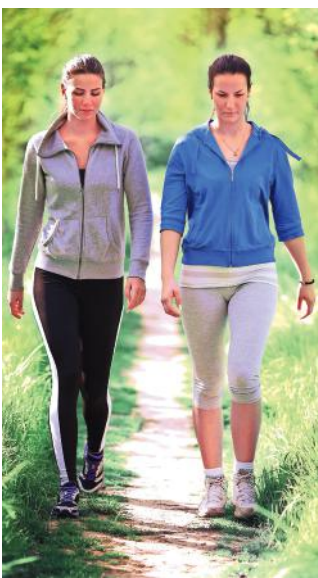
FITNESSTREND

Is 'fart walking' just a fad?

The term fart walking may be giggle-inducing and at first seem like yet another fitness fad, but it's prominent in fitness parlance. For the uninitiated, fart walking is done post meals and as the name suggests, it's an effective means to release the trapped gas through flatulence, aiding in digestion and relieving the discomfort of bloating.

Who coined this term?

The word 'fart walking' was coined by a Toronto-based cookbook author Marilyn Smith who shared her experience of going for a 60-minute walk post dinner to release gas and curb bloating issues. The idea connected well with people who struggle with acidity and bloating.



It's backed by science

Fart walking goes beyond releasing gas and aiding digestion post meals. It has hidden benefits that can elevate your overall health apart from gastrointestinal woes. Check these positives:

- ▶▶ A meta-analysis published in the journal 'Sports Medicine' suggests that going for a walk after a meal can prevent blood sugar spikes, even if the movement lasts for a few minutes. The logic is that muscles require glucose to function, and any sort of movement can help clear sugar from the bloodstream.
- ▶▶ Walking after meals can boost metabolism, aiding in better nutrient absorption.
- ▶▶ Walking releases happy hormones and even short burst of walking can boost your mood and reduce anxiety. TNN

5 FISH FOR YOUR HOME AQUARIUM



Keeping fish as pets can be source a joy. They are low maintenance and beautiful to look at and bring positive vibes. Here's a list of five freshwater species

BETTAS

1 Also known as the 'Siamese Fighting Fish,' this species is popular for its pretty colours and fancy fins. Bettas are territorial by nature and fight with each other to establish their territory.



Top Tip: Only one male betta can be kept in an aquarium as males tend to fight aggressively with one another (hence the name 'Siamese fighting fish'). Females are a bit more tolerant of each other.

CALLING ALL PET LOVERS...

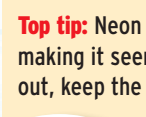
Do you have a story to share about your Shih Tzu or a conundrum over your cat, troubled about your tabby or want to get your feathered friend featured? This is the space for you. Send in your pics, tricks, tips and tales to tointe175@gmail.com and your pet story/pic will be featured in this space

GOLDFISH

4 The popular freshwater fish comes in various sizes, shapes and colours. But you will need a water conditioner to neutralise the water used to fill the aquarium as the chemicals in tap water such as chlorine are poisonous for goldfish.



DID YOU KNOW? Goldfish have a lifespan averaging about 10 to 15 years, with some varieties living up to 30 years, if given proper care.



Top tip: Neon Tetra's iridescent blue colouration has highly reflective scales, making it seem like they are glowing at night. To make their blue colour stand out, keep the aquarium against a black background.

GUPPIES

3 Colourful and lively, guppies are popular among fish enthusiasts. They come in a wide range of colours and patterns, making them a pretty addition to your home.



Top tip: Guppies eat a variety of foods like brine shrimp, flake food, pellets and because they are not picky eaters, they even graze on the algae growing inside the aquarium.

ZEBRA DANIOS

5 This small fish with horizontal stripes is known for its elegance. Get at least five zebra danios for your aquarium so they can shoal, which means many fish swimming together. Too few fish or too little space can stress this species.



Top tip: The minimum aquarium size for zebra fish is approx 37 litre, as they are active and need room to swim around.

SOURCES: TNN, WIKIPEDIA

JET, SET, GOAL!

