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PREFACE

From the past few years, many MBA entrance exams have shown a trend towards questioning a student's general knowledge and awareness. Even if some entrance exams do not contain GK questions directly, the challenging rounds of Group Discussion and Personal Interviews also grill a candidate on his/her knowledge of current affairs and other useful trivia.

To ace the tests and the GDPI rounds, it is imperative for a student to be well read and updated with the events and issues shaping the world around.

We, at TestFunda.com, conduct Online Quizzes that help broaden your awareness. These fun quizzes are an entertaining way of updating your GK and trivia. The quizzes in this book are designed to give students a wealth of information.

We are sure that our readers will benefit greatly from these books. They shall provide a high-quality cerebral recreation as well as a break from rigorous hours of study.

Online Quiz # 01 (02-Sep-08)

Round 1

Q1. A wide-eyed girl, dressed in a red and white polka dotted dress and a matching bow is the star of an ongoing advertisement campaign launched first in 1967. What brand does she promote?

Q2. It is perhaps one of the longest surviving brand names in India and the largest selling brand of its kind in the world. Named for a Mumbai suburb, the distinct yellow and white wrapping made it recognizable in households across the country. Name the brand.

Q3. It started off in 1947 as a small-time manufacturer of vegetable oil and products in Western India. With IBM leaving the country in 1977, this company ventured into computer hardware.

Q4. What is Maharashtra based sugar-sweets and confectionery maker, incorporated in 1933, Ravalgaon, named after?

Q5. Originally manufactured as a patent medicine to cure headaches and nervousness, today this brand is one of the most popular of its kind in the world. It has the unique distinction of being the first consumer item to make it to the cover of Time magazine.

Round 1 Bonus Question: This company derives its name from its first product, motor car radios. Today, it is a major producer of cell phones, microprocessors, and laptops among other things.

Round 2 - Celebrities

Q6. Who is the first Indian male actor to have endorsed a brand of bathing soap? Name the actor and the brand.

Q7. Name the two Indian celebrities to have endorsed two rival fortune 500 companies in India? Name the brands as well.

Q8. What is common amongst Aamir Khan, Rani Mukherjee and John Abraham? Think brands.

Q9. Where did Baba Sehgal work before his singing career took off?

Q10. Which is the first book of fiction written by the author of Satanic Verses?

Round 3 - Logos

Q11. Look at the logo and name the company / brand / organization.



Q12. Look at the logo and name the company / brand / organization.



Q13. Look at the logo and name the company / brand / organization.



Q14. Look at the logo and name the company / brand / organization.



Q15. Look at the logo and name the company / brand / organization.



Round 4 – Cryptic Clues

The answers to the following questions are contained in the words/letters of the question!

Q16. Son cries that Sony acquired his mobile

Q17. Big inside, small outside, but lighter than gun mass

Q18. Express yourself to the retail therapy

Q19. Le Bird's house in Switzerland?

Q20. This gate on the Line Of Control says Talk to Me!

Round 5 – Miscellaneous Questions

Q21. Which fortune 500 company has the second largest database in the world (Pentagon has the largest database in the world)?

Q22. Name the corporate visionary whose invented the instrument with the ad line – you press the button, we do the rest.

Do NOT give only the surname - also give the first or the middle name.

Q23. Which is the world’s largest selling game?

Q24. Name the dog that appears on the logo of a famous record and music company. The logo first appeared in 1900.

Q25. Who created the three laws of robotics?

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Online Quiz #02 (12-Sep-08)

Round 1 - General Awareness

Q1. It means “separateness” in a local dialect, and was a political system of discrimination. It was enforced by the ruling government of a nation over a period of four decades beginning in the late 1940s.

Q2. Meaning “restructuring”, this set of fundamental economic reforms introduced in the erstwhile USSR in the second half of the 80s was blamed for the eventual deterioration of the Soviet Economy.

Q3. Following India’s first nuclear tests, this multinational body was constituted to check nuclear proliferation by controlling the export of fissile materials that could be used to develop nuclear weapons.

Q4. This leader heads his government from foreign soil. In June 2008, he acknowledged the occupying nation’s claim over a region called Tawang. He is the author of several books.

Q5. A winner of many beauty pageants, this person became the first woman and the youngest Governor of her state in the USA.

Q6. This bestselling author is the holder of a prestigious Mathematics professorship at the University of Cambridge, a position that belonged once to Sir Isaac Newton. His bestseller established a new record on the British Sunday Times bestseller list.

Round 2 - Sports

Q7. Born to Sri Lankan-Tamil parents in another country, he was raised in Australia. Returning to his birthplace in 1996, he became a professional cricketer. He played for the Rajasthan Royals in the IPL in 2008.

Q8. An active civil rights leader, he was also the first non-white male to win a grand slam title. A major tennis stadium is named after him.

Q9. Name the sport that was once known as Rathera, and originally played with chariots. Noted Arjuna Awardees in this sport include Shekhar Dharwadkar, Usha Nagarkar and Shrirang Inamdar.

Q10. Two wards in a Jail have been named after cricketers. Name both of them.

Q11. At this major sporting event held at Montreal, all but one female athletes were tested to make sure that they were indeed females. Who was the only female athlete allowed to skip these tests?

Round 3 - Entertainment

Q12. This actor and director, a winner of the Oscar as well as the Golden Globe award is a United Nations “Messenger of Peace”. He has made it to the Time Magazine's list of the 100 Most Influential People in The World on more than one occasion.

Q13. Which actress is the brand ambassador of ‘www.iplt20.com’?

Q14. Name Superman’s parents on Earth? Name both the parents.

Round 4 - Business

Q15. He joined a business group in 1983 as Co-Chief Executive Officer. He was a member of the upper house of the Indian parliament from 2004 to 2006. Name him.

Q16. One of the largest telecom company in the world. It derives its name from three words related to its business. We want the name of the company AND the three words.

Q17. A student of the Stanford University, working on a Network Communications Project was joined by a few other graduates in establishing a well known company. Today, this MNC is a renowned vendor of computers, components and software. Name the company and the origin of the company's name.

Round 5- Miscellaneous Questions

Q18. A bunch of parrots is called _____

Q19. Which country’s flag carries its map?

Q20. What is common to Ball, Sheet and Fork?

Q21. Who is the most painted living person?

Q22. What do Australians call extras in cricket ?

Q23. What is the name of the club of Mycroft Holmes?

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Online Quiz #03 (26-Sep-08)

- Q1.** Operating out of a junkyard headquarters, these three were closely associated with a great Hollywood movie director and producer. Who were they?
- Q2.** Hiram Bingham, the American explorer and archaeologist, who discovered Machu Picchu in 1912, is said to have inspired (other than further Andean exploration) the creation of a famous character. Name the character.
- Q3.** Who has directed the following movies : The Music Room, The Lonely Wife, Distant Thunder, Public Enemy, The Chess Players, Branches of the Tree?
- Q4.** Which catchword originated in a 1960 Fellini movie from the character of a photographer?
- Q5.** “Pocket”, “Master”, and “Professor`s” are some variations of this highly popular brain teaser.
- Q6.** A bookseller who mainly sold books of Shakespeare`s plays started distributing a freebie to boost sales. When the freebie became more popular than the books, he founded a company to market the freebie. Name the company.
- Q7.** This toy, launched by a California based company, was inspired by an Australian bamboo exercise toy. It recorded worldwide sales of over a 100 million within 6 months of its launch in 1958. It was considered indecent in Japan, and therefore banned. Which toy is it?
- Q8.** This company was originally a major manufacturer of planes. After World War I, it was forced to manufacture something else. But its logo, supposedly representing the propellor of a moving plane, is a reminder of its original specialization. Name the company.
- Q9.** This radio repair shop had a very humble beginning after World War II, housed in a war-affected building in Tokyo. It went on to build radio transistors and soon became known the world over. But it rose to the top of the consumer electronics field only after America was hit by a new rage called Rock and Roll. Name the company.
- Q10.** Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet & Jacques Brugnon were three of the four members of a famous tennis quartet. The fourth member founded a famous brand named after himself. Name the brand.
- Q11.** Founded at the Cosmos Club near the White House, this entity has since grown to become one of the biggest nonprofit institutions dedicated to science and education. It celebrated its centenary in 1988. Name the institution.
- Q12.** When trying to make a new coolant for refrigeration, an unexpected product was created in a Du Pont lab in 1938. Today it is used to make computer microchips. It is also used to make artificial human arteries. Name the product.
- Q13.** When she was very young, this native supposedly saved the leader of an early American colony from being put to death by her father. Later, she married another settler and visited England, where she achieved celebrity status. She died just before she was to begin her homeward journey. Name the lady.
- Q14.** He played football for Arsenal and cricket for Middlesex. He has represented England in both sports. Name him.

