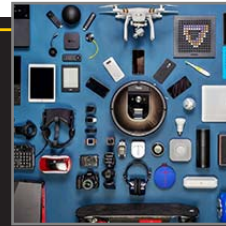




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## Missing your loved ones? Send them a robotic hug!

As threats of travel restrictions loom large, courtesy Covid-19, scientists have come up with a novel solution: Transport you anywhere in the world 'in the body of a robot' to visit your loved ones. Yes, you read it right. Cyberselves, a University of Sheffield spin-out firm, has created an app that gives you a robot's point of view through a VR headset and handheld motion controllers. The 'telepresence' technology lets people see what the robot sees, hear what the robot hears, feel what the robot feels and move around in its body, via the internet.



According to experts, it could be used to help people visit and hug relatives, explore tourist attractions, give healthcare, and assess hazardous environments

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1 Human uses Cyberselves' Teleport app on their VR headset (with handheld motion controllers) or phone
- 2 Robot responds to user's movement of controllers and motion sensors in real-time via the cloud
- 3 User can see, hear and feel through the robot even if it's in another continent

■ Cyberselves researchers have also developed Animus, a 'universal language for robots' that allows the Teleport app to be licensed for use 'with any robot in the world'



■ Apart from being able to hug relatives, it allows human operators to safely carry out tasks in hazardous environments remotely

■ Such applications range from nuclear decommissioning to bomb disposal, offshore wind production and search and rescue operations (Source: Daily Mail)



## Warholm and Thompson-Herah named World Athletes of the Year

Norwegian 400m hurdler Karsten Warholm and Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah were named the World Athletes of the Year on Wednesday for sensational performances at the Tokyo Olympics. Warholm received the men's award for smashing the 29-year-old world record to win the Olympic final in a time of 45.94sec. His performance is widely considered as one of the greatest Olympic track performances of all time. Thompson-Herah took the women's award for achieving the sprint double at a second consecutive Olympics.

➤ **Athing Mu**, the 19-year-old American, who was an impressive winner of the women's 800m Olympic title, was named the Female Rising Star



➤ **Erriyon Knighton**, the American sprinter, who at just 17 years old finished fourth in the men's 200m final in Tokyo, won the equivalent men's award



➤ There was a special award for **Mutaz Essa Barshim** of Qatar and Italian **Gianmarco Tamberi**, who shared the Olympic men's high jump gold medal in a moment that touched a nerve with the public.



➤ The awards were decided by the World Athletics Council and more than 300,000 online voters.

## 'Golden Boy' Neeraj Chopra to launch PM's mission

Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra will visit Sanskardham School in Ahmedabad on December 4 and launch Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission to spread awareness about balanced diet, fitness and sports. During his meeting with Tokyo Olympians at his residence on August 16, Modi had urged India's Olympians and Paralympians to visit 75 schools each by the 2023 Independence Day and spread awareness against malnutrition and also play a sport with school children.



■ The Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the ministry of education are working on running the awareness campaign as a 'Meet the Champions' programme over the next two years. The school visits by the Olympians would begin from January next year

■ The event will be held as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating the country's 75th year of independence

## A teen develops an app for soil identification

A 14-year-old girl from a village in Lalitpur district in UP has been ranked among the top 20 in the country in the artificial intelligence-based innovative project exhibition and award ceremony held in Delhi recently. **Nandini Kushwaha** has been awarded for devising a smart data-based AI tool that identifies the most-suitable crop for soil by analysing the various nutritional components present in it. A student of class IX of the Government Girls Inter College (GGIC), Nandini was inspired by her mathematics teacher, Prakash Bhushan, Mishra during the Covid-19 lockdown, when the specially devised website under the project 'Responsible AI for youth' was launched.

**YOUNG  
ACHIEVER**

1 Seeing the day-to-day problems related to

skewed crop production because of poor soil quality, Nandini based her project on the issue and named it 'Mitti ko jano, fasal pehchano'

2 It is a smart data-based AI tool that identifies the most-suitable crop for soil by analysing the various nutritional components present in it. This model can be deployed as a physical soil detection tool that will help farmers to understand their soil accurately and make decisions



3 With the help of the AI project, data is retrieved from the mud for its content of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, temperature, humidity content, PH value and rainfall. Based on these data, the right choice of crop for getting optimal production can be predicted

## Developed. A microscopic camera, the size of a grain of salt

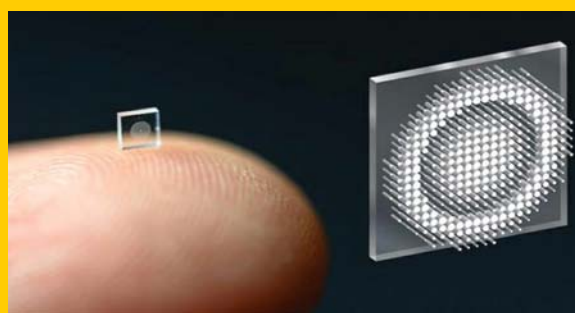
Researchers in Washington have created a camera the size of a coarse grain of salt. Despite being small, the microscopic camera can capture crisp, full-colour images on par with normal lenses that are 500,000 times larger.