Wield a pencil, sharpen your mind and get cracking. Try this Times NIE worksheet that is set to keep your brain ticking



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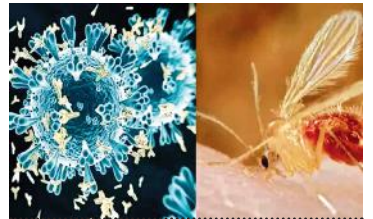
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GET THE PICTURE

What do you think is happening in the picture?

1. Write a caption. (Less than 20 words)

2. How aware are you of different viruses that have led to several outbreaks in the last few years? Think about one and write 200 words on it.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?
A microscopic view of the Chandipura virus transmitted by sandflies, Gujarat has reported around 13 suspected cases as per the state health dept.

YOUR OPINION

Do you think one should turn festivities into competition?

The stakes have risen at the annual Pro Govinda Dahi Handi competition that is backed by Maharashtra govt. This year, wealthy franchisees are acquiring govinda teams, much like bidders do for individual players in IPL. The difference is that an entire govinda pathak involving scores of players will be hired, not select members. CM Eknath Shinde made the announcement of Pro Govinda League 2024 on Monday. Thirty-two govinda teams have registered for pre-qualifiers that will be held in Thane on Jul 27-28. The final shortlisted 16 teams will participate in the main event at Dome SVP Stadium in Worli on Aug 18. Shinde said, "Dahi handi embodies Maharashtra's rich traditions, bringing communities together. Pro Govinda competition will help us promote this tradition nationwide and encourage players for maximum participation."

Students, tell us your opinion:
Prompts: (Pick any one)

1. Do you think this move will help bring more recognition to the tradition? How?
2. The state govt wants to turn this into a brand like Pro Kabaddi League. They've combined elements of IPL with Pro Kabaddi to create the Pro Govinda League. How do you think this move will help?
3. Will you watch a dahi handi competition? Why/why not?
4. Do you think corporatisation of festivities is feasible? How will that change the nature of these traditions?

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QUIZ TIME



Question 1: Identify this famous Shiva temple near Mandakini River in Uttarakhand in news for a recent landslide.

- ☐ Kedarnath
- ☐ Somnath
- ☐ Rameshwaram
- ☐ Bhimashankar Temple

Question 2: Which fish is known as the Siamese Fighting Fish?

- ☐ Goldfish
- ☐ Bettas
- ☐ Zebra
- ☐ Red fish



Question 3: Rice water is a staple in which country's skincare tradition?

- ☐ India
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Bangladesh
- ☐ Korea

Question 4: Vidya Balan's lehenga for Anant-Radhika wedding was dyed with which flowers from Mumbai's Siddhivinayak Temple?

- ☐ Sunflower
- ☐ Marigolds
- ☐ Yellow rose
- ☐ Lotus



Answers: 1. Kedarnath; 2. Bettas; 3. Korea; 4. Marigolds

HOW TO WRITE

A FAREWELL NOTE TO A TEACHER

Your favourite teacher just decided to quit and is moving on to another city or school. You are sad but wish them best and want to write a touching farewell note. Here are some tips:

- **Begin with a warm greeting:** Start with a nice and respectful greeting. Address the teacher by their title and last name or use a more casual greeting if the teacher has conveyed at some point that he/she is okay with that.
- **Express gratitude:** For the

teacher's dedication, guidance and support. Mention specific instances or aspects of their teaching that had an impact on you. Example: "I want to express my deepest gratitude for the positive impact you've had on my academic and personal growth during my time in your class."

- **Share personal experiences:** Share specific experiences or memories you have with the teacher. Highlight moments that left a lasting impression on you and contributed to your



learning and development.

- **Express your future intentions:** Share your future plans (for your career, etc.) and express how the teacher's influence will continue to inspire and guide you.
- **Acknowledge the teacher's positive qualities:** Acknowledge and appreciate the teacher's positive qualities. This could include their passion for teaching, patience, dedication, or any other traits that made them an exceptional educator.

WRITE PRACTICE

REASON ASSERTION



India, political parties play a decisive role in making laws for the country. Members of political parties are elected as representatives in the legislature, and they participate in the lawmaking process.

- Parties propose bills, debate them, and vote on their passage.
- The majority party or coalition of parties often has a significant influence in shaping and passing laws.
- Opposition parties also play a crucial role in the process.
- They provide a check and balance to the ruling party or government. Opposition parties mobilise opposition to the government's policies, decisions, and proposed laws.