Q15. One of the all-time cricketing greats, his international career, like that of the rest of his team mates, was cut short abruptly. His brother and nephew have also represented their country with distinction. Name the person.

Q16. Identify the brand.



Q17. Identify the brand.



Q18. Identify the person.



Q19. Identify the brand.



Q20. Identify the woman in the picture. Recently she hit the headlines in the Indian national dailies and the news channels.



Q21. Identify the brand.



Q22. "Patiala" is one type, but we are not talking about an extra large serving of alcohol. You could say that it is recommended as the best medicine in many cases.

Q23. He once ran a carpet laundry for a living. He has been an assistant director under Shyam Benegal and even did a cameo role in one of Benegal's films. Name him.

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Online Quiz #05 (14-Oct-08)

Q1. This organization's complete name can be roughly translated into English as Organization for the Second Immigration. It is much more famous by the first part of its name, meaning Organization in the local language. What is it known as?

Hint: It features prominently in several novels (Exodus, for one) and is acknowledged as one of the most innovative and efficient in its field.

Q2. A single Indian family has produced three Foreign Secretaries, who have at some point in their distinguished careers served in Sri Lanka. Name the family.

Hint: The grandfather was the first Foreign Secretary of Independent India.

Q3. What is the contribution of Bengali mathematical genius R. Sikdar to geography?

Hint: He made a very important discovery about a famous geological feature, but, in typical British style, the feature was named after his British boss.

Q4. What historic words were spoken at the defeat of King Pharnaces II at the battle of Zela?

Hint: The English translation of the phrase is popularly used to boast of absolute victory.

Q5. This Knight was an officer in the British army as well as a Nobel Laureate. He served two terms heading Her Majesty's Government. Name him.

Hint: He was Time magazine's "Man of the Half Century" in 1949.

Q6. Name the Japanese firm, which is the biggest producer of a food enhancer, the taste of which is detected by Umami receptors on the tongue. This additive makes food taste 'heartier' and is a common ingredient in canned soups, frozen food, tortilla chips and instant noodles, to name just a few.

Hint: The product bears the same name as the manufacturer and has raised health concerns in many countries.

Q7. When this company was first set up, it had to petition the Nizam of Hyderabad to use a state symbol as its brand name and logo. A special "firman" (royal order) was issued for this purpose. Which brand and company are we talking about?

Hint: The symbol is a famous landmark.

Q8: He started off working for a company owned by William Painter. Painter advised him to think on the lines of making something that could be used and thrown away, but which would entice customers to keep coming back for more. The employee went on to invent a popular product of everyday use which bears his name. Name him and the product he invented.

Hint: He is credited with having introduced a unique strategy called freebie marketing.

Q9. It was told over a period of nearly five decades, ending a day after its creator's death. Name this comic strip, which was one of the most popular ever.

Hint: It made terms like "security blanket" and expressions like "good grief" popular in the English language.

Q10. He, along with Jules Verne, is one of the pioneers of science fiction. He also designed rules for war games played for recreation, becoming a pioneer in that field as well.

Hint: In his works, he used the terms "extraterrestrial" and "atomic bomb" (30 years before its invention)

Q11. During World War II, this word meant a powerful bomb which could destroy large parts of a city.

Hint: This word has later on become popular in the film world to describe very successful films.

Q12: Legend has it that an earl was so addicted to cards that he could spare only one hand to eat as he needed the other to hold his cards. This led to the creation of which popular dish?

Hint: When he was not inspiring culinary masterpieces, the earl also graced the positions of Post Master General and the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Q13: Chinese workers who migrated to the US to work on the US Transcontinental Railway are credited with inventing this popular dish made to suit both Chinese as well as American tastes.

Hint: Meaning "Mixed pieces" in Chinese, this dish has been on menus in New York's Chinese restaurants for over a hundred years and is now widely popular the world over.

Q14: If the personnel of the Indian armed forces are conferred a gallantry award, such as the Param Vir Chakra or Vir Chakra, for the second time, what are they presented with?

Hint: Something extra is attached to the medal.

Q15: This famous Indian filmmaker worked as a messenger for the United Nations during his days as an MBA student in NYU. Later, he joined the McCann Erickson Ad Agency.

Hint: He made his first film, The Creation of Woman, in 1961. For this, he received an Oscar nomination.

Q16: Identify the Person.



Hint: An alumnus of St.Xavier's College, Mumbai, he went on to learn music under famous instructor Hans Swarowsky in Vienna.

Q17. Identify the person.



Hint: Her father and half-sister are both famous musicians.

Q18. Identify the monument.



Hint: This monument figured prominently in a Dan Brown novel

Q19: Identify the person.



Hint: First of his ilk to fly in a Sukhoi fighter

Q20: Identify the Person.



Hint: He is very much in the news for proposing a \$700 billion plan to rescue the U.S. economy from the Subprime Mortgage Crisis.

Q21: Identify the person.



Hint: He is known as the father of a space program that is all set to launch an unmanned exploration of the moon this month.

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Online Quiz #07 (24-Oct-08)

Q1. Identify the movie.



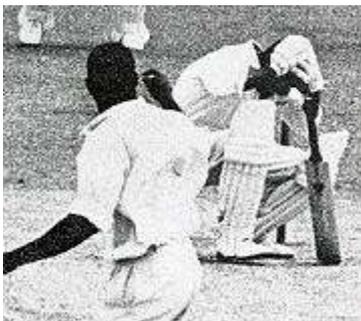
Hint: The movie title comes from a line in a William Blake poem and has a famous instrumental theme.

Q2. Identify this structure.



Hint: One of the largest dams in the world, it has faced protests from environmentalists and raised concerns given the area's geological instability

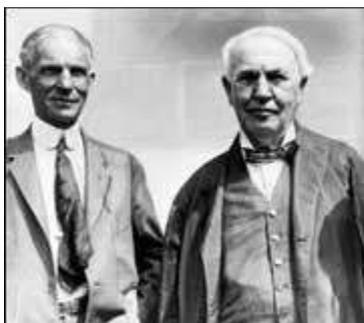
Q3. Identify the batsman.



Hint: This man took over after this incident.



Q4. Identify these famous people.



Hint: One of them is closely associated with this vehicle.



Q5. What does the picture represent?



Hint: This man was closely associated with the event in the picture.



Q6. This is the Arabic version of the logo of a famous company. Identify the company.



Hint: This was once the logo of the company.



Q7. Identify the person.



Hint: Here is a picture of the man in his younger days.



Q8. Identify this structure.



Hint: It was once a Church but is now a museum.

Q9. Identify this former head of state.



Hint: He was closely associated with this person.



Q10. Identify this cricketer.



Hint: This actor famously portrayed the player in question.



Q11. Identify this man.



Hint: This Pakistani stadium is named after him.



