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## “Be Happy With What You Are!”

Once upon a time there lived a stonecutter in a small village. All day long he worked hard, cutting the stones and making statues for his customers. His hands became rough and his clothes were always dirty.

One day he was working on a big boulder. The sun was very hot and it was very hard work. After spending several hours in cutting stones, he lay down in the shade and soon fell asleep. Some time later, he heard footsteps and woke up. He saw a long procession of people. There were many soldiers and attendants and in the middle, in a palanquin carried by strong men, was the king.

How wonderful it must be to be the great king, thought the stonecutter! “How happy I would be if I were the king instead of a poor stonecutter.” As he said these words, a strange thing happened. The stonecutter found himself dressed in silk clothes and glittering jewelry. His hands were soft and he was sitting in a comfortable palanquin. He looked through

the curtains and thought, “How easy it is to be a king! All these people are here to serve me”. The procession moved on and the sun grew hot. The stonecutter, now the king, felt too warm for comfort. He asked the men to stop so that he could rest for some time. At once the chief of the soldiers bent before the king and said, “Your Majesty, only this morning you swore to have me hanged to death if we did not reach the palace before the sun sets.” The stonecutter felt sorry for him and ordered the procession to go on its way again.

As the afternoon wore on, the sun grew hotter, and the king felt more and more uncomfortable.

“I am powerful, it is true, but how powerful the sun is. I would rather be the sun than a king,” he thought. At once, he became the sun, shining down on the earth.

His new power was hard to control. He shone too strongly, he burned up the fields with his rays and turned the ocean into vapor and formed a great cloud which covered the land. But no matter how hard he shone, he could not see through the clouds. It is obvious that the clouds are even stronger and more powerful than the sun thought the stonecutter, who was now the sun. “I would rather be a cloud.”

Suddenly he found himself turned into a huge dark cloud. He started using his new powers. He poured rain down on the fields and caused floods. All the trees and houses were swept away but a boulder, which he had once been cutting when he was a stonecutter, remained. No matter how much water he poured down on the stone, it remained unmoved and unchanged.

“Why that rock is more powerful than I am,” said the stonecutter, now a cloud. Only a stonecutter could change the rock by his

skill. "How I wish I was a stonecutter!" No sooner had he said the words he found himself sitting on a stone with hard and rough hands. He picked up his tools and set to work on the boulder again, happily.

## TEST YOUR MENTAL ABILITY

1. EAA is to JEE as OJJ is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. UAA
  - b. YTT
  - c. UYY
2. Drama is to Director as a Magazine is to a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Publisher
  - b. Editor
  - c. Reader
3. Bombay is to Maharashtra as Bhopal is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Karnataka
  - b. Andhra Pradesh
  - c. Madhya Pradesh
4. Gram is to weight as meter is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Inch
  - b. Cloth
  - c. Distance
5. Sun is to night as fish is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Lake
  - b. Sea
  - c. Land
6. When a bottle full of honey was weighed, its weight was one kilogram. When the bottle was weighed with half, its weight was 600 gram. What is the weight of the bottle?
7. One paper has four corners. If one corner is cut off, how many corners will be there?
8. One person has four sons. If each brother has one sister, what is the total number of children?

(Answers on page 7)

## JUST FOR FUN

**Bus conductor:** Why are you standing near the door, is your father a watchman?

**School boy:** Why are you always asking for “change”, is your father a beggar?

**Raja:** How much is my mobile bill?

**Call centre executive:** Sir, just dial 123 to know the current status of your bill.

**Raja:** Stupid, not CURRENT BILL, I’m asking about my MOBILE BILL.

**Deepak attending an interview of a software company:**

**Manager:** Do you know MS Office?

**Deepak:** If you can give me the address, I will go there Sir.

**Son:** Dad, will you do my Maths homework for me tonight?

**Father:** No son, it wouldn’t be right.

**Son:** Well, you could try.

**A little boy went up to his father and asked:** “Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?”

**The father replied,** “Well son, you must have got it from your mother, because I still have mine.”

**Wife:** You always carry my photo in your handbag to the office. Why?

**Husband:** Darling, when there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.

**Wife:** You see how miraculous and powerful I am for you?

**Husband:** Yes, I see your picture and say to myself, “What other problem can there be greater than this one?”

## **BRAVE MARTYR**

### **- HEMANT KARKARE**

Hemant Karkare (December 12, 1954 –November 26, 2008) was the chief of the Mumbai Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS). He was killed during the 2008 Mumbai attacks after being shot three times in the chest. He was honoured for his bravery with the Ashoka Chakra on January 26, 2009.