The new camera could allow super-small robots to sense their surroundings, or even help doctors see problems within the human body.

### HOW DOES THE CAMERA WORK

■ The tiny camera relies on a special 'metasurface' studded with 1.6 million cylindrical posts – each the size of a single HIV virus – which can modulate the behaviour of light.

■ Each of the posts on the 0.5-millimetre-wide surface has a



unique shape that allows it to operate like an antenna.

■ Machine-learning based signal processing algo-

ri thms then interpret the post's interaction with light, transforming it into an image.

## Nicolas Cage to play Dracula in Universal film 'Renfield'

Hollywood star Nicolas Cage will play Dracula in Universal's upcoming monster movie 'Renfield'. The film centres on Dracula's henchman R M Renfield, who was a prominent figure in author Bram Stoker's cult classic 1897 novel. In the book, Renfield was a patient



in an asylum with an obsession for drinking blood, deluded into thinking he would find immortality. He bows at the feet of the vampire king, who feeds him insects and rats and dangles everlasting life in front of him. In the movie, actor Nicholas Hoult will take on the role of Renfield.

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## Tagoreans observe Constitution day

Students of **Tagore International School**, Vasant Vihar observed Constitution Day on November 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The school organised a number of activities for classes VI to VIII, IX and XI. Prior to witnessing the live streaming of the Constitution Day celebrations, a discussion on various aspects of the Constitution, its salient features, its significance to our present-day youth, as also an insight into rights and duties based on their understanding of the constitution, was held in each of the classes by their respective teachers.

Students of class XI had discussions on amendments made in the constitution, critically evaluated the relevance of various Arti-



cles of the Constitution in the present context and what amendments, in their wisdom, would guarantee meeting the aspirations of the people and the challenges likely to be faced by the country in future.

The students also witnessed president Ram Nath Kovind leading the celebrations of Constitu-

tion Day 2021, live streamed from the Central Hall of Parliament at 11 am. Students were also encouraged to download their certificates and to participate in the online quiz on Constitutional Democracy, launched by the president on the day.

Furthermore, the students of

classes VI-VIII participated in an Inter House competition 'Constituting the Constitution' that required them to think and come up with a much needed law in their opinion, justifying the need for the law and various aspects associated with it. This competition displayed the depth of thinking of the present day students and the commendable level of their awareness to all attendees. It was a very well thought out competition by the Students' Council of Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar commemorating the Constitution Day.

The day's activities provided an in-depth understanding of the salient features of our Constitution and would go a long way in building, in each Tagorean, a positive attitude towards it.

## Communal Harmony Week at ASN

**ASN Senior Secondary School**, Mayur Vihar, Phase I recently celebrated the virtual culmination ceremony of the Communal Harmony Week 2021. The chief guest of the day was Dr Indrajit Majumdar, joint secretary cum finance officer, National Foundation for Communal Harmony, NFCH.

The main aim behind the week long program was to promote unity in diversity and feeling of oneness and harmony amongst people. Plethora of online activities were conducted during the week which were then showcased in the program. The program took an auspicious start with the lighting of the lamp followed by 'Ganesh vandana'. Children presented their thought through self-composed poems.

School principal Swarnima Luthra gave a hearty welcome to the



esteemed guests of the day. She lauded the efforts of the children and urged them to walk on the path of peace and righteousness. Dr Indrajit Majumdar, chief guest of the day appreciated the students for their performance. He in his address said that education is the most important tool which enlightens us to see everyone with the same eye. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sushma Kalia, school coordinator.

## VNS organises funfair for kids

**Vidya Niketan School**, Faridabad organised a funfair on its premises on October 30 with the theme of exemplifying Rajasthani culture and tradition. The little cherubs had great fun relishing different fun activities. During the event, parents were also engaged in it one way or the other.

The invitees were welcomed with a 'tilak' to give it a great opening. There were different activities to evolve a child's creativity, boost imagination and imbibe self-confidence like 'Doll up your mother', 'Impression art with vegetables', 'Clay modelling', and 'paper folding'. Children got a real sense of happiness while doing all these activities.

On the other corner, dance and song performances were further portraying Rajasthani culture. The main spotlight of



the event was the 'Puppet Show' which was successful in acquiring the attention of the audience.

