

LEVEL-1



Draw the easy way

YNSDREOM
A: syndrome B: years
C: drones D: andromeda

URCRTEN
A: current
B: cures
C: curative
D: entertainment

MPOTIRTAN
A: mortar B: portable
C: important D: portent

Answers: (1) A, (2) C, (3) A

Riding with the Riddle

I am a herb with medicinal properties.
I can be eaten raw or used in dishes
I am a rich source of polyphenols, Vitamin A, C, and B-complex.
I am known to increase haemoglobin levels.
I improve brain function.

Answers: Pudding

Quiz TIME

Replace the word in capital in each of the following with the one closest in meaning. Choose correctly!

1 He is trusted because he is a **VERACIOUS** boy
a) Tactful b) Thoughtful
c) Tolerant d) Truthful

2 She expresses her opinions in a **CANDID** manner
a) False b) Friendly
c) Foolish d) Frank

3 He often makes **INANE** remarks
a) Sarcastic b) Sensible
c) Stupid d) Serious

4 Any strange drug for Covid-19 is a **QUESTIONABLE** remedy
a) Dubious b) Disgusting
c) Desirable d) Durable

5 She has always been rather **PARSIMONIOUS**
a) Meddlesome b) Miserly
c) Militant d) Mercurial

6 Youngsters are showing **LAUDABLE** courage these days
a) Capable b) Curable
c) Commendable d) Charitable

Answers: (1) d. Truthful, (2) d. Frank, (3) c. Stupid, (4) a. Dubious, (5) b. Miserly, (6) c. Commendable

SPOT THE SYNONYMS!

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LEVEL-2

Idiom-etrics

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(Choose the idiom that best suits the situation)

Ms Raman announces a test to be held in few days. The students feel that they need more time to prepare. They would like the test postponed to Monday, so that they can study over the weekend. The only way the date can be changed is for the children to tell Ms Raman how they feel. They hesitate, for none of them is brave enough to approach the stern teacher, on behalf of the class, even with a reasonable request.

A) Bell the cat
B) Bite the dust
C) Bury the hatchet

Ramesh's sister upsets a bottle of paint over his homework. "Ramya!" yells Ramesh furiously, although he knows that she has not done it purposely.

a) Go green
b) See red
c) Feel blue

TRIVIA
The phrase probably derives from bull-fighting, in which a red cape is waved before a bull, to make it 'see red' (get angry) and charge at the toreador (called matador only if he kills the animal). Actually, since bulls are partially colour-blind, it is the movement of the cape rather than its shade that irritates them. Interestingly, the phrase was first used in the early 20th century, long after bull-fighting began.



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 - 2) Jeff Bezos to fly to space next month on Blue Origin rocket
 - 3) Two months of second wave cost India 2% of GDP
 - 4) Experts say one vaccine dose enough for five people
 - 5) Indian shooters ready to deal with strict Tokyo rules

Blank lines for writing a story.

Learn a NEW LANGUAGE FRENCH

- 1) Madame/Monsieur/Mademoiselle
Meaning: Mrs./Mr./Miss
- 2) À tout à l'heure!
Meaning: See you later!
- 3) De rien
Meaning: You're welcome.
- 4) Je ne comprends pas
MEANING: I do not understand
- 5) Répétez, s'il vous plaît
MEANING: Repeat, please

Work sheet

Q:1 How will you tell a married lady to see you later?
Q:2 How will you ask a girl to repeat a conversation?
Q:3 What will you say if a man says thank you?
Q:4 What will you say if you do not understand what someone said and want it to be repeated?

Answers: (1) Madame, (2) Mademoiselle, Répétez, s'il vous plaît, (3) Monsieur, De rien, (4) Je ne comprends pas.

JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN

'Offosition'

MATH MAGIC

FIND THE MISSING TERMS IN THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE

1

A. 16
B. 28
C. 48
D. 14

Answer: B

2

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A. 200 B. 280
C. 489 D. 600

Answer: D

3

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J	24	29	C
	N		?

A. A B. Z C. B D. N

Answer: B

ITALY FIRST TO KNOCKOUTS

Locatelli scores twice as dominant Italy becomes first team to qualify after 3-0 win over Switzerland

Manuel Locatelli bagged a brace of goals for the first time in his career as imperious Italy defeated Switzerland 3-0 at the Stadio Olimpico on Wednesday to become the first side into the last-16 of Euro 2020. Midfielder Locatelli started and finished the move from which he opened the scoring, netting from close range following Sassuolo team mate Domenico Berardi's excellent run down the right wing. He then rifled a shot into the bottom corner of the net from the edge of the box early in the second half.

