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Situations teach best lessons in life

There once lived a rich businessman who had a lazy and fun-loving son. The businessman wanted his son to be hard working and responsible. He wanted him to realize the value of labour. So one day he called his son and said, “Today, I want you to go out and earn something, failing which you won’t get any dinner.”

The boy was selfish not used to any kind of work. His father’s sermon scared him and he went crying straight to his mother. Her heart melted at the sight of tears in her son’s eyes. She gave him a gold coin to show his father. In the evening when the father asked his son what he had earned, the son proudly presented him the gold coin. The father asked him to throw it into a well. The son did as he was told.

The father was a man of wisdom and had guessed the source of the gold coin! The next day, he sent his wife to her parents’ home and asked his son to go and earn something, threatening him with the same consequences if he failed to do

so. This time he went crying to his sister who sympathized with him and gave him a rupee coin out of her own savings. When his father asked him what he had earned, the boy showed the rupee coin. The father again asked him to throw it in a well, and the son did it obediently. The father now sent his daughter to her in-laws' house. The next day he ordered his son to go out and earn, threatening him yet again of the same consequences if he failed to do so.

Now, since there was no one to help him out, the son was forced to go in search of work. One of the shopkeepers offered to pay him two rupees if he carried his trunk to his house. The rich man's son was drenched in sweat by the time he finished the job. His legs were trembling and his neck and back were aching. There were scratches on his back. He returned home and showed the two-rupee note to his father, who asked him to throw it into the well. The son was horrified; he could not imagine throwing his hard-earned money like this. He sobbed, "Father! My entire body is aching. My back is sore and you are asking me to throw the money into the well!"

At this the father smiled and said, "One feels the pain only when the fruits of one's own hard labour are wasted." On the earlier two occasions, he was helped by his mother and sister and, therefore, felt no pain in throwing the money into the well. The son had now realized the value of hard work. He vowed never to be lazy and promised to keep the father's wealth safe. The father handed over the keys of his shop to the son and promised to guide him for the rest of his life.

Moral of the Story: Some of life's best lessons come from the hardest situations.

Hope you have fun answering the following questions:

1. Which house has the least weight?
2. Why is a river so rich?
3. Who sleeps with his shoes on?
4. Where do fish keep their money?
5. Which is the table that we can eat?
6. It has a face but no head.
7. It goes up but never comes down.
8. What did the computer do at lunch time?
9. What kind of trees does a Maths teacher climb?
10. Pronounced as one letter, and written with three, two letters there are, and two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black, blue and grey. I'm read from both ends, and the same either way. What am I?

“Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.”

**– Dietrich
Bonhoeffer**

Answers:

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| 1. Of course, a lighthouse! | 5. Vegetable |
| 2. Because it has two banks | 6. Clock |
| 3. Horse. Have you heard of a horse shoe? | 7. Age |
| 4. In the river bank! | 8. Had a byte |
| | 9. Geometry |
| | 10. Eye |

True genius resides in the capacity for evaluation of uncertain, hazardous, and conflicting information.

– Winston Churchill

School Fun

Teacher: Geetha, why are you doing your Maths sums on the floor?

Geetha: You told me to do it without using tables!

Teacher: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Pupil: A teacher.

A child comes home from his first day at school. His mother asks, "Well, what did you learn today?"

The kid replies, "Not enough. They want me to come back tomorrow."

A teacher was sitting at her desk grading papers, when her first grade class came back from lunch.

Rahul: Ajay has to go to the principal's office.

Teacher: I wonder why.

Rahul: Because he's a following person.

Teacher: A what?

Rahul: It came over the loud-speaker: The following persons are to go to the office.

Mother: What did you learn in school today?

Son: How to write

Mother: What did you write?

Son: I don't know, they haven't taught us how to read yet!

Teacher: Name four members of the cat's family

Pupil: Daddy cat, mummy cat and two kittens!

Teacher: Give me a sentence with the word "analyze" in it.