The overall response of the fair attendees was great. Their precious feedback made the program a victorious one. The president of school management committee Indira Lohia and the principal Alok Varshney congratulated and appreciated the efforts put in by the teachers.

## 'Stories We Never Tell'- Second anthology by Basavites



**Basava International School**, Dwarka unveiled yet another anthology of its students on November 20 at Shelfebok in D21 Pacific Mall, titled 'Stories we never tell'. The book comprised original stories written by students of Basava which they developed during their course of the Young Authors Program. Principal Dr Manimala Roy, Sakshi Jain of Young Author Program along with the mentors Rinku Paul and Dipankar Mukherjee, founder of Readomania graced the occasion.

'Stories we never tell' is an engrossing anthology of 11 tales written by young authors exploring a whole range of human experiences and the many dilemmas of life. Each story in the book is a reflection of the author's mind, woven deftly into stories that entertain and educate.

The students took pride in getting their stories published and becoming published authors. Dr Manimala Roy, the principal congratulated the students on their achievement and told them that they had made the school proud.

## Modernites: Innovators of tomorrow

**Modern Public School**, Shalimar Bagh won the School of Innovation Award for maximum participation at India at 75 Youth Ideathon 2021 held at IIT Delhi on November 20. The event witnessed the participation of schools across the nation.

The chief guest for the



event was V Ramgopal Rao, director, IIT Delhi. Modernites were acknowledged

for their courage to lead and innovate. It was indeed a great platform to encourage all the budding entrepreneurs.

The school is grateful to principal for giving wings to the dreams of the children by giving them opportunities to explore and participate in such prestigious ventures.

## NCC day celebration at Ryan

**National Cadet Corps Day** was celebrated with great earnestness by the cadets of **Ryan International School**, Sohna Road, Gurugram. The School Principal, Peeya Sharma planted saplings on the auspicious occasion along with committed and devoted cadets of the school as a contribution towards environmental conservation. Cadets of the school took a pledge to work towards upholding the unity of the nation.



## Student Corner



**RISHITA BHARDWAJ**, class V-A, **DAY Public School**, Faridabad

### PINK THOUGHTS

*A girl wearing a skirt just passes by, nobody except you makes her feel shy,  
She feels conscious of herself due your act, it was not an opportunity for rape attack.  
A girl walking alone on the street, for some she is a feast,  
Learn the meaning of the word 'no'  
When she says it, she means it too  
Respect the women of the country  
She symbolises love, hope and integrity. She is somebody's mother, wife and sister  
Try to control your instinct mister.*

**Ridhimma Ranjan**, class XI-E, **The Air Force School**, Subroto Park

## When my hairstyle made me a laughing stock



Our life is filled with memories which brings up different emotions, some are sad while some are funny and happy. During the Covid-19 lockdown when all shops were closed my father bought a hair trimmer. He had kept

it for charging and went out. I was so curious about the new device that I decided to test it myself. I switched it on and placed it on my head and before I could even think I had trimmed off a big patch of my hair from the centre to the left side. I got so scared that I hid the trimmer under the cot and lay down on the bed and slept off. After a while my mother woke me up shocked. I tried to lie but had to admit my mistake when my mother found the

trimmer and strands of hair on the floor. My parents scolded me badly, but they too couldn't stop laughing seeing my head.

Next day during my online class all started laughing seeing me which made me cry. For many days I had to wear a cap to hide my head until my father

bought a barber home to cut my hair. Even now all laugh thinking of that day when my curiosity gave me a new hairstyle.

**ATHARY SURAJ**, Class IV, **Gregorian Public School**, Maradu, Ernakulam



## Achieving goals

The students of **Prince Public School**, Budh Vihar participated in Zonal Athletics 2021-22, organised by the CBSE and won accolades for the school. **Rahul Solanki** of class XII, won a gold medal in shot put throw as well as in javelin throw. **Kanak** of class XII, also added another feather to the cap by winning a gold medal in shot put throw and a silver medal in discus throw as well as javelin throw.