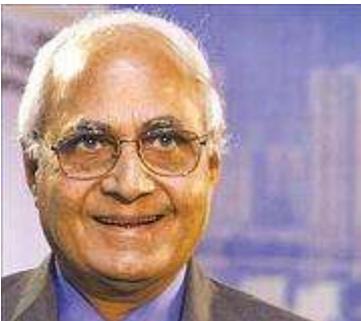
Q12: Identify the location.



Hint: Site of a famous students' protest and consequent government action.



Q13. Identify this person.



Hint: He is closely associated with this



Q14. Identify the logo.



Hint:



Q15. Identify this person.



Hint: She lost to this man in 2002.



Q16. Though he was the first to cross the finish line, this man was disqualified. Why?



Hint: He happened to fall during the course of the race.

Q17. Name the city where you would find this sculpture.



Hint: It is based on a character from a children's story, later made into a movie.

Q18. Identify this person.



Hint: This man was a keen follower of his philosophy.



Q19. What event does this Google Event logo signify?



Hint: This stamp was issued to commemorate the same event.



Q20. Identify this actress, musician and dancer.



Hint: She was closely related to this famous head of state.



Q21. Identify this person.



Hint: This person was once part of a rock band but has also been involved with politics.

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Online Quiz #10 (20-Nov-08)

Q1. Which recent technology has been named after a Viking ruler of the 10th century?

Hint: This particular technology unites various other technologies and was comparable to this king's act of uniting Scandinavian tribes.

Q2. What method of comics production is the creator of Spider-Man credited with?

Hint: This method was employed because the writer had very little time to churn out stories for several comic books.

Q3. Which nemesis of The Incredible Hulk obtained his form and name after intentionally undergoing the same process that accidentally made Bruce Banner The Hulk?

Hint: This nemesis, though a KGB agent, was helped on several occasions by the US military in an effort to destroy The Hulk.

Q4. What term was coined or popularized by Arnold Toynbee in 1889, describing the economic situation from 1740 to 1840?

Hint: This event was held responsible for the growing colonisation by European powers.

Q5. What metaphysical animal was supposedly introduced into English by Mao Tse Tung, deriding his enemies in a 1956 interview?

Hint: It is the English translation of a Chinese phrase used to describe something that appears threatening, but in reality is not.

Q6. Which former Australian cricketer hosted a popular reality action show?

Hint: His co-host on this show went on to try and pursue a career in Bollywood.

Q7. Who was the first to suggest daylight saving measures?

Hint: He played an important role in the American Freedom movement.

Q8. Which cricketer missed a hat-trick on debut when the hat-trick ball landed on the stumps but didn't dislodge the bails?

Hint: His grandfather was also an English cricketer, though his father never played for the country.

Q9. Which cricketer, included to play for Zimbabwe in the 1983 World Cup, went on to play international cricket for another country?

Hint: He has recently signed on to play for an ICL team.

Q10. The inventor of the Punched Card merged his company with two others. What is this new company better known as today?

Hint: The company was once known as the Calculating, Tabulating and Recording Company

Q11. According to legend, the first evidence of the existence of a precious commodity in a particular region came by examining the feet of elephants used for haulage while laying a railway line. Name the place.

Hint: It is also believed that the place got its present name from the words of one of the site engineers, whose excitement knew no bounds at the discovery.

Q12. This company's name is a blend of the names of its founders. It started off as a distributor for a Japanese firm. With a change at the helm of affairs, the company underwent a change in business strategy and scale and made its presence felt across the world. It became the largest company in India in its sector of specialization before being recently acquired by a foreign company. Name the company.

Hint: The acquisition by the Japanese firm is the biggest acquisition of a listed Indian entity till date.

Q13. This flying ace was famous for his non-stop, solo flight across the Mediterranean. He fell victim to enemy fire about a month before the end of World War I. He also devised an interrupter gear, so that planes could be fitted with machine guns firing through the arc of the propellor. Name him.

Hint: A famous tennis stadium is named after this Monsieur.

Q14. This famous legendary figure's act of rebellion against saluting a hat was allegedly responsible for the formation of a confederation in Europe. Name the figure.

Hint: He is better remembered for slicing an apple using an arrow.

Q15. What is Toilet Water better known as?

Hint: The English translation comes from the French phrase "Eau de toilette".

Q16. Which German title is derived from an ancient Roman ruler?

Hint: Et tu, Brute?

Q17. Which was the fighting force created by the US Congress in 1798?

Hint: The force is amphibious in nature, as the name suggests.

Q18. Which English movie involving a bank robbery in Turin was a recent American movie based on?

Hint: The original movie was famous for its car chase sequence.

Q19. Joseph Heller changed the name of his famous novel because it was similar to the name of a novel by another famous author. Name this author.

Hint: This author was known for his many books on the Jewish genocide.

Q20. Andolini was the original name of which famous literary character?

Hint: This character was famously portrayed on the silver screen by two legendary actors.

Q21. Which famous European city gets its name from the two towns, separated by a river, that originally made up the region?

Hint: The river is the second longest river in Europe.

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Online Quiz #12 (05-Dec-08)

Q1.



Who is the cartoonist?

Hint: His uncle was also a cartoonist, but they both made their marks in a different field.

Q2.



Name the city where you would find this clock.

Hint: It featured famously in an animated movie recently.

Q3.



Which famous movie did this old Cartoon Network ad parody?

Hint:



This graffiti shows a scene from this movie.

Q4.



This famous ship was named after its predecessor that got destroyed while on its way to stop a nuclear test. Name the ship.

Hint:



It belongs to this organisation. (Also, look at the painting on the ship.)

Q5.



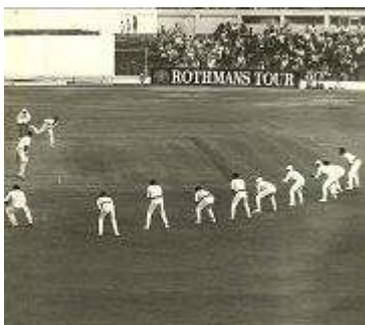
Name this famous symbol of victory and the city where it is seen.

Hint:



This view is seen from atop the object in question.

Q6.



Identify the bowler.

Hint:



He formed a lethal combination with the bowler in this picture.

Q7.



Identify this person.

Hint:



He is famous for a fatwa issued against this man.

Q8.



Identify the brand that formerly used this as their logo.

Hint:



This is their current logo.

Q9.



Identify the city where you would see this.

Hint: The structure in question was made famous by a Scorpions song.

Q10.



Identify the person.

Hint:



She's connected to all three famous men in the picture.

Q11.



Identify this sportsman.

Hint:



Q12.



Identify the city where you would see this.

Hint:



This is a view of a façade of a famous institute associated with this city.

Q13.



Identify this actor.

Hint:



Both actors played the same character, one in the original, the other in the sequel.

Q14.



Identify the organisation.

Hint:



This is the logo of their commercial wing.

Q15.



Identify this multiple Grammy-winning band.

Hint:



They provided the OST for this movie.

Q16.



What famous event do we see represented by this image?

Hint:



This is the gymnast associated with this event.

Q17.



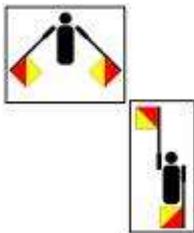
In which city would you find this famous landmark?

Hint:



This famous painting is located in the same city.

Q18.



These flag semaphore symbols were superimposed to form a very famous symbol. The symbol originally stood for a movement different from the one currently associated with it. Identify the symbol.

Hint:



This gesture by, famous as a sign of victory, is now commonly identified with the symbol in question.

Q19.



Identify the actor on the right.

Hint:



Ring a bell?

Q20.



Identify this famous sportsman.

Hint:



Here's a little more of the image.

Q21.



In front of the stock exchange of which city would you see these rivals.

Hint:



One of the names of this food item is related to this city.

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Online Quiz #14 (19-Dec-08)

Q1. Which type of abdominal thrust takes its name from the name of an American doctor who was allegedly responsible for the invention the technique?