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- They critically analyse the government's actions and hold them accountable. Opposition parties raise concerns, ask questions, and offer alternative viewpoints.

The assertion states that parties play a decisive role in making laws for a country, which is true. The reason states that opposition parties also mobilise opposition to the government, which is also true. However, the reason does not directly explain or provide a justification for the assertion. Therefore, both are individually correct, but the reason does not fully explain the assertion.

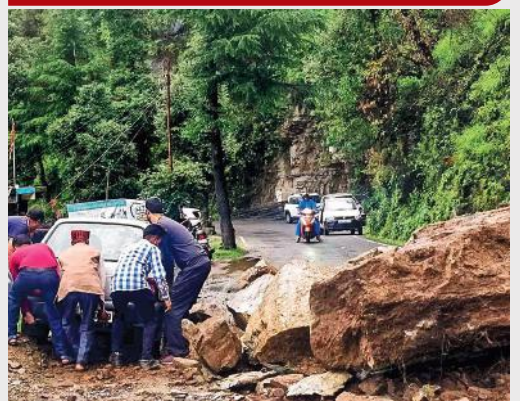
Answer: B

LEARNING OUTCOME: This section will help you with critical thinking as it encourages you to analyse and evaluate information. It also increases scientific literacy and cognitive flexibility.

LET'S TALK

NATURE'S FURY

Create a chat between Rhea and Ryan



WHAT'S THIS PIC?

People try to move a car after a road got blocked due to landslide following rains in Shimla.

Prompt: Create a conversation on how hill states of India should prioritise on afforestation and climate goals



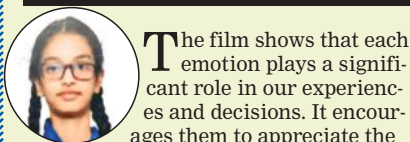
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, THERAPY: MOVIES AS MENTAL HEALTH TOOL

OUR READER'S VIEWPOINT

With the release of the movie 'Inside Out 2', our young readers talk about lessons they have learned from it, while experts and educators suggest other movies which address mental health related issues and their impact on the viewers...

MOVIE WITH MULTIPLE LESSONS

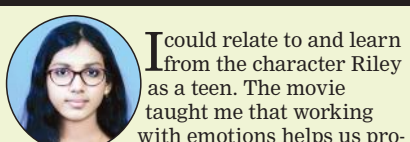


The film shows that each emotion plays a significant role in our experiences and decisions. It encourages them to appreciate the richness of their emotional landscape and the significance of emotional authenticity in personal growth and relationships.

HRUDRA DESHPANDE, class IX, Blue Ridge Public School, Pune

All teenagers experience changes during adolescence, like Riley in 'Inside Out 2'. The movie helped me realise that self-doubt and peer pressure make it hard to keep an identity. I learned that I must accept these emotions as natural.

J P MUKUNTH, class VII, Mahindra World School, Chennai



I could relate to and learn from the character Riley as a teen. The movie taught me that working with emotions helps us progress in all spheres. By managing emotions, one can navigate innumerable future challenges.

ALI FATHIMA, class XI, Carmel School, Peyad, Thiruvananthapuram

I am an emotional person and get anxious and sometimes sob uncontrollably. My anxiety was partially erased by the movie's depictions of teen years and their issues. It reaffirmed that I am not alone.

SANVI RASTOGI, class XI, The Millennium School, Lucknow



Movies with a profound message can impact teens by raising awareness, reducing stigma, and fostering empathy. They provide relatable scenarios and coping strategies, encouraging teens to seek help and better understand their own and others' mental health challenges.

VINAYAK MAHAJAN, psychologist, Mumbai



It would greatly serve society if movies provided age-appropriate content and portrayed mental health issues accurately and sensitively to create awareness. Additionally, these movies will remove the stigma and encourage teens to bring issues out of the closet and address them.

DR SMITA GHOSH, psychologist, Ahmedabad



Such films help teenagers articulate their feelings. They offer a relatable way to discuss emotions, fostering a sense of connection and engagement. This movie's unique portrayal of emotions will resonate with adolescents, strengthening this bond.