## SAFER INTERNET DAY

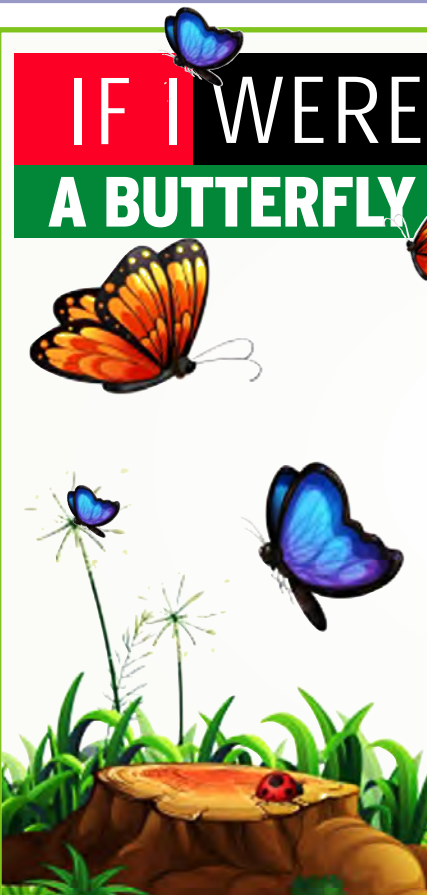
**Ryan International School**, sec 40, Gurugram has always been presenting informative and educative activities to ignite the young minds and give them the confidence to think beyond. Following this, Ryanites celebrated 'Safer Internet Day' with the aim of inspiring a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and cre-



atively. The Young Ryanites were very enthusiastic to make the students aware of the pros and cons of internet. JAM and debate activities were presented in a well-planned manner where the speakers spoke about the ways to use internet safely. The main aim of the activity was to educate everyone about use of internet in a limited and safer ways.

School head Shivali Sharma appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to follow safety steps while using internet.

## IF I WERE A BUTTERFLY



I am a kind, cheerful and delicate butterfly. My name is Sparkle. I have beautiful wings, curly antennae and stripes all over my body. I live in a beautiful garden. The garden has many colourful flowers, fruits and vegetables. I love to eat the nectar from the different flowers in the garden. I was first in a small egg, then came out of it as a caterpillar, grew out to become a big fat caterpillar then a cocoon and finally the Sparkle who I am now.

I play with the marigolds in the garden. I play hide and seek with my friend Shiny, Swiley and Slimby in the cabbage patch. Shiny wins the most as she hides the best than us. In the garden, there is a big mango tree. The nectar in the mango tree is too yummy. One day we moved to a near-

by city to explore. There were tall buildings in the city. But there was no tasty nectar and we could not play. Finally, we saw a big neem tree in a school and became happy. We went there and saw many children playing. The children gathered around us and enjoyed seeing us.

We thought the children had not seen a butterfly before. How sad it was. We had planned to enjoy one week in city life but we couldn't. We tried to adjust ourselves to city life but we couldn't. So the next day we went back to our garden and shared all about the city with the flowers, trees and plants there. The

mango tree said, "Everyone's house is his own palace". Every one agreed.

Hooray we could enjoy the nectar from the mango tree in our palace.

**VSRINIDHI ATHITHAN**, class III, **Maharishi Vidya Mandir**, Senior Secondary School, Chetpet

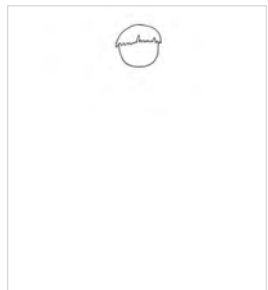




**PURVA PATEL**  
Art Educator  
Bodakdev School For  
Children, Ahmedabad

## LEVEL-1

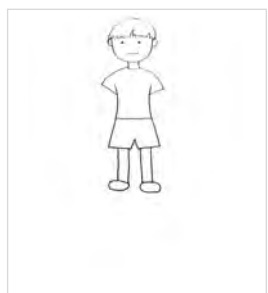
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Step-2



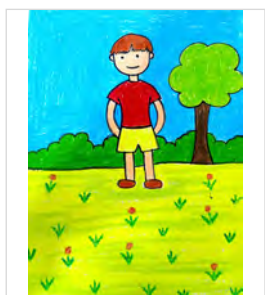
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Step-5



Step-6



## SITBAELU

- a. Celebration b. Celebrity  
c. Suitable d. Selfish

## ERECNPT

- a. Percept b. Period  
c. Picture d. Prospects

## AHNFDUL

- a. Pillar b. Pretty  
c. Handful d. Haircut

## IWNWOD

- a. Building b. Window  
c. Daffodil d. Door

Answers: 1) c, 2) a, 3) c, 4) b

## Riding with the Riddle

I am a medium-sized migratory shorebird. I am tawny or yellowish-brown in colour. I breed during the summers in Alaska and Siberia. During the non-breeding season, I migrate across the Pacific to Asia, Australasia, and the Pacific islands. Although I am a shorebird, I prefer open spaces and feed on insects and berries.

Answer: Pacific golden plover

## BIRDS IN BOOKS

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

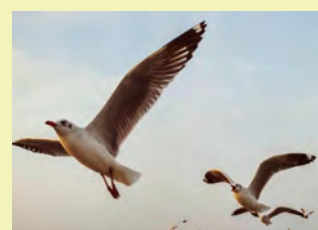
**3** 'Nevermore' declares this bird in a poem by Poe.