Student: My sister Anna lies in bed until nine o'clock.

Teacher: What's your name ?

Pupil: Ravi

Teacher : You should say "Sir"

Pupil: OK, Sir Ravi !

Brain Teasers

1. How could all of your cousins have an aunt who is not your aunt?
2. Johnny's mother had four children. The first was April, the second was May, and the third was June. What was the name of her fourth child?
3. There's one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?

Answers:

1. Your mom is their aunt
2. Johnny
3. Boxing

Short GK - Quiz

World's Largest Book – Atlas

Did you know that the world's largest book is an Atlas? The huge book, which is two meters high and three meters wide (6 feet by 9 feet), is the brainchild of Australian publisher Gordon Cheers, who said that nothing like this enormous 128-page volume had been produced for 350 years.

The Indian Rupee Symbol

The Indian rupee symbol (₹) is an amalgam of both the Devanagari consonant Ra and the Latin letter "R" without the vertical bar. The design was officially released by the Government of India on July 15, 2010.

Commonwealth Games 2010

The Commonwealth Games 2010, or the XIX Commonwealth Games, were held in Delhi, India, from October 3 – 14, 2010. A total of 6,081 athletes from 71 Commonwealth nations and dependencies competed in 21 sports and 272 events. It was the largest international multi-sport event to be staged in Delhi and India, eclipsing the Asian Games in 1951 and 1982.



The opening and closing ceremonies were held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, the main stadium of the event. It was the first time that the Commonwealth Games were held in India. The official mascot of the Games was Shera and the official song of the Games, “Jiyo Utho Badho Jeeto”, was composed by celebrated Indian musician A R Rahman. For the sixth consecutive time, Australia topped the tally with 177 medals, including 74 gold medals. India performed exceptionally well and took the second position with 101 medals, including 38 gold medals.

Union Territories of India with their capitals

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| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | - | Port Blair |
| Chandigarh | - | Chandigarh |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli | - | Silvassa |
| Daman & Diu | - | Daman |
| Delhi | - | Delhi |
| Lakshadweep | - | Kavarati |
| Puducherry | - | Puducherry |

GK Questions

1. Which country is called the “Land of the Rising Sun”?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Canada
 - c. Japan
 - d. Norway
2. Other than India, which is the only country to have gained independence on August 15?
 - a. South America
 - b. South Africa
 - c. South Korea
 - d. North America
3. Who invented the Gregorian calendar?
 - a. Luwen Hock
 - b. Pope Gregory XIII
 - c. Robert Hook
 - d. Fleming
4. The headquarters of the United Nations are located at:
 - a. Geneva
 - b. New York
 - c. Washington
 - d. Rome
5. Numismatics is the study of:
 - a. Coins
 - b. Numbers
 - c. Stamps
 - d. Space
6. Largest river in the world
 - a. Nile
 - b. Brahmaputra
 - c. Amazon
 - d. Mississippi
7. The protective foods in our diet are:
 - a. Fats and Vitamins
 - b. Carbohydrates and Minerals
 - c. Vitamins and Minerals
 - d. Proteins and Carbohydrates
8. What is the name of the world’s largest reef system?
 - a. Atolls
 - b. Barrier Reef
 - c. Fringing Reef
 - d. Cairns Reef

9. Which is the highest mountain on Earth?

- a. Mt. Kilimanjaro
- b. Mt. Huascarán
- c. Mt. Everest
- d. Mt. McKinley

10. Who wrote “My experiments with Truth”?

- a. Jawaharlal Nehru
- b. Sarojini Naidu
- c. Mahatma Gandhi
- d. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

Ans: 1 - c; 2 - c; 3 - b; 4 - b; 5 - a; 6 - c; 7 - d; 8 - b; 9 - c; 10 - c

Do you worry about obesity? Stop worrying and try this

The recipe for this supposedly miraculous weight loss aid is very simple. Combine one teaspoon honey with half teaspoon cinnamon powder and boil in one cup of water. After the mixture has boiled, filter it into another cup. Divide the mixture into two half-cup quantities to be consumed one and a half hours before breakfast and one and a half hours before going to sleep at night. Some proponents recommend adding raw honey after the water has boiled to retain the nutrients and thus the benefits.

