



FUN-ZONE

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**LEARN WITH OUR COVID-19 WARRIORS:** Manasi Dinesh Rane, Palak Pankaj Pardeshi, Vaidhehi Dnyanesh Khisti, Arya Parag Tambade, Nupur Prasad Tambe Standard of class IX, New English Medium Secondary School, Shaniwar Peth, Pune tell us how to deal with the deadly coronavirus. Go to [www.toistudent.com](http://www.toistudent.com) to watch the video. Have a video on how to deal with this current lockdown? Send us 1) Clear videos 2) Of 2minute duration 3) With details (name, class and school) 4) At [timesnie175@gmail.com](mailto:timesnie175@gmail.com)

**CHECK YOUR APTITUDE**

1) 30% of 30 =  
A. 300  
B. 10  
C. 9  
D. 900

2) If 10% of a number is 7, what is 80% of the number?  
A. 45  
B. 56

3) Which is the greatest?  
A. 90% of 10  
B. 6% of 1000  
C. 5% of 1400  
D. 3% of 2500

4) The original price of a toy was ₹ 15. If the price is reduced by 20%, what is the new price of the toy?  
A. ₹ 12  
B. ₹ 18  
C. ₹ 10  
D. ₹ 30

5) George bought a car at ₹ 5000 and sold it at ₹ 5500. What benefit, in percent, did he make?  
A. 6%

6) If 20% of n is equal to 40, what is n?  
A. 200 B. 107  
C. 555 D. 300

ANSWER: 1. D, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B, 5. E, 6. B

**KNOWLEDGE BANK**

**Christmas facts**

The image of Santa Claus flying his sleigh took off in 1819, and was created by Washington Irving, American short story writer.

**NATURE**

In Poland, spiders are considered to be symbols of prosperity and goodness on Christmas. In fact, spider and spider webs are often used as Christmas tree decorations. According to legend, a spider wove baby Jesus a blanket to keep him warm.

**Quiz time**

**SEASONAL READS**

Q.1) Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?

A. Charles Dickens  
B. O Henry  
C. St Nicholas  
D. Santa Claus

Q.2) Who wrote 'Letters From Father Christmas'?

A. J K Rowling  
B. JRR Tolkien

Q.3) Who wrote 'The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey'?

A. Emily Bronte  
B. Charles Dickens  
C. Susan Wojciechowski  
D. Lewis E Waterman

Q.4) Who wrote 'A Christmas Memory'?

A. Bernard Shaw B. VS Sharma  
C. Niccolo Machiavelli D. Truman Capote

ANSWERS: 1. (A) Charles Dickens 2. (B) JRR Tolkien 3. (C) Susan Wojciechowski 4. (D) Truman Capote

**S.F. AND COMIC KIDS**

Spot six differences between these panels.

**WUZZLES**

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

1. N G S I C R O U

2. Sir + Grain

ANSWERS: 1. Scrounging around 2. Surplus grain

Rock the TEST

Want to boost your general knowledge? Take this exciting test. Rest assured, it will really test you!

**ENVIRONMENT**  
Theme: Climate change

Q1. Which of the following is a greenhouse gas?  
A: CO2  B: CH4   
C: Water vapor  D: All of the above

Q2. Which of these countries emits the most carbon dioxide?  
A: China  B: USA   
C: UK  D: Russia

Q3. Globally, which of the following economic sectors emits the largest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions?  
A: Transportation   
B: Buildings   
C: Industry   
D: Electricity and heat production

Q4. Which of the following gases does not trap heat?  
A: Carbon dioxide   
B: Nitrogen   
C: Water vapor   
D: Methane

Q5. Measuring soil moisture (the amount of water in the soil) can help scientists with which of the following:  
A: Agriculture   
B: Flood and drought prediction   
C: Climate variability   
D: Natural disasters   
E: All of the above

Q6. The weather is the same as climate.  
A: True  B: False

ANSWERS: 1. D, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B, 5. E, 6. B

**Word Wise**

**Yuletide: (n)**  
Christmas season. (adj) of or relating to the Christmas season.

Synonymous words: Christmastide, Christmastime, Yule, Noel, nativity, festive season, etc.

Examples: ■ And with one Yuletide exception, this scientifically scrupulous view has carried the day. ■ For those looking for a bellyful of laughs, two humorous pieces in the yuletide spirit. ■ We will go this very week, as soon as the Yuletide stir be past. ■ College would close the following Thursday for the Yuletide holidays.

**FAMILY CIRCUS**

"Mommy, which of us is the opposite sex, Dolly or me?"

**IDIOM OF THE DAY**

**CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY**  
Meaning: When someone receives unexpected good news

How to effectively communicate with children

He is such a lazy guy.' A mere statement made by parents or teachers can become a message for the child's brain, if the child is listening to your words. I, Samata Dahanukar, a trained counselor at Guardian High School & Jr. College, Dombivli, would like to give a message to parents.