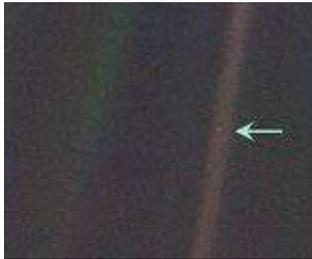
Q2. This promising young lawyer in the Indian government is also as co-producer of an Indian television soap and is currently linked with an Indian entrepreneur who also happens to be the daughter of a bollywood veteran.

Q3. What famous logo originally showed a certain Mark Barraud's best friend listening to a recording of Mr. Barraud's voice on a cylindrical phonograph?

Q4. Whom does this bear belong to?

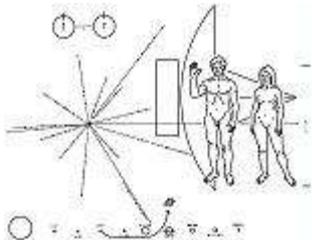


Q5. What does the arrow point at?



Q6. Which beauty pageant winner made history after she was awarded the maximum possible score for her final interview in an International beauty pageant?

Q7. What NASA spacecraft would you find these images on?



Q8. What is the word used to describe the act of deliberately spreading incorrect information with the purpose of misleading the recipient?

Q9. Computer programmers who use their hacking skills to assist in boosting web-security or in tracking down e-criminals are known as...

Q10. Name the village which was established as a model village by a well known social activist who was awarded one of the highest Indian civilian awards.

Q11. This Indian actress who derives her name from a book written by Leo Tolstoy also studied microcomputers in Harvard before studying Law for a year in India.

Q12. Which famous Scottish actor has a tattoo on his arm as part of a campaign for Scottish Independence?

Q13. Which ancient Indian city's name tells us that no one can conquer the city by war?

Q14. What country was created to accommodate the freedman of the USA, who wanted to return to their home continent?

Q15. What name was assigned to NASA's Space Shuttle at the insistence of Star Trek fans?

Q16: Identify this man who went on to become a dictator?



Q17. What famous superhero's original avatar was that of a bald super-villain with extra-sensory perception?

Q18. Which famous comic book character takes his name from the first names of the Hollywood actors Messieurs Gable and Taylor?

Q19. The son of which famous jazz saxophonist (who is a renowned saxophonist himself) is named after a famous Sitar maestro?

Q20. Identify the city in which you will find this hotel.



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Online Quiz #16 (02-Jan-09)

Q1



Identify this sportsman.

Hint:



He was (and still is) compared to this great.

Q2.



Identify this sportsman.

Hint:



He played famous five-setters against these men en route to his greatest triumph.

Q3.



Identify this musician.

Hint:



He was the frontman of the band that released this album.

Q4.



Identify the city where you would find this historic clock.

Hint:



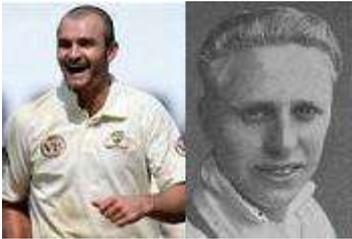
This is the coat of arms of the country the capital of which is the city in question.

Q5.



What famous event did these batsmen witness from the non-striker's end, several decades apart?

Hint:



These were the bowlers at those respective events.

Q6.



Identify this man.

Hint:



This is the logo of the organisation which he led. (The name of the organisation, as part of the logo, has been removed.)

Q7.



Identify this sportsman.

Hint:



He had a famous match with this great.

Q8.



Connect these two people.

Hint:



This is a famous picture from the event linking these people.

Q9.



Connect these five Italian clubs.

Hint:



This man was at the centre of the event connecting the clubs.

Q10.



Identify this writer.

Hint:



This image is from a famous movie based on a novel by the author.

Q11.



What famous first did this plane achieve?

Hint:



Think earth.

Q12.



Identify this famous game show.

Hint:



The original host of the show in question.

Q13.



Identify this symbol.

Hint:



This plane, named after something you see in deserts, should help identify the symbol.

Q14.



Identify both men and name the city that connects them.

Hint:



This stadium is found in the city in question.

Q15.



In what other way are these Renaissance artists related?

Hint:



What is this object called?

Q16.



What event connects these movies?

Hint:



This image has long represented the event in question.

Q17.



What were these movies based on?

Hint:



This movie also shares the connection.

Q18.



Connect these people. (Yes, they are heads of state of different countries. Dig deeper.)

Hint:



They belong to this organisation.

Q19.



Identify the (visibly bored) man on the top. :)

Hint:



This is the organisation he formerly headed.

Q20.



Identify BOTH sportsmen.

Hint:



Both Englishmen took up this man's profession after retirement from the sport.

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Directions for Questions 1 – 5: Identify the movies from their stills.

Q1.



Q2.



Q3.



Q4.



Q5.

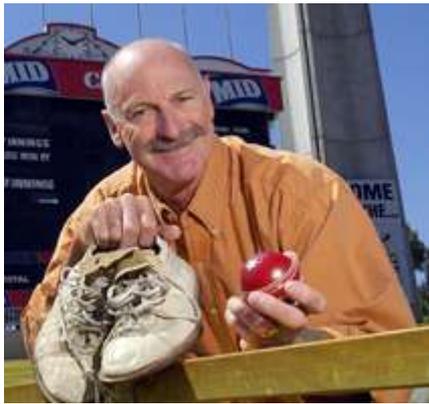


Directions for Questions 6 – 10: Identify the Sports Personalities.

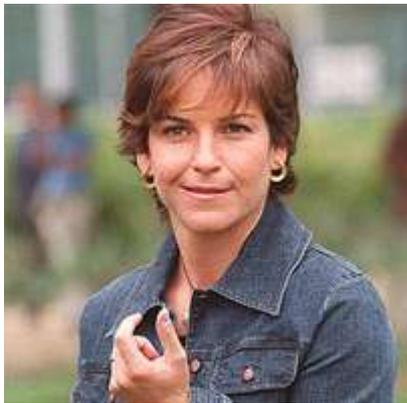
Q6.



Q7.



Q8.



Q9.



Q10.



Directions for Questions 11-12: Identify the following companies

Q11.



Q12.

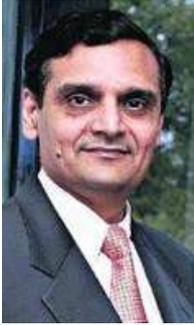


Q13. In which country had this company originated?



Directions for Questions 14-17: Identify the following Personalities

Q14.



Q15.



Q16.



Q17.



Q18. Name the cartoon character who owned peculiar vehicle.



Q19. Name the cartoon character who owned this cat. Also name the cartoon series.



Q20. Name the vehicle used by these cartoon characters.



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ANSWERS

Solutions of Online Quiz #01

Answer 01: Amul

Answer 02: Parle-G

Answer 03: Wipro

Answer 04: Name of the village where the factory was originally located

Answer 05: Coca-Cola

Bonus Question Answer: Motorola

Answer 06: Vinod Khanna – Cinthol

Answer 07:

Aamir Khan – Pepsi during its launch in the nineties and now Coke.

Aishwarya Rai, endorsed Pepsi in the nineties and now endorses Coke.

Answer 08: All three endorse Titan brands.