- A) Jay B) Jackdaw  
C) Rook D) Raven



**4** This bird helps Mary find the key to the Secret Garden.

- A) Magpie B) Lapwing  
C) Robin D) Goldfinch



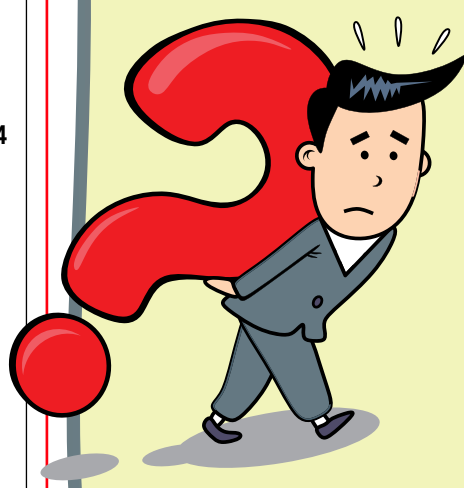
**5** In Enid Blyton's 'Adventure' series, Jack has this bird.

- A) Dove B) Macaw  
C) Parrot D) Owl

**6** This bird is the 'blithe Spirit' of Shelley's poem.

- A) Nightingale B) Skylark  
C) Woodpecker D) Eagle

## Quiz TIME



Find these fictional feathered friends. Choose correctly!

**1** This bird features in the title of Harper Lee's novel.

- A) Hummingbird B) Mockingbird  
C) Tailorbird D) Wattlebird

**2** Thumbelina befriends this bird in a fairy-tale.

- A) Swallow B) Swift  
C) Starling D) Stork



Answers: 1) B. Mockingbird 2) A. Swallow  
3) D. Raven 4) C. Parrot 5) C. Robin 6) B. Skylark

## LEVEL-2

## Idiom-etrics

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

As his final exams drew near, Vikram began to panic. He was a hardworking student, but somehow never did well in certain subjects. Aware that he was struggling, his parents asked if he would like them to arrange tuition for him. Vikram nodded gratefully. "Don't worry, Vikram," said his mother reassuringly. "We shall use all the means at our disposal to find a solution to your problem."

- A. A. Get blood from a stone  
B. Leave no stone unturned  
C. Cast the first stone

Answer: B



Rani was growing into a vain and self-centred teenager, but her parents chose to ignore her faults.

- A. Turn a blind eye  
B. Keep an eye peeled  
C. Catch someone's eye

Answer: A



## TRIVIA

In 1801, Admiral Horatio Nelson (then Second-in-command) was told to refrain from attack in a sea battle. Peering through a telescope with his sightless eye, Nelson disobeyed by declaring that he could not see the flags that signalled the order. 'To turn a blind eye', which means to intentionally overlook something unpalatable, is popularly attributed to this incident. The phrase, however, had been in use long before the aforementioned conflict.

## EDITOR IN THE MAKING

## WEAVE A STORY WITH HEADLINES

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

## The headlines:

- 1) Black Friday gone, mark cyber Monday
- 2) OMICRON, How WHO named it
- 3) Pizza at home
- 4) Do this for your own good! your own good! your own good!

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And the winner is...

**NIMISHA SONI**  
IX-B, Zebar School For Children,  
Ahmedabad

## A DAY AT SCHOOL!

Going back to school after Covid pandemic is a true delight and I am happy to return to school! As I was having my breakfast, my father, who was reading the newspaper told me, "Nimisha, you can try this DIY". I asked what Dad and he said, "A dress out of recycled packaging". Laughing, I left for school.

I entered class and we all were set for our first lecture of English, the teacher came and informed us about the group activity of story writing. Topic was, "Next frontier of biosecurity risk- Alien bacteria, so you have to imagine and write within 15 minutes." We all got busy and then suddenly our activity ma'am came in and said there's going to be a interschool competition, she said, as we have "No respite from pollution and in India, pollution is even more rampant and she concluded by saying that prepare charts and speak how environmental pollution will affect the life on earth and should be reduced as far as possible.

As I was having my lunch in the break, I was wondering about the survival of the human race. One of my batchmates said, "you know "Venezuelan musicians set the world's largest orchestra record".



## MATH MAGIC

## NUMBER SERIES

**1** Dexter and Prexter are competing with each other in a friendly community competition in a pool of 50m length and the race is for 1000m. Dexter crosses 50m in 2 min and Prexter in 3 min 15 sec. Each time they meet/cross each other, they do handshake's. How many such handshake's will happen if they start from the same end at the same time?

- A) 19 B) 20 C) 17 D) 18

Answer: A

**2** 2 trains starting at the same time from 2 stations 200km apart and going in opposite direction cross each other at a distance of 110km from one of the stations. What is the ratio of their speeds?

