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Envision a history class transcending the confines of textbooks and timelines, where students embark on virtual journeys to iconic historical sites, not merely absorbing information but living it. This isn't just a flight of fancy; it's the burgeoning reality of modern education. With edutainment leading the charge, learning has evolved into an immersive experience. However, as edutainment giants exert their influence, we must pause to consider whether this newfound path truly aligns with the needs of the upcoming generations.

A blend of tradition and innovation?

While the concept of blending education with entertainment to impart lessons is credited to Walt Disney Company, the roots of edutainment stretch back to the colonial era, epitomised by Benjamin Franklin's iconic 'Poor Richard's Almanac'. Franklin's Almanac, featuring clever sayings, stories, and advice, demonstrated the effectiveness of blending education with entertainment. However, modern edutainment began to take shape in the late 20th century, notably with pioneers such as the Children's Television Workshop and the creators of Sesame Street. Sesame Street, launched in 1969, revolutionised children's television by seamlessly integrating entertaining segments with educational content, setting a benchmark for future edutainment initiatives.

A holistic approach? Or not?

Studies have underscored the effectiveness of edutainment in enhancing learning. By leveraging engaging mediums like videos, games, and interactive simulations, edutainment cultivates a learning environment that stimulates cognitive processes. Research indicates that students exposed to edutainment demonstrate increased retention rates and heightened motivation to learn. However, one unforeseen danger of adapting computer



The reign of edutainment

technology into education is that learning is seen as fun and entertainment. Critics like Setzer and Monke compare the role of computers in education to an artificial sweetener, masking the inherent challenges of learning but failing to address the underlying issues. The answer perhaps lies in the two co-existing in a negotiated balance to harness the potential of edutainment while mitigating its unintended consequences.

A booming market or a falling one?

In recent years, the edutainment sector has experienced remarkable growth, fuelled by technological advancements and shifting preferences in learning methodologies. According to Future Market Insights, the revenue of the edutainment market surged to 1.6 billion USD in 2021, with forecasts indicating a substantial surge to 8.1 billion USD by 2032. However, certain reports show the other side of the picture. A report published by The Indian Express in 2023 revealed a

Jab Education Met Entertainment

concerning trend: a 48% decline in funding within the edutainment sector as by August 2023, edutainment companies had raised only 971 million USD. With such data at hand, the industry's trajectory remains debatable, questioning whether it is poised for further growth or a potential downturn.

Is it shaping the future landscape?

The edutainment industry has undergone a 'triple revolution' with the integration of social media, the internet, and mobile devices. From interactive mobile apps to immersive virtual reality, edutainment provides a wide array of learning opportunities. One prominent trend shaping its future is gamification, which incorporates game elements into educational content. Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) also offer immersive learning experi-

ences. While edutainment software emphasises visual learning for immersive experiences, research suggests that effective learning with visuals depends not only on their appearance but also on task demands, prior knowledge, and cognitive abilities. Critics like Salomon even highlight the concerns about the negative effects of multimedia and hypermedia on learning in constructivist environments.

The fusion of education and entertainment marks a transformation of pedagogy. However, when incorporating both aspects, a crucial question emerges: how much 'edu' and 'tainment' must be included? As educators, learners, and stakeholders navigate this evolving landscape, the pursuit of equilibrium between engagement and enlightenment becomes ever more essential. 🇮🇳

THE GT POLL

Do you think Air India Express' cancellation of over 80 flights citing crew's 'mass sick leave' will hamper its reputation as a leading airlines in India?

a) Yes b) No c) Can't say

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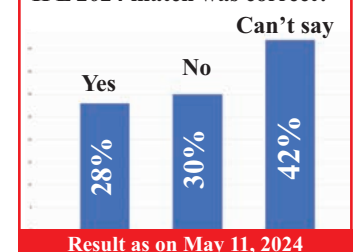
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POLL RESULT
for GT Edition May 6, 2024

Do you think cricketer MS Dhoni's act of denying his teammate Daryl Mitchell a single during CSK vs PBKS IPL 2024 match was correct?