Aamir Khan – Titan

Rani Mukherjee – Titan Raga

John Abraham – Titan Fast Track

Answer 09: DESU (Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking)

Answer 10: Grimus

Answer 11: Kodak

Answer 12: Motorola

Answer 13: Yellow Pages

Answer 14: Adidas

Answer 15: Reebok

Answer 16: Sony Ericsson

Answer 17: Samsung

Answer 18: Airtel

Answer 19: Nestle

Answer 20: Colgate

Answer 21: Walmart

Answer 22: George Eastman Kodak

Answer 23: Monopoly

Answer 24: Nipper (HMV)

Answer 25: Isaac Asimov

Solutions of Online Quiz #02

Answer 01: Apartheid

Answer 02: Perestroika

Answer 03: The NSG (Nuclear Suppliers Group)

Answer 04: Dalai Lama

Answer 05: Sarah Palin, Republican Vice President Nominee

Answer 06: Stephen Hawking

Answer 07: Dmitri Mascarenhas

Answer 08: Arthur Ashe

Answer 09: Kho Kho

Answer 10: Tendulkar/Kambli

Answer 11: Princess Anne, who competed in the equestrian events

Answer 12: George Clooney

Answer 13: Riya Sen

Answer 14: Jonathan Kent and Martha Kent

Answer 15: Anil Ambani

Answer 16: Vodafone. Voice, Data, Phone

Answer 17: SUN Microsystems (SUN stands for Stanford University Network)

Answer 18: Company

Answer 19: Cyprus and Republic of Kosovo

Answer 20: Lightning

Answer 21: Queen Elizabeth II

Answer 22: Sundries

Answer 23: DIOGENES

Solutions of Online Quiz #03

Answer 01: The Three Investigators - Jupiter Jones, Pete Crenshaw and Bob Andrews.

Answer 02: Indiana Jones

Answer 03: Satyajit Ray. These are the titles of his movies as translated in English

Answer 04: Paparazzi

Answer 05: Rubik's Cube - it was invented by a Hungarian, Prof. Erno Rubik

Answer 06: California Perfume Company, which later became Avon (named after Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon)

Answer 07: The Hula Hoop. This company also developed the frisbee.

Answer 08: BMW (Bayerische Motor Werke or Bavarian Motor Works). Rolls-Royce is a subsidiary of this company.

Answer 09: Sony

Answer 10: LACOSTE, founded by Rene Lacoste. The brand logo comes from the fact that the founder was nicknamed 'alligator' for his tenacious behavior on court.

Answer 11: National Geographic Society

Answer 12: Teflon (Polytetrafluoroethylene)

Invented by Roy Plunkett, its commercial name is derived from its chemical name. It is a vital component of suits used by astronauts and acts as a heat shield during a rocket's entry into the atmosphere. It has been used to reduce the effect of time on statues, most notably the Statue of Liberty.

Answer 13: Pocahontas

Answer 14: Denis Compton

Answer 15: Graeme Pollock, 60.97

Answer 16: Yamaha

Answer 17: Goodyear

Answer 18: Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Chairman of the PPP

Answer 19: FIFA

Answer 20: Kalawati Bandurkar, widow of a Vidarbha Farmer.

Answer 21: Bentley

Answer 22: Kind of Laughter associated with the Laughter Club

Answer 23: Lucky Ali (Mehmood's son)

Solutions of Online Quiz #05

Answer 01: Mossad, from its Hebrew name Mossad Aliyah Bet

The Mossad is involved in intelligence collection, counter-terrorism, and covert operations, including assassinations. It is one of the main Intelligence Community entities in Israel. Its role and function is similar to that of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).

Answer 02: The Menons - K.P.S. Menon Sr., his son K.P.S. Menon Jr., and grandson Shivshankar Menon (present Foreign Secretary)

Answer 03: He calculated that a certain mountain was 29012 tall. It was, however, named after his boss - Sir George Everest.

Answer 04: Veni, Vidi, Vici (I came, I saw, I conquered) by Julius Caesar

Answer 05: Sir Winston Churchill

Answer 06: Ajinomoto Co.,Inc. The product, popularly called Ajinomoto, is Monosodium Glutamate (MSG). When consumed, MSG is said to produce symptoms such as numbness at the back of the neck, general weakness and palpitations in some people.

Answer 07: Charminar Cigarettes, from the Hyderabad based Vazir Sultan Tobacco (VST)

Answer 08: King Gillette, who invented Gillette disposable razors

Answer 09: Peanuts, by Charles M. Schulz

Answer 10: H. G. Wells

Answer 11: Blockbuster

Answer 12: A Sandwich. The nobleman in question was John Montagu, the Fourth Earl of Sandwich.

Answer 13: Chop Suey

Answer 14: A bar is affixed to the medal

Answer 15: Ismail Merchant

Answer 16: Zubin Mehta

Zubin Mehta is a famous Indian conductor of Western Classical Music. Starting his career as the assistant conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Mehta went on to become a world renowned conductor for various orchestras.

Answer 17: Norah Jones

Norah Jones is the daughter of famed sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar and half-sister of sitarist Anoushka Shankar. Jones' career was launched with her 2002 debut album Come Away with Me, which won five Grammy Awards, with Jones winning "Best New Artist".

Answer 18: The Louvre

The Louvre Museum in Paris is the world's most visited art museum. Nearly 35,000 objects from the 6th millennium BCE to the 19th century CE are exhibited here. The world famous Mona Lisa is a part of the collection.

Answer 19: George Fernandes

Fernandes is a trade unionist, agriculturist, political activist, journalist and currently a member of the 14th Lok Sabha of India. He represents the Muzaffarpur constituency of Bihar and is a member of the Janata Dal (United) party. Fernandes was a defence minister in the National Democratic Alliance Government.

Answer 20: Henry M. Paulson, the United States Treasury Secretary

He is also a member of the International Monetary Fund Board of Governors. He previously served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Goldman Sachs. His refusal to use taxpayer's money to bail out Lehman Brothers allowed that financial institution to go bankrupt.

Answer 21: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai

Dr. Vikram Sarabhai was the founding father of the Indian space program, and is considered a scientific visionary by many, as well as a national hero. After the launch of Sputnik in 1957 he recognized the potential that satellites provided.

Solutions of Online Quiz #07

Answer 01: Chariots of Fire

Chariots of Fire is a British film released in 1981. Written by Colin Welland and directed by Hugh Hudson, it is based on the true story of British athletes preparing for and competing in the 1924 Summer Olympics. The film was nominated for seven Academy Awards and won four, including Best Picture.

Answer 02: Tehri Dam

Tehri Dam is located near Tehri Town in the state of Uttarakhand in India. Built on the Bhagirathi River, the principal tributary of the Ganges, the Tehri Dam has a height of 855 feet (261 m), making it the 5th tallest dam in the world. It has a power generation capacity of 2400 MW and irrigates 270,000 hectares.

Answer 03: Nari Contractor

In a match against Barbados, Contractor ducked to a short ball from Charlie Griffith which failed to come up. He took a blow at the back of his skull and was unconscious for six days. That ended his international career. He was replaced by Mansour Ali Khan Pataudi as India

Answer 04: Henry Ford and Thomas Edison

In 1891, Ford became an engineer with the Edison Illuminating Company. Edison encouraged Ford's experiments with gasoline engines. Henry Ford was very fond of Thomas Edison, and on Edison's deathbed, he demanded Edison's son catch his final breath in a test

Answer 05: Chipko Movement

The Chipko movement was a group of female peasants in the Uttaranchal region who prevented the cutting of trees by contractors of the state Forest Department. The movement spread throughout the Uttaranchal Himalayas by the end of the decade. Activists, like Sundarlal Bahuguna (pictured in the hint), played active parts in this movement.

Answer 06: Burger King

Burger King is a global chain of hamburger restaurants that was started in Miami, Florida in the year 1954.

Answer 07: Charlie Chaplin

Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin, or Charlie Chaplin as he was better known, was an Academy Award-winning English actor. Chaplin became one of the most famous actors as well as a notable filmmaker, composer and musician in the early- to mid- Hollywood cinema era. He is considered one of the finest mimes and clowns ever captured on film.

Answer 08: Hagia Sophia

The Hagia Sophia in Istanbul was once a Church built during the Byzantine era. It was later converted to a Mosque by the Ottoman Turks. The first President of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, converted it into a museum in 1935.

Answer 09: Nikita Khrushchev

Nikita Khrushchev was the head of the USSR during the Cold War and was responsible for the famous Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 by deploying Soviet missiles on Cuban soil. (The man in the hint is Fidel Castro, President of Cuba.)