- A) 11:9 B) 11:3 C) 12:5 D) 0

Answer: A

**3** A man traveled from the village to the post-office at the rate of 25 kmph and walked back at the rate of 4 kmph. If the whole journey took 5 hours 48 minutes, find the distance of the post-office from the village.

- A) 27 km B) 25 km C) 29 km D) 10 km

Answer: B



## Learn a NEW LANGUAGE

## GERMAN

- 1) Eins Meaning: One
- 2) Zwei Meaning: Two
- 3) Drei Meaning: Three
- 4) Vier Meaning: Four
- 5) Fünf Meaning: Five
- 6) Sechs Meaning: Six
- 7) Sieben Meaning: Seven
- 8) Acht Meaning: Eight
- 9) Neun Meaning: Nine
- 10) Zehn Meaning: Ten
- 11) Elf Meaning: Eleven
- 12) Zwölf Meaning: Twelve

## Work sheet

**Q:1** How will you say number 15?

**Q:2** How will you say number 12?

**Q:3** How will you say number 8?

**Q:4** How will you say number 4?

1) fünfzehn 2) zwölf 3) acht 4) vier



# LIVERPOOL BEATS EVERTON

**Mohamed Salah scores twice as Liverpool pile on pressure with 4-1 win in Premier League**

**M**ohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool piled more pressure on former manager Rafael Benitez with a 4-1 win over local rival Everton in the Premier League on Wednesday, breaking a scoring record in the process. Jordan Henderson and Diogo Jota were Liverpool's other scorers in the 239th Merseyside derby as the Reds became the first top-flight English team to score at least twice in 18 straight matches in all competitions.

## SALAH SHINES

Salah is fronting Liverpool's scoring charge and he now has 19 goals in as many appearances this season after his double at Goodison Park. His first was a beautifully taken curling shot across goalkeeper Jordan Pickford into the far corner in the 19th minute, doubling the lead given to Liverpool by Henderson in the ninth

Photo: REUTERS



Diogo Jota

minute off a first-time shot from the edge of the area. "I think we know each other more now," Salah said. "We are together for five or six years. Last season we had a few injuries. The season before we were playing really well, we won some titles together."

Then, after Demarai Gray pulled a goal back just before half time, Salah seized on bad error by Everton captain Seamus Coleman to race from halfway and apply the finish.

Jota completed the scoring by lashing a shot inside Pickford's near post as Everton's winless run extended to eight matches, with just two points from a possible 24.

"The performance of all of the boys was absolutely outstanding," Jürgen Klopp said.

Some Everton fans streamed for the exits after Jota's goal. Others stayed and directed their anger toward the directors' box after the final whistle. There were chants of "sack the board" as well as boos at the final whistle.

On a rare occasion when the front-runners were playing at the same time, Manchester City won 2-1 at Aston Villa to stay a point ahead of Liverpool in second and Chelsea remains a point better off at the top after beating Watford by the same score.

## NO GERRARD FAVOR

Former Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard couldn't help out his old team in his third game in charge of Aston Villa. Bernardo Silva's volley from Gabriel Jesus' cross followed Ruben Dias' goal for Manchester City in the first half at Villa Park.

Ollie Watkins reduced the deficit in the 47th with a first-time finish off a corner to the near post but City held on, helped by the second-half introduction of Jack Grealish - the boyhood Villa fan and former club captain who left for a British-record fee of 100 million pounds (then \$139 million) in the offseason.

"We've had an incredibly tough first part of the league," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "We are there one point behind. The important thing is the way we are performing. The way we are performing is a high level."

The top three pulled away from fourth place after West Ham was held 1-1 by Brighton. Leicester and Southampton also drew 2-2, while the meeting between Wolverhampton and Burnley was goalless.

