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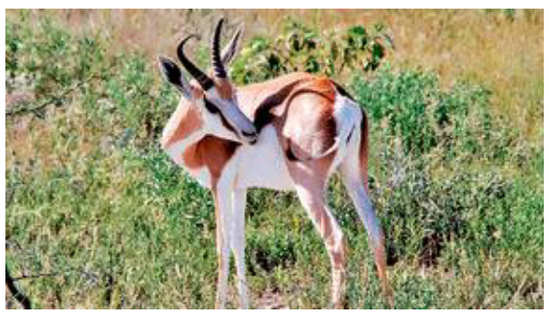
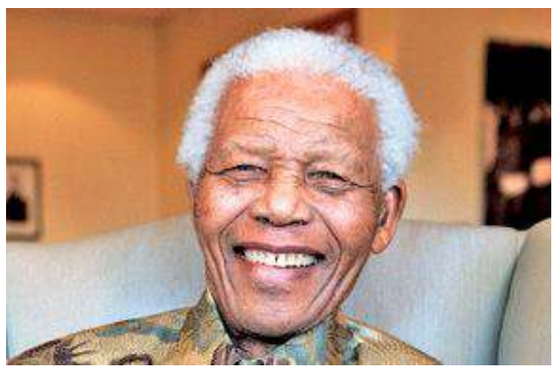
Country hopping

These four pictures are representative of a country on the continent of Africa. Name it





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Hint: Springbok, the country's national animal; Table Mountain; Nelson Mandela, a former President of the country; and the vuvuzela trumpet popular with soccer fans there

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Answer: South Africa

Fun facts

1. Pink dolphin?

Yes, there is a pink bottlenose dolphin known as "Pinky" in Louisiana. She is believed to be an albino dolphin which is missing melanin, the pigment that gives colour to skin, hair and eyes. She was first spotted as a calf in 2007 in Lake Calcasieu.

Q: There is a freshwater species of dolphin that is naturally pink in colour. Can you name it?

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2. Spiderwebs in bandages?

Did you know that spiderwebs were used as bandages to treat patients in ancient times? Spiderwebs are made of spider silk. They were believed to have antiseptic and anti-fungal properties. They helped prevent infection and were said to promote clotting of blood. Now research in spider silk is going on to explore its relevance to areas of medicine and industry.

Q: Do all spiders weave webs?

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Answers
1. The boto or the Amazon river dolphin. They are grey when young and turn pinker as they age.
2. Not all spiders weave webs, though all produce silk.

Heads Up

Connect the corporate leaders with their companies

1. Sundar Pichai is an Indian-American who joined the company as a management executive in 2004. He became its CEO in 2015. – A. Wipro

2. Tim Cook joined the company as the Senior Vice President, and became the CEO in 2011, before the death of its founder Steve Jobs. – B. Facebook

3. Sheryl Sandberg is the chief operating officer of this social-networking site. She is also the founder of LeanIn.org, which supports women achieve their goals. – C. Apple

4. Azim Premji is the chairman of an Indian multinational IT company. – D. Biocon

5. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is the chairperson and managing director of a biotechnology company based in Bangalore. – E. Google and Alphabet

Answer: 1. E, 2. C, 3. B, 4. A and 5.D

War of words

Strike up a debate on the given topic

Memorising long answers, remembering exact dates and formulas, exams sure can be stressful. To alleviate stress, many boards are opting for open book tests over closed book ones. But are they really effective? Put on your thinking caps and get ready to argue..

Should schools hold open book exams ?

Yes _____ No _____

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Puzzling Math

Divide 40 by 1/2 and add 20 to the sum. What is the answer?

Answer: 100. 40 divided by 1/2 = 80. And 80+20 = 100

Word of the day

Palindrome

A palindrome is a word, number or sequence of words that reads the same either forward or backward. For example, race car.

Origin: The term "palindrome" is derived from the Greek roots *palin* meaning "again or back" and *dromos* meaning "course, direction, walkway". It was coined by English poet and playwright Ben Jonson in the 17th Century.