DEEPA JOSEPH GEORGE, school counsellor, DPS East, Bengaluru

POSITIVE IMPACT & RELATABILITY

EDUCATORS' RECOMMENDATION

Himasa Yonebayashi's 'When Marnie Was There' is a film that showcases how friendship can heal wounds of childhood trauma. The film explores the profound impact of connection and empathy in dealing with personal struggles.

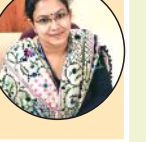
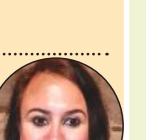
ADRIJA BHATTACHARYYA, English faculty, St Joseph's School, Malakpet, Hyderabad

One of the most popular movies about moving on in life is 'Love You Zindagi'. Moving on is highly important. Attachments are necessary but where you feel you will be reciprocated. Students get meddled in too many relationships and destroy their lives. They need to learn that change is the most constant thing in life.

SHIKHA SHARMA, English teacher, The Lawrence School, Sanawar

On Howard's 'A Beautiful Mind' speaks at length about John Nash's struggle with schizophrenia. It shows how a brilliant mind becomes a slave and how Nash overcomes his shortcomings and wins the Nobel Prize.

SOURINA BOSE, teacher, Lakshmipt Singhania Academy, Kolkata



Spot 6 differences between these pics & unscramble 5 words



BOB WEBER JR and SR 6-16

Answer -- 1) Trunk 2) Snake 3) Clouds 4) Soap 5) Tongue

The scrambled words are things found in this scene. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) NTKUR
- 2) ASPO
- 3) SCUDOL
- 4) NESKA
- 5) GONETU

DO YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THIS PHRASE?

"Both teams won a number of matches against each other, so they called it 'a wash' in the end," said the popular sports journalist in his TV show.

WHICH STATEMENT IS CORRECT?

a. The sports journalist said in his TV show that both teams won many matches against each other that offset the victory and loss situation.

b. The sports journalist said in his TV show that both teams went to wash themselves as they got all muddy after the matches.

Answer: The first answer is correct. The phrase 'a wash' means a situation in which gains and losses are considered to be equal or offset. The sports journalist used this expression in his TV show to explain that because both teams won many matches against each other, they offset the victory and loss situation.

KNOW YOUR WORD USAGE

- plan
- conclude
- undertake

- 1) Prolific adj.
• skillful • wordy
• productive • proud

- 2) Stilted adj.
• artificially formal
• forceful
• carefully worked out
• repressed

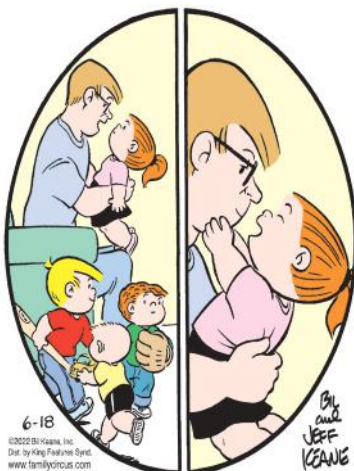
- 3) Affect v.
• to influence

- 4) Effect v.
• to be the cause of
• preclude
• think up
• adjust or control

- 5) Illicit adj.
• provocative
• unlawful
• secret
• abnormal

Answer: 1) Highly productive; turning out many creative works; fertile; as, in securities. Latin illicitus.
2) Stiff; artificially formal; pompous; without a sense of grace and flow. She is a prolific writer. Latin proles (offspring).
3) To influence; produce a response; as, 'People are deeply affected by Picasso's antiwar painting "Guernica".' Latin afficere.
4) To be the cause of; bring about; as, 'to effect the unification of the two Germanys. Latin efficere.
5) Unlawful; unauthorized; as, 'Stock-exchange rules prohibit illicit trading

FAMILY CIRCUS



"You're my favorite daughter."
"And you're my favorite Daddy!"

DID YOU KNOW?

The word 'stadium' comes from the ancient Greek word 'stages,' which was the running distance of 192 metres at the first Olympic Games in Greece in 776 BC.