## ZIYECH OFF MARK

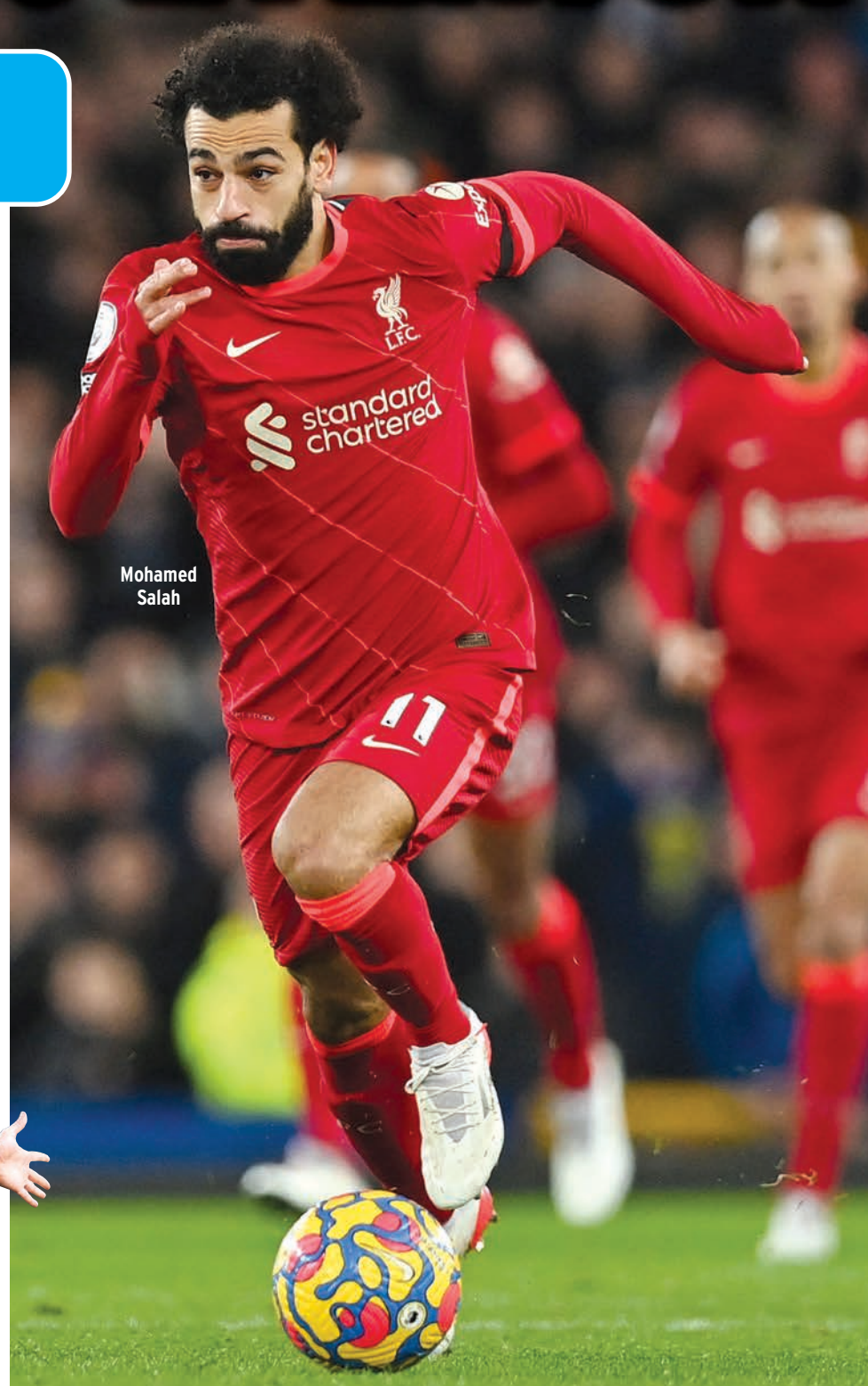
Hakim Ziyech scored his first league goal of the season to clinch Chelsea's 2-1 win at Watford in a match that was halted for 32 minutes in the first half after a spectator suffered cardiac arrest. The substitute converted a cross in the 72nd from Mason Mount, who had put Chelsea in front in the first half before Emmanuel Dennis equalized. Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel was surprised by what he called a "very sloppy" performance. "I have to get the team ready and obviously I didn't prepare them for what was coming because for the first time we were completely underperforming as a team," he said.

"We did not cope well with the first balls, we did not cope well with the pressure and we did not cope well with the second balls." AGENCIES

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Jordan Henderson



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# INDIA EYE GERMANY SCALP

Defending champs will bank on solid drag-flick prowess in Junior Hockey WC semis

**H**igh-flying defending champions India would bank on their solid defensive structure and drag-flicking prowess to outsmart six-time title-winners Germany in the semifinal of the FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Friday.

After a disappointing start to the tournament when they were stunned 4-5 by France, India lifted their game by leaps and bounds to qualify for the second consecutive semifinal in the Junior World Cup.

India produced a defensive master-class on Wednesday to eke out a narrow 1-0 win over European giants Belgium with the likes of Yashdeep Siwach, vice-captain Sanjay Kumar and Shardanand Tiwari shining bright in the backline. India's two goalkeepers - Prasanth Chauhan and Pawan, in particular - were terrific against Belgium and

produced some breath-taking saves to deny their opponents.

## Strength in set pieces

With four quality penalty corner specialists - Sanjay, Tiwari, Arai-jeet Singh Hundal and Abhishek Lakra - in their ranks, India's strength lies in set pieces and it has been quite evident in the tournament so far. In fact, India's winner against Belgium came from a penalty corner through Tiwari after he was brilliantly set up by a dummy from Sanjay.