It is said that small children are forming their self-image from statements that they listen from their parents, teachers and caregivers. So, we adults need to make statements about children very carefully. We need to keep in mind that this present statement is going to form their future personality.

Statements like 'I believe in you,' said frequently in front of the kids can make them a trustworthy person when they grow up. A statement like 'You are such a hardworking student,' can make them really work hard as they grow up.

It is all about what you communicate with your child. But another side of the coin is how you communicate with your child. It is equally important to know how your words reach children. They learn maximum by observing their elders. So, the tone of voice is very important while conveying the message. Statements pronounced with polite but firm voice are better understood than angry or emotional statements. Short statements are more effective than lengthy or loud statements. Use of touch is a magical way to convey a message to children. And the most effective way of communication with your children is by not using words at all, but through actions observed by them.

This is the reason why parenting is called a tough job. There is no reward for growing a good human being. But parents will definitely be blamed for bringing up a spoiled child.

SCHOOL IS COOL

Switching on digital mode

With the safety of its students and staff being the utmost priority, GES English Medium School, Goregaon, started online schooling from March for the tiny tots of playgroup to class X. The frontrunner and the captain of the ship of the school-Uma Mukerji, set up a timetable as per the school timings i.e 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. The classes are being conducted by the teachers who turned into overnight techno savvies with same undying, creative and ever cheerful spirit and zeal to impart knowledge and guide students. All the assignments, notes and worksheets are being sent to the students and are being reviewed by the respective teachers regularly.

To get rid of the monotonous academic learning, art, craft, music, yoga, dance and other co-curricular activities are also being taught in the online mode. As the class X ICSE board students are tensed and worried due to the uncertainty of exams and college admissions, the school has been even conducting motivational and career guidance classes too.

Chairman Harshad Patel is also equally involved and shows a great concern and interest in the overall development of students and staff by constantly guiding and motivating them. He has even arranged online counselling sessions for them.

As today's children are tomorrow's citizens, the school believes in giving its best to the society and sharing the social responsibility. This present situation is only a temporary phase as there is always a new dawn after a dark night. Hope and peace are the only silver lining. These thoughts are being imparted to students and they are being motivated by the teachers every day.

School Steps in to provide aid

The on-going lockdown in our nation to curb the spread of COVID-19 has affected the lives of the most vulnerable communities as it has brought life to a standstill. No work means no food. And this is the biggest challenge for the daily wage workers who live in Malwani.

Keeping this in mind, Holy Mother English School, decided to take up the initiative to raise funds and collaborate with partners, well-wishers and supporters to help the community in this trying time by providing ration relief packets.

The school authorities realised that most of the students' parents were daily wage labourer who lived in slums and were struggling with basic food essentials like food grains, soaps etc. School staff and teachers reached out to parents and informed them a day before about the distribution of the rations, from 11am to 2pm. Parents were advised to wear masks, carry bags and keep physical distance while collecting the rations. The students' school calendars were used to assist this process.

The school founder, chairman and principal, Rafique Siddiqui handled the distribution plan with a strong team of dedicated volunteers. After successful completion of round one ration distribution helping 910 families, the school has already completed two more rounds of such distribution to 350 families.

Teacher sets world record

SHRIRAM MAHAJAN, TEACHER

Shriram Mahajan, an art teacher from Chembur Karnataka High School, utilised this time of national lockdown due to Coronavirus in a positive way and set a world record by writing the Bhagvat Gita on 1/4 size paper in a beautiful calligraphic writing in devanagari script. He began with this task on April 15 and completed writing 699 Sanskrit shlokas in 1398 lines. By the evening of April 19, in a matter of five days Mahajan completed this task.

The organiser of OMG Book of Records (IndianRecords), Dr. Dinesh Gupta informed that they have decided to acknowledge the great achievement of Mahajan and felicitate him with a trophy and a certificate after the lockdown is over. The principal of the school-Raji Ramesh and the president of Chembur Karnataka Sangha- advocate H. K. Sudhakara congratulated and praised Mahajan for this commendable feat.

'Children are unsung heroes at home'

MEDHANSH IYER, STUDENT, N.L. DALMIA HIGH SCHOOL, MIRA ROAD

India imposed a nationwide lockdown which was designed to stop the imminent spread of the novel Coronavirus. This lockdown resulted in the total closure of economic, social and educational sectors across India. With the number of people infected by COVID-19 rapidly increasing worldwide, public anxieties and worries have elevated in many regions. There is a wave of fear and uncertainty.

Children have been one among the hardest hit by lockdown restrictions. Unable to go to school, see their friends or go to playgrounds, the young minds have been drawing and painting the things they are missing the most.

Amid all the challenges, children are reacting positively in this atmosphere of crisis. Not only they are getting themselves accustomed to online learning but are also utilising their free time reading books, getting connected with their extended family and friends through audio and video calls, cooking, helping with chores around the house, learning new hobbies, exhibiting their creativities and many more.

They deserve a loud applause today as they will emerge stronger than most of us tomorrow. Today children are the unsung heroes at home.

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