Answer 10: Douglas Jardine

Douglas Jardine was captain of the English Cricket Team during the early '30s, best remembered for his bodyline techniques used against the Australians during the 1932-33 Ashes Tour. (Hugo Weaving portrayed Jardine in the TV series Bodyline.)

Answer 11: Muammar al-Gaddafi

Also known as Colonel Gaddafi, he has been the head of state of Libya since 1969 when he overthrew the government in a military coup. (The stadium is the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore that was named so after Colonel Gaddafi delivered a speech in support of Pakistan's pursuit of nuclear weapons.)

Answer 12: Tiananmen Square

The protests of 1989 against authoritarianism resulted in the massacre of Chinese protesters in the streets to the west of the square and adjacent areas. According to initial reports from the Chinese Red Cross, there were 2,600 casualties.

Answer 13: Kushal Pal Singh, Chairman of DLF

Singh is now the world's richest real estate baron after listing his real estate development company DLF in 2007. The offering helped triple his fortune to \$30 billion this year, up from \$10 billion. Singh built DLF City in Gurgaon, his showpiece township on the outskirts of Delhi, by acquiring land from farmers. He is listed in the top ten in Forbes list of billionaires.

Answer 14: Asian Games

The Asian Games, also called the Asiad, is a multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from all over Asia. The games are regulated by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) under the supervision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The first Asian games were held in New Delhi in 1951.

Answer 15: Lt. Col. Dr.Lakshmi Sehgal

A doctor by profession, Dr.Lakshmi Sehgal led the Rani Lakshmi Bai regiment of the INA. She later became involved in politics in independent India, serving as a member of parliament in the Upper House and later running for President as a left wing candidate against Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Answer 16: He was helped across the finish line. The man in question is the famous Dorando Pietri.

During the 1908 Olympics marathon, Pietri, who was leading the race, collapsed after he took a wrong turn. He was helped up by the umpires and he stumbled a few more times before reaching the finish line. A complaint was lodged by the American contingent resulting in Pietri being disqualified.

Answer 17: Copenhagen

The Little Mermaid sculpture is found in Copenhagen, in Denmark and has attracted millions of tourists since it was first installed in 1913. It has faced several acts of vandalism over the years. The Little Mermaid is a character created by Danish poet Hans Christian Anderson.

Answer 18: Malcolm X

Malcolm X, a.k.a. El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, was an African American Muslim minister, public speaker, and human rights activist. Some describe him as a champion for the rights of African-Americans while others question his methods which were often racist and violent. He has been described as one of the most influential African Americans of the 20th century.

Answer 19: Anniversary of Sputnik 1's launch

Sputnik 1 was the world's first earth-orbiting satellite. IT was launched by the USSR on the 4th of October, 1957. The successful launch of the satellite triggered the Space Race between the USA and the USSR that lasted almost 20 years, during the Cold War.

Answer 20: Marilyn Monroe (then, Mrs. Norma Jeane Dougherty)

Marilyn Monroe was an American superstar of her time and was linked with many famous men including the former president of the USA, John F. Kennedy. She died under mysterious circumstances and there have been several conspiracy theories about her death.

Answer 21: Tony Blair

"Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the UK, was once part of a rock band called ""The Ugly Rumors"". Media has speculated that Blair is planning to become the first President of the European Council, a post created in the Treaty of Lisbon that would come into force in 2009, if successfully ratified."

Solutions of Online Quiz #10

Answer 01: BlueTooth. Harold "Bluetooth" was a Viking ruler who was responsible for uniting various Scandinavian tribes. The technology was named after him in the hope that it would help bring together various technologies such as mobile phones and computers.

Answer 02: The Marvel Method. It was a method where the writer gave only the outline of the story and the artist had freedom to set the pace and the flow of the story. It arose because Stan Lee was pressed for time and had to write for several comics at once.

Answer 03: The Abomination. Emil Blonsky, a KGB agent, intentionally subjected himself to a gamma radiation burst of greater intensity than the burst Bruce Banner was exposed to, in order to become stronger than him.

Answer 04: Industrial Revolution

Answer 05: Paper Tiger

Answer 06: Michael Whitney. He hosted Who Dares Wins. His co-host on this show was Tania Zaetta.

Answer 07: Benjamin Franklin

Answer 08: Chris Tremlett, against Bangladesh in 2005.

Answer 09: Graeme Hick. He played for England because Zimbabwe wasn't a test-playing nation then.

Answer 10: IBM. Herman Hollerith invented the Punching Card and formed the Tabulating Machines Company which later merged with the Computing Scale Corporation, the International Time Recording Company and the Bundy Manufacturing Company.

Answer 11: Digboi Refinery of the IOC. The belief suggests that the place is named when the engineer exclaimed, "Dig, boy!"

Answer 12: Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited. It was started by Ranjit Singh and Gurbax Singh in 1937 as a distributor for a Japanese company Shionogi. On June 10, 2008, Japan's Daiichi Sankyo Co., agreed to take a majority stake in Ranbaxy, with a deal valued at about \$4.6 billion.

Answer 13: Roland Garros

Answer 14: William Tell. Legend has it that he refused to bow to the hat of the lord of his province, that was placed on a stick. This act sparked a rebellion that allegedly led to the foundation of the Swiss Confederation.

Answer 15: Perfume

Answer 16: Kaiser from Caesar from Julius Caesar.

Answer 17: The Marines

Answer 18: The Italian Job

Answer 19: Leon Uris. Originally, Heller intended to name the book Catch 18, but this was similar to Uris' Mila 18. So, finally he settled for Catch-22.

Answer 20: Don Vito Corleone a.k.a The Godfather

Answer 21: Budapest from the towns Buda and Pest.

Solutions of Online Quiz #12

Answer 01: Raj Thackeray

"Raj Thackeray is the founder and president of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, a regional party in Maharashtra. He is the nephew of Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray. An amateur cartoonist, he recently became a controversial political figure in India due to his rhetorical speech against people from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar."

Answer 02: New York

The clock is located in the Grand Central Station in New York. This station is the largest in the world in terms of platforms and has 44 platforms in all. It was shown in the movie Madagascar, when the animals tried to escape the zoo.

Answer 03: Pulp Fiction

Pulp Fiction is an iconic movie directed by Quentin Tarantino. It covers various aspects of pop culture with a mix of humour and violence. It has been very highly acclaimed, critically. The Cartoon Network ad parodies a conversation between John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson in the movie. The graffiti seen in the picture is a famous one by an anonymous British artist known only as Banksy.

Answer 04: Rainbow Warrior

The Rainbow Warrior is a schooner belonging to the environmental activist organisation Greenpeace. It was named after its predecessor that was sunk by French intelligence agents while on its way to protest France's nuclear test in 1985. One activist was killed in the sinking. The Rainbow Warrior operates to support Greenpeace's activities and protests all around the world.

Answer 05: Arc de Triomphe or the Arch of Triumph, Paris.

The Arc de Triomphe was commissioned in 1806 by Napoleon at the height of his powers to celebrate his victory at Austerlitz. It is seen in the centre of the Place Charles de Gaulle and honours all those who fought for France.

Answer 06: Dennis Lillee

Answer 07: Ayatollah Khomeini

Ayatollah was the leader of the Iranian Revolution, who later became the supreme religious and spiritual leader of Iran. He famously issued a fatwa, or religious edict, against Salman Rushdie for the publication of his book "The Satanic Verses".

Answer 08: Dabur

Answer 09: Berlin

The picture is of the famous Berlin wall, built to separate East Germany from West Germany. Construction began in 1961 and the wall was finally torn down in the year 1990 before German Reunification. The song Winds of Change by the Scorpions was composed to commemorate this occasion.