#### **Education and career**

Karkare had a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur. After graduation, he worked for the National Productivity Council, Government of India and then Hindustan Unilever Limited.

#### **Hemant Karkare, head of the ATS**

Hemant Karkare helped in solving the serial bomb blast cases in Thane, Panvel and Vashi. In January 2008, he was named

the head of ATS after returning to the state cadre. He was credited for helping to uncover the stunning revelations that came about in the investigation of the September 29<sup>th</sup> blast in Malegaon in which three bombs exploded in Gujarat and Maharashtra, killing 8 people and injuring 80 (two bombs were detonated in Malegaon, Maharashtra, killing 7 people).

#### **Hemant Karkare is gunned down**

In November 2008, Hemant Karkare was leading a terrorist seige at Mumbai's Taj Hotel after terrorists took 15 people captive the ATS had received numerous phone calls with threats of impending explosions and terrorist acts. As he was entering Taj Hotel, Hemant Karkare was hit with three bullets to the chest, and died instantly.

## RIDDLES

Can you answer the following questions in one word?

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it...
7. If you eat it, you will die...

(Answers on page 7)

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the scientific name for fish farming?
  - a. Pisciculture
  - b. Horticulture
  - c. Agriculture
2. Which substance is lost by the body during dehydration?
  - a. Nitrogen
  - b. Hydrogen
  - c. Sodium chloride
3. Which is a coin used to play caroms?

- a. Flicker
- b. Coin
- c. Dice

4. Venkatrama Ramakrishna won the 'Nobel Prize 2009' for his contribution to the field of:
  - a. Physics
  - b. Economics
  - c. Chemistry
5. 8<sup>th</sup> March is observed as the:
  - a. Day for Elderly People
  - b. Children's Day
  - c. Women's Day

(Answers on next page)

## ABBREVIATIONS

- CBSE – Central Board of Secondary Education
- ICSE – Indian Certificate of Secondary Education
- SSLC – Secondary School Leaving Certificate
- IST – Indian Standard Time
- PM – Post Meridian / Prime Minister
- KG – Kindergarten

## ANSWERS

### Test your mental Ability

1. b.YTT
2. b. Editor
3. c. Madhya Pradesh
4. c. Distance
5. c. Land
6. 200 grams
7. When one corner is cut off two more corners are formed. So the answer is 5.{ $3 + 2 = 5$ }
8. 5 children

### Riddles

NOTHING! NOTHING has 7 letters.

NOTHING preceded God.

NOTHING is more evil than the devil.

All poor people have NOTHING.

Wealthy people need NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

### General Knowledge

1. a. Pisciculture
2. c. Sodium chloride
3. a. Flicker
4. c. Chemistry
5. b.Women's Day

### Fun Camp for the children

The Vision Rehabilitation Centres of LVPEI, Hyderabad, organized the annual 'Fun Camp 2009' for children with vision impairment on November 26, 2009, at a popular entertainment park. The 275 participants included visually challenged children, their siblings and family members. Several group and individual games were conducted for the children, who included those with no vision, low vision and multiple disabilities.

Prizes were awarded to the winners and runners-up. The competitions and

sports conducted included memory games, water games and theme enactment. All the children, both sighted and visually challenged, received gifts and a participation certificate. The experience provided children the opportunity to be independent and interact with their peer group in a relaxed environment. The camp also offered the parents of the children a platform to share their experiences with each other.

**Enrol now**

Program: Workshop on adaptive games for the visually impaired children

Date: April 24

Participants: 3 – 15 years of children having visual impairment, multiple disability, and their siblings & parents

Program: Integrated summer programme for children with visual impairment and their siblings

Duration: May 10 – 29

Participants: Children with visual impairment and their siblings between the ages of 5-15 years

Program: Workshop on making learning activities easier

Date: July 17

Participants: Parents of children with visual impairment (3 – 15 years)

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*Greeting cards based on paintings by children with visual impairment are available for sale. Please contact Vision Rehabilitation Centres, LVPEI.*