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ANSWER

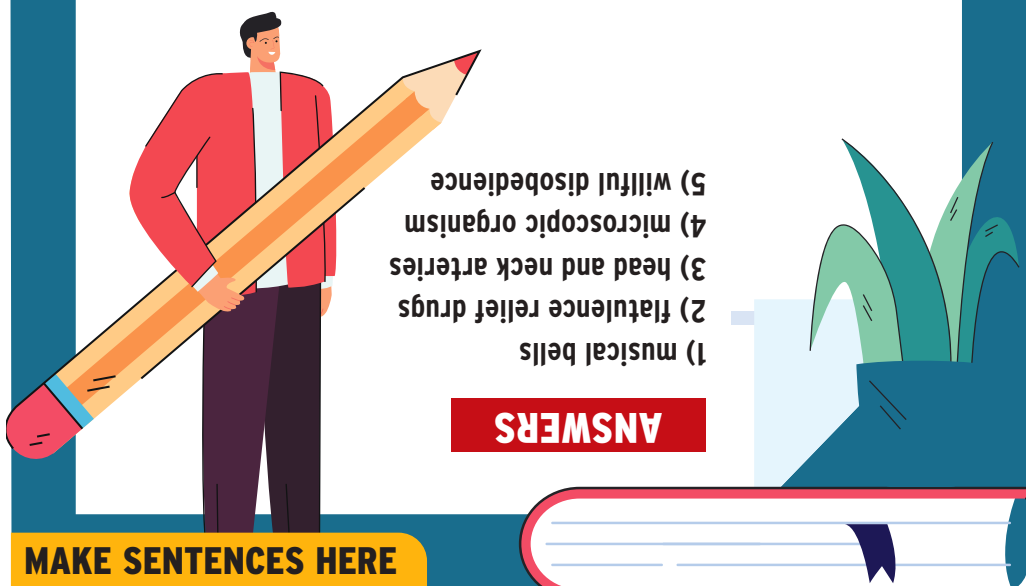
CHECK YOUR VOCABULARY

- 1) Carillon
• type of xylophone
• butterfly
• songbird
• musical bells
- 2) Carminative drugs cure.....
• colds
• flatulence relief drugs
• wounds
• itches

- 3) Carotid
• orange colour
• head and neck arteries
• calamity
• blasphemy

- 4) Bacillus
• tobacco pouch
• microscopic organism
• roman emperor
• board game

- 5) Contumacy
• willful disobedience
• reckless overeating
• mindless rage
• heat exhaustion



MAKE SENTENCES HERE

CARILLON:
BACILLUS:
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ANSWERS

- 1) musical bells
2) flatulence relief drugs
3) head and neck arteries
4) microscopic organism
5) willful disobedience

Idiom-etrics

LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE ITS SPOTS

(It is impossible for people to change their fundamental nature)
Example: Tony promised his mother he'd change his ways, but a 'leopard can't change its spots.'

LION'S SHARE

(Refers to the major share of something)
Example: He left very little money to his children; the 'lion's share' was donated to charity.

MONKEY BUSINESS

(An activity organised in a deceitful or dishonest way)
Example: The results announced seem suspicious. I think there's some 'monkey business' going on.

MONKEY ON YOUR BACK

(A problem that someone cannot easily get rid of or solve)
Example: The whole medical system has become a 'monkey on the back' of people without money.

TRIVIA

LION'S SHARE

The phrase is derived from Aesop's fable 'The Lion's Share,' in which a lion claims the full amount of the spoil after hunting with a number of other beasts. In one version of the fable, the lion claims three-quarters of the kill rather than the whole, leaving the three other animals to fight over the remainder.

WRITE A SMALL STORY USING THE IDIOM - 'MONKEY BUSINESS.'

Riding with the Riddle

1) I neither have a sword nor a spear
Yet I rule a horde which many fear
My army men battle with a wicked sting
I rule powerfully, yet am no king
Guess who I am.

2) You put my start on toast
And my end describes the movement of birds,
My baby eats leaves, but I drink flowers.
What am I?

WRITE A SHORT POEM ON THE SECOND ANSWER.