Answer 10: Lisa Marie Presley

Lisa Marie Presley is an American singer-songwriter. She is the daughter of Elvis Presley. She was married to Michael Jackson and later to actor Nicholas Cage.

Answer 11: Diego Armando Maradona

Answer 12: Darjeeling

The Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) is located in Darjeeling and was established due to the urging of PM Jawaharlal Nehru in 1954 to encourage mountaineering in India. Tensing Norgay was the first director of this institute and a monument to him is found at the HMI.

Answer 13: Marlon Brando

Marlon Brando is most famous for his role as Don Vito Corleone in the movie The Godfather. He also played a memorable role in such classics as Apocalypse Now and A Streetcar Named Desire. Robert DeNiro (seen here in a still from the movie Taxi Driver) played Don Vito in the movie The Godfather II.

Answer 14: ISRO

The Indian Space Research Organisation (or ISRO) is the Indian national space agency, with its headquarters in Bengaluru. It has successfully launched several satellites into earth-orbit using vehicles such as the PSLV and the GSLV. Recently, it sent India's maiden mission to the moon: Chandrayaan-1. Antrix is the commercial wing of ISRO.

Answer 15: U2

U2 is an Irish band that has won twenty four Grammy awards during their career spanning almost thirty years. They are known for their activism and their lead singer Bono has campaigned to rid African nations of their international debt and to free Aung San Suu Kyi, a freedom-activist in Myanmar. They recorded the track Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me for the movie Batman Forever.

Answer 16: First Perfect Ten at the Olympics

Nadia Comaneci was a Romanian gymnast who had the distinction of achieving the first perfect ten in Olympic history at the 1976 Montreal Olympics (when she was just 14 years old) on the uneven parallel bars. Since the scoreboards had never displayed points greater than 9 before, her score of 10 was truncated to display 1, as seen in the image.

Answer 17: Vatican City

The scene is of the Saint Peter's Square in the Vatican City, as seen from the Saint Peter's Basilica. The painting in the hint is the famous "Creation of Man" painting by Michelangelo and is seen in the Sistine Chapel.

Answer 18: The Peace symbol

The semaphore symbols stand for N and D respectively. The image of the two of them superimposed inspired the peace symbol. This symbol was originally meant to stand for Nuclear Disarmament (represented by the N and the D) but was adopted to stand for all peace. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill made the famous Victory salute during World War II. This gesture is also commonly associated with peace, today.

Answer 19: Jackie Chan

Jackie Chan was one of the extras in the movie Enter The Dragon, in the scene where Bruce Lee kills some of the bad guy's henchmen. Jackie went on to become a star in his own right and was seen in films such as the Rush Hour series with Chris Tucker (shown in the hint).

Answer 20: Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan has often been regarded as the greatest basketball player. He won a record number of MVP awards during his career and was influential in the Chicago Bulls winning many NBA titles. He was famous for sticking his tongue out when making shots (a style copied from his father, allegedly). He returned to NBA after his second retirement to play for the Washington Wizards, though he had no remarkable success with the team.

Answer 21: Frankfurt

The Bull and the Bear are located in front of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. A hot dog is also called a frankfurter.

Solutions of Online Quiz #14

Answer 01: The Heimlich Manoeuvre.

Answer 02: Taimur Bajwa.

Mr. Bajwa seems to be a jack of all trades, as he also a promising young lawyer in the Indian government as well as co-producer of Kasamh se. Mr. Bajwa and Miss Ekta Kapoor were linked together according to a report and Ekta's father, Jeetendra, has been heard hinting that there is a marriage proposal in the works.

Answer 03: HMV or His Master's Voice.

Answer 04: Garfield.

Answer 05: Earth (This image is one taken by Voyager from a distance of about 4 billion miles.).

Answer 06: Lara Dutta.

Lara Dutta won the annual Gladsrags modelling competition in her native India, thus winning the right to be the first Indian representative at the 1997 Miss Intercontinental pageant, in which she took first place. Later, she was crowned Femina Miss India Universe and Miss Universe in 2000.

Answer 07: NASA's Pioneer Probes

Answer 08: Disinformation

Answer 09: White Hat Hackers

Answer 10: Ralegan Siddhi.

Kisan Baburao Hazare, popularly known as Anna Hazare (January 15, 1940), is an Indian social activist who is especially recognized for his contribution to the development of Ralegan Siddhi, a village in Ahmednagar district, Maharashtra, India and his efforts for establishing it as a model village, for which he was awarded the Padma Bhushan by Govt. of India, in 1992.

Answer 11: Kareena Kapoor. Born in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India into the Kapoor film family of Punjabi origin, Kapoor is the youngest daughter of actors Randhir Kapoor and Babita. According to Kapoor, her first name was derived from the book Anna Karenina. After studying commerce at Mithibai College, Vile Parle for two years, she embarked upon a three-month summer course in microcomputers at Harvard University. She later developed an interest in law and enrolled at the Government's Law College in Churchgate. After completing one year there, she returned to her initial plan to become an actress and commenced training under Kishore Namit Kapoor's Acting Institute.

Answer 12: Sir Sean Connery

Answer 13: Ayodhya

Answer 14: Liberia

Answer 15: Enterprise (after the USS Enterprise)

Answer 16: Benito Mussolini

Answer 17: Superman (originally called The Super-man)

Answer 18: Clark Kent (from Clark Gable and Kent Taylor)

Answer 19: John Coltrane (Son – Ravi Coltrane, named after Pandit Ravi Shankar)

Answer 20: Udaipur (The hotel in question is the Taj Lake Hotel)

Solutions of Online Quiz #16

Answer 01: Roger Federer

Currently ranked Number 2 in the world, Roger Federer of Switzerland is considered to be among the greatest players of Tennis. He has been compared to Pete Sampras on many occasions and is chasing Pete's record of 14 Grand Slams, with 13 in the bag. He has also been likened to Sampras for a failure to win the French Open, a tournament that eluded Sampras throughout his career.

Answer 02: Goran Ivanisevic

Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia is best remembered for his booming left-handed serve and his tremendous record for serving aces. He made history by becoming the first Wild Card entrant to win the Wimbledon in 2001, beating local favourite Tim Henman in the semi-final and Patrick Rafter in the final in famous five-set matches. He lost the finals previously in 1992, 1994 and 1998.

Answer 03: David Gilmour

David Gilmour is an English musician best remembered as the lead guitarist of the progressive rock band Pink Floyd. He was also one of the main songwriters of the band and also provided vocals for many Pink Floyd hits. His guitar solo from the song Comfortably Numb has been voted the greatest rock solo. The iconic album in the hint is The Dark Side of The Moon.

Answer 04: Prague

The famous astronomical clock of Prague is a 15th century clock mounted on the Old City Town Hall in the capital city of the Czech Republic. It consists of an astronomical clock, a clockwork hourly show of biblical characters and calendar dial representing the months. The clock was almost destroyed during the German occupation of Prague during the Second World War but was subsequently restored.

Answer 05: Great batsmen dismissed for a duck in their final test innings.

Sourav Ganguly and Sir Donald Bradman were both dismissed for a score of zero in their final test innings. Sachin Tendulkar was at the non-striker's end when Ganguly was dismissed by Jason Krejza while Arthur Miller was at the other end when Bradman was dismissed by Eric Hollies. Interestingly, both batting combinations were renowned and were left-hand-right-hand pairs.

Answer 06: J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover was the first director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and was instrumental in the forming of the organisation. He remained director from 1935 until his death in 1972. He was a very controversial figure at the head of the organisation and his alleged abuse of power during the course of his long tenure was the reason current directors can serve a maximum of 10 years.

Answer 07: George Foreman

George Foreman was a former two-time World Heavyweight Boxing champion and Olympic Gold Medallist. He won the title from Joe Frazier in 1973 in the "Sunshine Showdown." He later lost the title to Muhammad Ali (in the hint) in the famous "Rumble in the Jungle" before regaining it with the defeat of Michael Moorer in 1994, making him (at 45) the oldest man to have won the title.