Ciro Immobile added a late third to secure back-to-back 3-0 wins for Italy in the tournament, which extends their unbeaten run to 29 games, the last 10 of which have been victories where they have scored 31 goals and conceded none.

Focused on winning

Italy, who beat Turkey in their opener, lead Group A with six points after two rounds of matches and are ahead of Wales (four), Switzerland (one) and Turkey (zero). They can seal top spot with a draw in their final group game against Wales on Sunday when the Swiss face Turkey. "We won the game thinking we wanted to win it at all

costs," Italy coach Roberto Mancini said. "It was a very tough match. We could have scored a second goal a bit earlier. We suffered when we had to suffer but in the end it's a well-deserved victory. It was the second game in five days and the boys have worked a lot. We could have sealed it earlier but we stayed patient."

Italy still not at top

Italy extended its unbeaten streak to 29 matches - one shy of the team record - and kept its 10th clean sheet in that run. Mancini, however, suggested that Italy still trails France, Portugal and Belgium on the list of tournament favorites. "One of them is the World Cup champion, one is the European champion and one has been first in the ranking for quite a while," Mancini said. "They've been shaped over time and it's only normal that they're ahead of us. But anything can happen in soccer. It's not such a sure thing."

Switzerland outclassed

The Italians, however, outclassed their opponents and delighted the home crowd who have now seen their side score three times in a European Championship match for the second game in a row having never done so previously. Italy skipper Giorgio Chiellini, making his 14th European Championship appearance, more than any other outfield player for Italy, thought he had scored when he powered past two defenders to fire in from close range only for his effort to be ruled out for handball. The Italians were not to be denied, however, even after Chiellini went off injured, with Locatelli launching a move with a brilliant pass and then finishing it off after Berardi had cut in from the right in the 26th minute.

The Swiss pressed high after the break in search of an equaliser but it was Italy who scored again with Locatelli rifling in from the edge of the box for his second goal of the evening. "Two goals for a midfielder are not easy at all and not a given," Mancini said. "Manuel played a great match. His action in the first goal was great."

Italy keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma stopped a double effort from Steven Zuber in the 64th minute to protect their flawless record over the last 10 games, before Immobile twice fired narrowly wide. The Italy striker did get onto the scoresheet in the 89th minute, however, thumping in his shot from 20 metres to beat keeper Yann Sommer.

Switzerland have now won none of their last nine matches against Italy and last beat their neighbours 28 years ago.

Italy's Manuel Locatelli, celebrates after scoring the opening goal



They caused us a lot of problems and we weren't (playing) at 100%, we weren't secure on the pitch, which is normally not our character.

VLADIMIR PETKOVIC, Switzerland coach

BAJRANG OPTS FOR TRAINING OVER RANKING

Decides to skip Poland ranking meet to get some hard training with top wrestlers in Russia

Bajrang Punia opted out of the Poland Open, a ranking series event, to train and grapple with some of the top wrestlers in Russia. After reaching Russia, he saw Vinesh Phogat winning gold in Poland to confirm herself the top seeding in the women's 53kg draw for the Tokyo Olympics. Bajrang could have done the same, but he isn't repenting or thinking about the Olympic draw. Ranked world No. 2 in the fiercely competitive 65kg freestyle

event, Bajrang is assured of a top-four seeding in Tokyo. Last week, Bajrang tweeted pictures of him training in Russia with David Baev, the 2019 world champion in the 70kg category. For Bajrang, this training experience is more valuable.

"I would have benefited in ranking if I had competed in Poland... (But) I am not thinking so much about the draw, 65kg is a very competitive category, so I have to put in my best in every match," Bajrang told Timesofindia.com from Russia. "The advantage of the draw will be in the first 1-2 matches, but if you go ahead, then you have to fight hard and give your best. I need training the most now," the 2018 Asian Games and Commonwealth Games champion said.

Workout routine important

Bajrang puts a lot of effort into his workout routines, which is what he feels separates him from many international wrestlers. "Foreign athletes work mostly on their technique, but I like to work not only on my technique but also the physical workout. Apart from this, I have got to learn a lot from my old bouts. I watch them a lot with my coaches to improve all my weaknesses."