Answer: 1) Queen Bee; 2) Butterfly

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

RULE 1 - Each row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions

RULE 2 - Each column must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions

RULE 3 - The digits can only occur once per block

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Find the answers somewhere in the page



IDENTIFY THIS PEPPER

HINT: This pepper has been crowned the 'world's spiciest pepper' by Guinness World Records. This pepper was created by renowned American chilli breeder Ed Currie. Name the pepper.

ANSWER: PEPPER X

GO FIGURE

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whichever operators you want to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

THE OPERATORS

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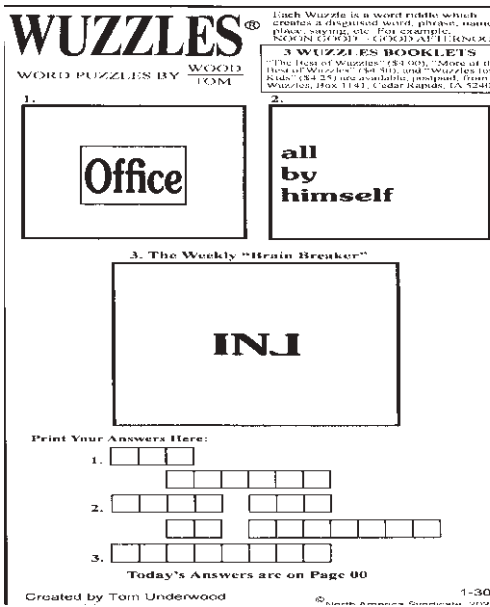
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SOLUTIONS:

Easy $7 + 6 + 5 \times 1 = 18$
Medium $3 + 4 \times 9 - 2 = 61$
Hard $2 \times 4 / 1 + 6 = 14$

WUZZLES



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1. Box office
2. Left all by himself
3. Internal

TEST YOUR WORD POWER

- 1) caestmited
a) comedietta
b) decimates
c) domesticate
d) medication
- 2) roiccdloe
a) crocodile
b) encircled
c) recoiled
d) coloured
- 3) faculdrisge
a) lifeguards
b) disdainful
c) successful
d) disgraceful
- 4) souinglori
a) gregarious
b) inglorious
c) mysterious
d) ignominious

WRITE THE OPPOSITE OF... AND MAKE A SENTENCE

DISGRACEFUL:

INGLORIOUS:

Answers: 1) c. domesticate; 2) a. crocodile; 3) d. disgraceful; 4) b. inglorious

INDIA AT OLYMPICS

ARCHERS AIM TO BREAK MEDAL JINX

Deepika Kumari

AIM FOR FIRST GAMES MEDAL IN PARIS, HOPES PINNED ON MEN'S TEAM

A different year and another Olympics, but for Indian archers, the target will be the same -- fetching their first ever medal at the Games.

More or less regular at the Olympics since debuting back in 1988, the archers will kick off the nation's Paris campaign on Thursday with the qualification rounds at the Les Invalides gardens here. For the first time after London 2012, India will have a full six-member squad, and will compete in all the five events.

Crucial qualifiers

Veterans Tarundeep Rai and Deepika Kumari, appearing in their fourth Olympics, will lead their young teammates, hoping to securing at least a top-10 finish in the qualification round to ensure a favourable draw. Each archer will shoot 72 arrows and the

scores of 128 athletes from 53 countries will decide the seeds for the main knockout competition beginning with the women's team finals on Sunday. The qualifying round will be crucial for the Indians, who have often slipped in the seedings and ended up losing to heavyweights Korea, tipped to top the qualifications.

Hopes high

India will have high hopes from the men's team, which won a his-



Coach Purnima Mahato, Chekrovolu Sworu, Bombayla Devi, Deepika Kumari, Coach Limbaram, Tarundeep Rai, Rahul Banerjee, Jayanta Talukder

toric World Cup in Shanghai, upsetting Korea for the first time in a final. They will have the experience in Rai and Tokyo Olympian Pravin Jadhav, while debutant Dhiraj Bommadevara will be on a high after beating Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist Mauro Nespoli of Italy at the World Cup Stage-3 a month back.

Individually, debutant Dhiraj is seen as a bright prospect as he has tasted success with a Asian Games team silver last year, albeit with different teammates. Known to be "ice cool" in tough situations, Dhiraj would look to overcome the bitter memories of Hangzhou Asian Games where he botched up his release twice to exit in the individual quarters.