Answer 08: The Reagan Assassination attempt.

John Hinkley Jr. attempted to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1981 to gain fame so as to impress actress Jodie Foster. Hinkley became obsessed with Foster after watching her role as a child-prostitute in the movie Taxi Driver and began making advances towards her that were always turned down. Hinkley was found to be not guilty after he pleaded insanity at his hearing.

Answer 09: The 2006 Italian Football Scandal

All these clubs were involved in the 2006 Italian Football Scandal (known in Italian as Calciopoli). The clubs were accused of rigging several games by selecting referees with a favourable disposition towards their teams. Among other punishments, Juventus, Italian champions at the time, were relegated to Serie B while their general manager, Luciano Moggi (in the hint) was banned for 5 years.

Answer 10: Munshi Premchand (a.k.a. Dhanpat Rai)

Munshi Premchand was a famous writer of both Hindi and Urdu Literature. Born near Varanasi, he achieved fame for his novels such as Godaan and Shatranj Ke Khiladi (which was made into a famous movie by Satyajit Ray - seen in the hint).

Answer 11: First plane to fly around the earth without stopping or refuelling.

The Model 76 Voyager was the first plane to achieve this feat when it did so in December 1983, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager. The flight took over nine days and covered over 40,000 km. The plane is best remembered for its distinct wings which in fact stored the fuel needed to complete the long flight. The Voyager is now displayed at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.

Answer 12: The Crystal Maze

The Crystal Maze was a British TV game show that was also shown on Indian television, in the '90s. The objective of the game was to pass through four distinct zones, trying to obtain a crystal from each. Each acquired crystal gave the participants additional seconds in the Crystal Dome where they had to collect gold tokens to win a prize. Richard O'Brien (in the hint) was the original host.

Answer 13: French Air Force (or the Armée de l'Air)

The French Air Force is the world's oldest serving military air service, formed as the Service Aéronautique in 1909. The roundel on military air craft was first used by the French Air Force during the First World War and was later adopted by the British Royal Flying Corps, their allies during the war. The Dassault Mirage (in the hint) is a French-made super-sonic fighter sold to many airforces.

Answer 14: Wayne Rooney and George Harrison, both famous sons of Liverpool.

Wayne Rooney supported local Liverpool club Everton in his childhood. He represented the club at the Premier League before moving to Manchester United. George Harrison is best remembered as the key guitarist of the Beatles, Liverpool's most famous band. He had success as a solo artist later in his career. The stadium in the hint is Anfield, where local club Liverpool plays.

Answer 15: Their names were given to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

According to TMNT literature, Master Splinter (the anthropomorphic rat) adopted four turtles who became human-like when they came in contact with a green ooze of some sort. Splinter named them after his favourite Renaissance artists and trained them in the martial arts. They live and train in a sewer and fight the evil forces of their arch-nemesis, Shredder (a.k.a. Oruku Saki).

Answer 16: The Vietnam War

The movies in the question are Air America (1990, top left); Apocalypse Now (1979, bottom left) and Good Morning, America (1989, right). The Vietnam War took place between the years 1959 and 1975 in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The Pulitzer-winning photograph shows a naked Phan Thi Kim Phuc running after being burned by a Napalm attack on June 8, 1972. The Photographer is Nick Ut.

Answer 17: Graphic Novels

The movie on the left is Sin City, based on a graphic novel by the same name by Frank Miller. The movie starred Bruce Willis and Jessica Alba. The movie on the right is V For Vendetta (written by Alan Moore). It starred Hugo Weaving and Natalie Portman. The movie in the hint is 300 also based on a graphic novel by the same name by Frank Miller. All three moves were quite successful in the box office.

Answer 18: Permanent Members of United Nations Security Council

The people in the image are Hu Jintao, Premier of the People's Republic of China (top left); Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic (top right); Dmitry Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation (bottom right); George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; and Queen Elizabeth II, reigning monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Answer 19: Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the UN

Kofi Atta Annan is a Ghanaian diplomat who was the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations. He served his term from January 1, 1997 to January 1, 2007. His term was embroiled in controversy towards the end when the infamous Oil-for-Food scandal was exposed. Kofi Annan was succeeded by South Korean diplomat Ban Ki-moon as Secretary-General.

Answer 20: Geoffrey Boycott and Sir Ian Botham

Geoffrey Boycott and Sir Ian Botham had a controversial and infamous spat when Botham intentionally ran out Boycott because Boycott's slow scoring rate meant that England would end up drawing a test match they should have won. The match, against New Zealand, was eventually won but Boycott neither forgot nor forgave Botham. Both became commentators after retirement.

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Answer 01: The Sound of Music.

Answer 02: A Beautiful mind.

Answer 03: Enchanted.

Answer 04: Citizen Kane.

Answer 05: Gone with the wind.

Answer 06: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Ole Gunnar Solskjær, is a Norwegian former footballer who spent the majority of his career playing for Manchester United, often dubbed the "Baby-faced assassin". He is the current Manchester United Reserve team manager.

Answer 07: Dennis Lillee

Dennis Keith Lillee, MBE (born 18 July 1949 in Subiaco, Western Australia) is a former Australian cricketer rated as the "outstanding fast bowler of his generation". Lillee was known for his fiery temperament, 'never-say-die' attitude and popularity with the fans.

Answer 08: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

Aránzazu Arantxa Isabel Maria Sánchez Vicario (born December 18, 1971 in Barcelona, Spain) is a Spanish professional tennis player. She won four Grand Slam singles titles, six Grand Slam women's doubles titles, and four Grand Slam mixed doubles titles.

Answer 09: Guglielmo Papaleo aka Willie Pep.

Guglielmo Papaleo (September 19, 1922 - November 23, 2006) was an American boxer who was better known as Willie Pep. Pep fought a total of 242 bouts during his 26 year career, a considerable number of fights even for a fighter of his era. His final record was 230-11-1 with 65 knockouts. Pep, known for his speed and finesse, is considered to be one of the best fighters of the 20th century and was inducted to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

Answer 10: Greg Blewett

Gregory Scott Blewett (born 29 October 1971, Adelaide, South Australia) is a former Australian cricketer who played in 46 Tests and 32 ODIs from 1995 to 2000. Blewett came into the Australian Test Team in January 1995 against England in Adelaide, scoring a century on debut. He followed that up with another century in Perth and another in Edgbaston (1997), thus scoring three centuries in his first three Ashes Tests.

Answer 11: AT&T

Answer 12: Lakme

Answer 13: Germany

This company, Lufthansa Airlines, originated in Berlin Germany.

Answer 14: Mr. Ram Mynampati.

Mr. Ram Mynapati is the current interim CEO of Satyam Computer Services.

Answer 15: David Miliband

David Wright Miliband, MP, (born 15 July 1965) is a British politician who is the current Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Member of Parliament for the constituency of South Shields. He was in the News recently for his visit to Amethi to see the reality of rural poverty in the midst of rural development.

Answer 16: Anita Udaiyya

Anita Uddaiya, the woman who apparently saw the six terrorists involved in the November 26 terror attacks land at Badhwar Park, Cuffe Parade hours before the attacks, was in the news recently as she claims she was taken to the US and questioned by investigating agencies there.

Answer 17: Muntadhar al-Zaidi

Muntadhar al-Zaidi is an Iraqi broadcast journalist who serves as a correspondent for Iraqi-owned, Egyptian-based Al-Baghdadia TV. Al-Zaidi's reports often focused on the plight of widows, orphans, and children in the Iraq War. During a December 14, 2008 press conference at the Prime Minister's Palace in Baghdad, Iraq, al-Zaidi threw both of his shoes at United States President George W. Bush.

Answer 18: Penelope Pitstop

Answer 19: Alexandra Cabot from Josie and the Pussycats.

Answer 20: The mystery machine.

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