By following this procedure, you may easily lose three to five pounds within one week without changing anything else in your diet.

“Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, and live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success, that is the way great spiritual giants are produced.” – **Swami Vivekananda**

Abbreviations

| | | |
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| BPO | : | Business Process Outsourcing |
| UK | : | United Kingdom |
| ATM | : | Automatic Teller Machine |
| DVD | : | Digital Versatile Disc (formally Digital Video Disc) |
| UNICEF | : | United Nations Children's Educational Fund |
| PIN | : | Personal Identification Number |
| WHO | : | World Health Organization |
| URL | : | Uniform Resource Locator |
| MRI | : | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| EEG | : | Electro Encephalo Gram (used to record electrical activity in the brain) |
| ASAP | : | As soon as possible |
| IST | : | Indian Standard Time |

Increase your Vocabulary

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|----------|---|-------------|---------|---|---------------------|
| Nap | - | Sleep | Glitter | - | Shine |
| Harmony | - | Peace, calm | Crawl | - | Creep |
| Stagnant | - | Inactive | Keen | - | Eager, enthusiastic |

“The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of setting goals and achieving them. Even the most tedious chore will become endurable as you parade through each day convinced that every task, no matter how menial or boring, brings you closer to fulfilling your dreams.”

– Og Mandino

MOTHER TERESA – The Saint of the Gutters



Mother Teresa (born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) was born on August 27, 1910 in Macedonia. She joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish community of nuns with missions in India, at the age of 18.

Mother Teresa came to India in the year 1931 and taught geography and catechism at St Mary's High School in Calcutta till 1948. However, the prevailing poverty in Calcutta made a deep impact on her mind and, in 1948, she received permission from her superiors to leave the convent school and devote herself to work among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta.

She started an open-air school for homeless children. Soon she was joined by volunteers and also received financial support from the church and the municipal authorities. Mother Teresa received permission from the Vatican to start her own order called The Missionaries of Charity in 1950. It began as a small Order with 12 members in Calcutta, but today it has more than 4,000 nuns running orphanages, AIDS hospices, charity centres, and care shelters for refugees, the disabled, the aged, the alcoholics, the poor, the homeless and the victims of floods, epidemics and famine all over the world. The "Missionaries of Charity" order has a presence in more than 100 countries. Mother Teresa stepped down as the head of Missionaries of Charity on March 1997 and died on September 5th the same year.

Mother Teresa was a great servant of humanity. Her selfless work among the poverty-stricken people is an inspiration for people

all over the world. She was honoured with a number of awards and distinctions including the Bharat Ratna (1980). She was also declared a Saint on March 9th, 2009.

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Word Power

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| Aspire | - | Have a strong desire to achieve or become something |
| Beloved | - | Dearly loved |
| Median | - | Situated in the middle |
| Sachet | - | A small sealed bag or packet |
| Curious | - | Eager to know or learn something |
| Supplicate | - | Humbly ask for something |

News: Digital Talking Library

Vision rehabilitation centres of LVPEI is expanded its audio library services to set up a new, sophisticated Digital Audio Library with support from GE Volunteers — Hyderabad Council on October 29, 2010. The library will help in preparing high quality audio index books for multiple uses and can be converted into CDs, tapes, and MP3 files as required.

These audio books would be distributed to schools and colleges with visually impaired students on their rolls. The Centre is also planning to give online access and downloading options to individual users. A range of audio books on general curriculum, competitive entrance examination material, general knowledge and children's stories is prepared with the help of trained volunteers.

Help this kite take flight by making your way through the maze string to the kite.



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