Even though Sanjay didn't score in the quarterfinal, he still remains India's best bet from set pieces and has already registered back-to-back hat-tricks against France and Poland in pool stages.

The hallmark of India's performance against Belgium was the calm and composed mindset of the players when put under pressure and chief coach Graham Reid too

accepted the fact.

## Germany a tough team

The Germans would be a tough nut to crack as they would be aiming to reclaim the world title after a hiatus of eight years. Germany last won the Junior World Cup title in 2013 in New Delhi but since then, a third place finish in the last edition in Lucknow in 2016 was the best they could achieve. Reid too acknowledged Germany's potential at this level.

"You should never ever write Germany off even in last seconds. They have proven over the years that they are a class side, specially in this level of competition. Junior World Cup they almost own it," he said. "They are a quality team."

Meanwhile in the other semifinal, tournament's surprise package France will be up against Argentina. ■



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Indian players celebrate after beating Belgium 1-0

# DJOKOVIC WINS TWICE, LEADS SERBIA TO SEMIS

**A**fter having to play in an empty arena in the group stage, Novak Djokovic relished being in front of Davis Cup fans again. Djokovic fed off the energetic crowd from the start at Madrid on Wednesday, leading Serbia into the semifinals with a 2-1 come-from-behind win over Kazakhstan at the Madrid Arena.

The top-ranked Djokovic kept Serbia alive in the quarterfinal by defeating Alexander Bublik in straight sets in his singles match, then teamed up with Nikola Cacic in the deciding doubles for a 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 win over Andrey Golubev and Aleksandr Nedovyesov. Serbia had played its group-stage matches without fans in Austria, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It makes a huge difference," said Djokovic, who was constantly turning to the crowd to celebrate during his



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matches. "Fans are one of the reasons why professional tennis exists. Playing in front of the fans is very important. They give us great energy, they give us a lot of motivation to try to play our best on the court. In Innsbruck we didn't have fans so it was a completely different atmosphere." Serbia reached the last four for the first time since 2017. They face Croatia next. ■

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which country hosted the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games?

- a. Dominica
- b. The Bahamas
- c. Dominican Republic
- d. Trinidad and Tobago

**Q2:** Which is the first fully inclusive international multi-sport event?

- a. Olympic Games
- b. Asian Games
- c. Common wealth Games
- d. European Games

**Q3:** Who is the founder of the Indian Olympic Games, who helped in the creation of the National Games of India?

- a. F C Aurora
- b. S S Dhawan
- c. G D Sondhi
- d. M G Nageskar

**Q4:** Which country was the host of the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup?

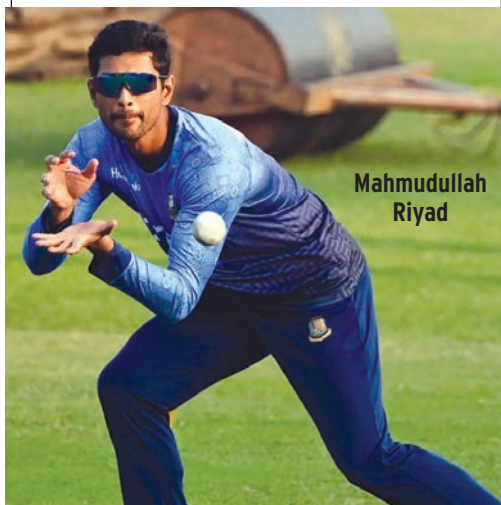
- a. England
- b. New Zealand
- c. Australia
- d. South Africa

**Q5:** The first shoulder-less cricket bats were produced

by Slazenger in which decade?

- a. 1950s
- b. 1960s
- c. 1970s
- d. 1980s

**Q6:** Mahmudullah Riyad became the first Bangladeshi



Mahmudullah Riyad

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batsman to score a century in Cricket World Cup in 2015. Whom did he record the hundred against?

- a. New Zealand
- b. India
- c. England
- d. Australia

**Q7:** In which year did the Wimbledon Championships began?

- a. 1873
- b. 1877
- c. 1905
- d. 1904

**Q8:** Which England player became the first, since Tommy Taylor in 1957, to score back-to-back hat-tricks?

- a. Kalvin Phillips

- b. Harry Kane
- c. Marcus Rashford
- d. Raheem Sterling

**Q9:** Which Indian woman created history at Tokyo Olympics 2020 by qualifying for final of discus throw?

- a. Kamalpreet Kaur
- b. Seema Punia
- c. Krishna Poonia
- d. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. The Bahamas  
2. c. Common wealth Games  
3. c. G.D Sondhi 4. a. England  
5. b. 1960s 6. c. England  
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9. a. Kamalpreet Kaur