Example sentence:
When my teacher asked me to come up with a palindrome using five letters, I said, "Level". She said, "Good."

Activity
Use the word of the day in a sentence of your own.

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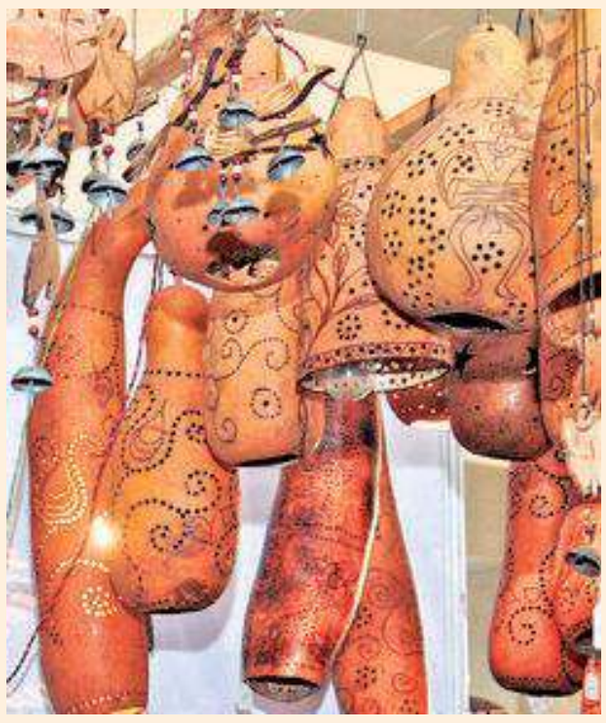
High five

A quiz on India, its people, culture and lots more

1. The tumba arts and crafts of the Bastar region are created from the shell of which fruit? — a. Madhya Pradesh.
2. Name the self-taught artist who built the Rock Garden of Chandigarh. — b. Arunachal Pradesh.
3. In which State will you find the Sanchi Stupa, built during the Mauryan period? — c. Gourd.
4. Which region (now a State) was earlier referred to as North-East Frontier Agency? — d. Chhattisgarh.
5. Which State was carved out of Madhya Pradesh in 2000? — e. Nek Chand Saini.

Answers: 1. c, 2. e, 3. a, 4. b, 5. d.



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The W Corner

WHEN was this picture taken? Take a look closely. The players in the picture, the referee and the background will all point you to the answer as to when this event took place...

Answer:

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PHOTO: AFP

Answer: Isner-Mahut match at the 2010 Wimbledon

It isn't often that a first round match in a Grand Slam that doesn't feature top seeds grabs the headlines. But when a match runs over three days and takes 11 hours and 5 minutes to complete, then it is a different ball game altogether.

The two players in the picture are John Isner (left) and Nicolas Mahut (centre). The whites worn by the players, the referee's attire and the grass courts tells you that this match took place in the Wimbledon. A look at the scoreboard indicates that this is a picture taken after the longest match in tennis history and it took place in Wimbledon's court no. 18 in 2010.

Isner eventually emerged victorious in the match, defeating Mahut 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (7-3), 70-68. The final set alone lasted eight hours and 11 minutes.

Journal Writing

Dear Diary
I am going to describe my weekend using three colour words. They are _ _ and _ because ...

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Imagine and write. You may even type a note and mail it to us at **school@thehindu.co.in.** We will select a few for publication when we resume

Today's Diary Pick

Dear diary,
If we have a national holiday it should be National Heroes' Day in honour of the true heroes who are saving millions of lives every second. This includes doctors, police officers, hospital staff, sanitary workers, nurses and many others who are giving up their lives to keep us safe. Let us beat this virus and show our utmost respect to these heroes.

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Dear diary,
If we could have a new national holiday,it should be National Parents; Day observed on July 26 every year. Like the United States and South Korea, India too could make it a national holiday.

Parents are the greatest of gifts a child can have. They are a symbol of unconditional love. But there are many innocent children who do not have parents. So on this day, we must encourage two things – donation and adoption. Only by such acts can our country see love and affectionate bonds flourish.

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