Redemption act

Deepika will fight against herself in a redemption act. All eyes would be on her especially after her stunning comeback to win a World Cup Stage-1 silver in Shanghai in April this year, less than 16 months after becoming a mother. "If she gets going, Deepika churns out perfect 10s at ease. But at the same time, she suffers from inconsistency and makes silly mistakes at crunch times. If she overcomes her mental blockade, there is no stopping her," India's high performance director Sanjeeva Singh said.

Dhiraj and Deepika, if they



Dhiraj Bommadevara

manage to top their ranking rounds, would be an exciting prospect for the recurve mixed team. Dhiraj's composure and Deepika's skills would complement each other well at the highest level.

The women's team, on the

other hand, is low on experience barring Deepika. Ankita Bhakat is relatively more experienced having won World Cup team medals in Paris in 2021 and 2022.



Pravin Jadhav

CONTROVERSIAL BUILD-UP

The archers Olympic build-up was marred by their foreign coach Baek Woong Ki's return to India after not getting accreditation to enter the Games. The South Korean, who was contracted by the Archery Association of India for the Olympics at an approximate annual contract of ₹ 1 crore, had accompanied the team to their 10-day preparatory camp in Jaux. But he had to return after AAI failed to procure an accreditation for him. While there would be no Baek, India will have men's and women's team coaches in Sonam Singh Bhutia (Army) and Purnima Mahato (Tata) whose archers have made the side. In absence of Baek, it remains to be seen how the Indians will cope with crunch moments especially while taking on arch-nemesis Korea in the knockouts

KNOW YOUR PLAYER

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA

Barbora is a Czech professional tennis player. She has a career-high singles ranking of world No. 2, achieved in February 2022, and became world No. 1 in doubles in October 2018. She is known for her aggressive playing style and her powerful groundstrokes. She has also won a total of 12 Grand Slam titles, including two in singles, seven in doubles, and three in mixed doubles, partnering with Kateina Siniakova in all the seven doubles. Besides Venus Williams, she is one of only two active female players to have won a major in all three disciplines.



INTERNATIONAL DEBUT:

- ▶ Debut as qualifier at 2014 Quebec City
- ▶ 2014-15: WTA Tour debut

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ▶ May 2021, Krejckova won her first WTA singles title at Strasbourg
- ▶ 2021 French Open
- ▶ 2021 won her third WTA singles title at Prague
- ▶ In 2023, Krejckova won her maiden WTA 1000 title in singles at the 2023 Dubai Tennis Championships
- ▶ Won 2024 Wimbledon singles
- ▶ Krejckova won the doubles titles at the 2018 French Open and 2018 Wimbledon Championships
- ▶ 2021 French Open women's doubles title
- ▶ 2022 Australian Open Women's doubles 2022 title Wimbledon Championships doubles and the US Open doubles
- ▶ Mixed doubles at the 2019 Australian Open. Won gold in doubles at the Tokyo Olympics 2021

QUIZ TIME

Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Tiger Woods

Q1: Which golf tournament did Tiger Woods win by 12 strokes cementing his first-ever major championship win?

- a) US PGA Championship b) US Open
c) The Masters d) The Open

Q2: In the 1971 Olympics, Nadia Comaneci was the first gymnast to score perfectly. What country was she representing?

- a) Romania b) India c) Italy d) South Africa

Q3: Which of these players has won the most number of tennis grand slam titles?

- a) Venus Williams b) Serena Williams
c) Iga Swiatek d) Ashleigh Barty

Q4: Who was the first British player to win league titles in four countries?

- a) Wayne Rooney b) David Beckham
c) Raheem Sterling d) Stuart Pearson

Q5: In metres, how big is an Olympic-sized swimming pool?

- a) 40 metres long and 24 metres wide
b) 30 metres long and 25 metres wide
c) 70 metres long and 25 metres wide
d) 50 metres long and 25 metres wide

ANSWERS: 1) C: The Masters 2) C: Romania 3) C: Serena Williams 4) B: David Beckham 5) D: 50 meters long and 25 meters wide

MARK BUTCHER HEAPS PRAISE ON SPINNER SHOAIB BASHIR

Former England cricketer Mark Butcher heaped praise on young spinner Shoaib Bashir, who took a match-winning five-wicket haul against West Indies in the second Test, calling him "the real deal". A filer from Bashir crushed the West Indies' dream of a comeback as they were skittled out for 143 runs during a run-chase of 385 runs after a glorious fightback during the second Test at

WI could not stay alive in the series as Bashir's spell pushed them to the backfoot and England sealed a 2-0 series win with a game to go.