The men's 65kg freestyle competition is scheduled for August 6 and 7. Apart from Bajrang and Vinesh, seven other Indian wrestlers will compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

LEGENDARY REAL MADRID SKIPPER RAMOS TO QUIT CLUB

Legendary captain Sergio Ramos is set to leave Real Madrid after a glittering, trophy-laden career spanning 671 games and 16 seasons, the club has announced. Real called for a press conference as an "act of tribute and farewell" to the four-time Champions League winner. The announcement follows an injury-wracked 2020/21 campaign where the 35-year-old Ramos appeared in only 21 games in all competitions, his fewest in a 16-year career at Madrid. He has played just five times this year. The veteran defender and national team captain was omitted from Spanish coach Luis Enrique's Euro 2020 squad because of his lack of playing time.

Ramos will become a free agent after June 30 with a host of top European clubs, including Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, reported to be interested in signing the veteran. A fierce competitor, he has come under fire for his harsh tackling. This season he missed games after catching Covid and because of a series of injuries. He was in Madrid's squad for the final La Liga game but did not play.

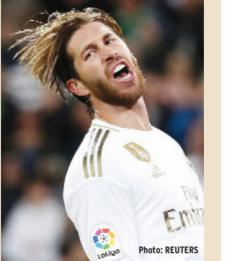


Photo: REUTERS

QUIZ TIME!

Q1. Who won the first-ever gold medal in the history of the Commonwealth Games?

- a) Roger Bannister b) Gordon Smallacombe
 c) John Landy d) John Cooper

Q2. Which footballer suffered a cardiac arrest on field in a recent Euro 2020 game?

- a) Christian Eriksen b) Neymar
 c) Cristiano Ronaldo d) Lionel Messi

Q3. When was the first World Cup Football held?

- a) 1904 b) 1906 c) 1912 d) 1930

Q4. Who is the current World Champion of Chess?

- a) Howard Staunton b) Paul Morphy
 c) Magnus Carlsen d) Pierre Charles

Q5. When were the ICC Women's Rankings launched?

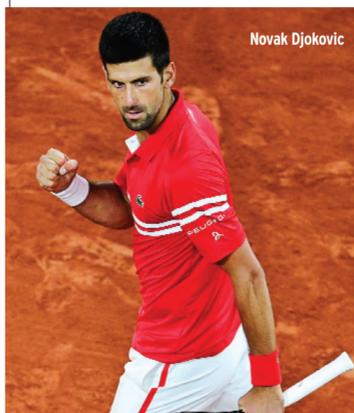
- a) 2000 b) 1996 c) 2003 d) 2015

Q6. Which cricket world cup is known as "Wills World Cup"?

- a) 1992 Cricket World Cup
 b) 1996 Cricket World Cup
 c) 1999 Cricket World Cup
 d) 2003 Cricket World Cup

Q7. How many grand slam titles has Djokovic won so far?

- a) 18 b) 19 c) 20 d) 10



Novak Djokovic

Photo: AFP

Q8. Who took the most wickets in the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup?

- a) Jhulan Goswami b) Chandima Gunaratne
 c) Dane Van Niekerk d) Anya Shrubsole

Q9. Who is the first Indian badminton player to achieve the world number.1 ranking in badminton?

- a) Prakash Padukone b) Chetan Anand
 c) Pullela Gopichand d) Parupalli Kashyap

Q10. The "Eliteserien" is the premier professional men's handball league of which country?

- a) Sweden b) Denmark
 c) Finland d) Norway

Q11. The wood of a cricket bat is usually treated with a specific oil which serves a protective function. What is the name of the oil?

- a) Coconut Oil b) Sesame Oil
 c) Til Oil d) Linseed Oil

Q12. Which country has the maximum number of Sudirman Cup titles?

- a) China b) South Korea
 c) Indonesia d) Denmark

ANSWERS: 1) b) Gordon Smallacombe
 2) a) Christian Eriksen 3) d) 1930
 4) c) Magnus Carlsen 5) d) 2015
 6) b) 1996 Cricket World Cup 7) b) 19
 8) c) Dane Van Niekerk 9) a) Prakash Padukone
 10) d) Norway 11) d) Linseed Oil 12) a) China