Nottingham. WI had gained a first-inning lead of 41 runs, scoring 457 in reply to England's first-inning total of 416 runs. But the 'Three Lions' commendable batting display led by Harry Brook and Joe Root helped the hosts to 425 runs, setting 385 for the visitors to win. WI could not stay alive in the series as Bashir's spell pushed them to the backfoot and England sealed a 2-0 series win with a game to go. ANI



England's Shoaib Bashir, left, celebrates with England's Ben Duckett after winning the match during day four of the second Test between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge cricket ground, Nottingham, England

Jofra Archer eyes 2025-26 Ashes Test

England pacer Jofra Archer is setting his sights on the 2025-26 Ashes series in Australia as he is aiming for his return to Test cricket. The 29-year-old has been absent from the longer format since February 2021, due to persistent back and elbow injuries over the past three years. His participation in England's recent T20 World Cup campaign has sparked optimism that his injury woes might finally be behind him. "I am going to use the rest of this



Jofra Archer

year to make sure that (playing in the next Ashes) is at least a possibility," Archer said. Archer's impact was felt profoundly during England's 2019 World Cup-winning campaign, where he bowled the decisive super over in the final against New Zealand. Later that summer, he also made Ashes debut at Lord's. England managing director Rob Key has indicated that a realistic target for Archer's return to Test cricket is the home series against India 2025.

BALANCING ACT

▶ Simone Biles of Team United States practices on the balance beam during a gymnastics training session ahead of the Paris Olympic Games at Gymnastic Training Centre of Le Bourget on Monday.



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

SHAMI ready for comeback

Indian pace veteran Mohammed Shami is preparing hard for his comeback to international cricket, with "ball in his hand and obsession in his heart". Shami posted a picture of him sweating it out in the nets, making it loud and clear through his caption that he is in the process of making a fine come-

back so that he can "turn the game" for India. Shami's last competitive cricket match was back in November when he played the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup final against Australia in Ahmedabad, which India lost. Shami amazed fans and experts alike with his pace and swing, taking 24 wickets in just seven games at an average of 10.70 and an economy rate of 5.26, with a four-wicket haul and three five-wicket hauls. His best figures were 7/57 against New Zealand in the

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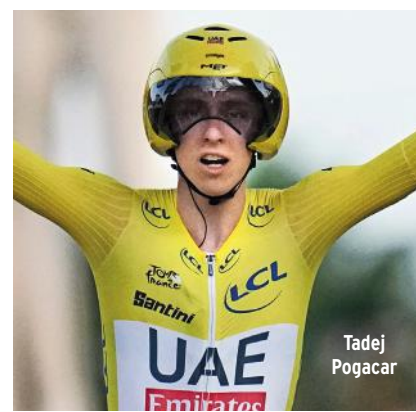
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Mohammed Shami

POGACAR PULLS OUT OF PARIS OLYMPICS

Tour de France winner Tadej Pogacar will not compete at the Paris Olympics after the Slovenian rider renounced the chance to go for gold due to accumulated tiredness. The Slovenian agency STA confirmed the news on Monday after Pogacar won his third Tour with a lead of over six minutes. Pogacar won six stages as he dominated the race, with his tri-



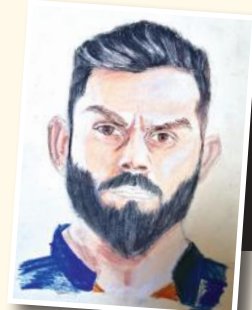
Tadej Pogacar

umph made more impressive after he also won the Giro de Italia in May. The manner of his wins and the form that Pogacar showed in the early season one-day races, which are similar to the 273-km Olympic road cycling race, meant the bronze medal winner of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics was favourite to add an Olympic gold medal to his already spectacular season. IANS

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