Response	Percentage
Yes	28%
No	30%
Can't say	42%

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Your destination is ahead

A Tête-à-Tête With Karen Jacobsen, The Voice Of Global Positioning System

Shriya Pasricha, X B & Mokshita Grover, XII B, AIS Gurugram 43

Karen Elisabeth Jacobsen – a lady whose face may not be familiar, but her voice certainly is. As the iconic navigator of our daily journeys, she lends her voice to the GPS we rely on. Yet,

her talents extend far beyond the realm of navigation. Karen is a versatile entertainer, celebrated singer, compelling motivational speaker, adept voiceover artist, and skilled songwriter. Her professional journey is a tapestry of remarkable achievements, even serving as the original female Australian voice of Siri. Moreover, she has assumed leadership roles, notably as the president of the National Speakers Association. So read on as the melodious voice that engulfs our life tells her tale.

Deliberate choice

When I read an advertisement looking for an Australian voice artist in the USA, the first thing on my mind was, “Oh, that’s me!” And so I went for the audition and successfully bagged the job. Initially, I wished to pursue singing as a career, but the universe was kind enough to me to offer a multitude of opportunities and I made sure to grab each one of them as best as I could.

Core strength

Interest and determination are two vital ingredients without which the recipe for success is incomplete. I used these two factors as the guiding force of my journey. You have to set goals and move



GT reporters interact with Karen

heaven and earth to make them a reality, and if you want to gain something grand in your life, you have to sacrifice your comfort zone. A brave heart is what it takes to withstand all the obstacles in life. And if you aren’t sure or you don’t know what’s right for you, stay still and give yourself some space, because people around you will always be ready to give you a million pieces of advice. Though it is good to talk things through, please know that ultimately you are the one who knows what works for you. I refer to it as listening to your inner GPS, your heart, because in the whole world, only you know what’s best for you.

GPS tracker

It had always been a dream of mine to become the next Olivia Newton-John, but I never thought I would actually be the voice of GPS. When I took the job, it was a whole new challenge for me because I was required to spend days cloistered in a studio, reading tons of phrases and directions, but today, I feel proud

that I am the one who guides people on these incredible journeys. This voiceover gig completely changed my life and I am thankful for that.

Creative process

I always aim to provide something meaningful to the world with the work I do. My recent song, I Will Not Be Lectured, addresses the hefty controversy of misogyny. The message of the song is to remind us that gender equality is of paramount importance. It is the bedrock on which we can build a great society. Therefore, each human being, irrespective of their gender must be extended equal respect and opportunities. Such projects always stay close to my heart because it is a way for me to spark up a conversation in our community about social rights and their importance.

Finding the inner calling

Please remember that it is never too late to recalculate your life. If things are not working for you, listen to your inner GPS, reroute, and go for what your heart wants. No matter how impossible the circumstances may seem; tiny steps taken one day at a time will lead you to your destination. In today’s world, there are many resources and opportunities available at your doorstep, so use them wisely. Also, always remember to be kind, supportive, and good to yourself and to the world around you.



INTERVIEW

Karen Jacobsen, voiceover artist and singer

Joy of little things

Book: Unposted Letter
Author: Mahatria Ra
Published on: 2009
Genre: Self-help

Synopsis: The book is a beautiful experience penned by Mahatria Ra which takes the readers on a voyage into the realm of emotions and thoughts. This compilation of sixty-six concise, yet impactful unposted letters, delves into the intricacies of a human’s emotional experiences and personal development. The author paints a vivid picture through poetic prose and imaginative story-

telling that has the potential to captivate the readers. The book’s objective is to make the readers appreciate the small happiness found in mundane, everyday events, which are more often than not overlooked by us. It serves as a guide on how to go beyond the harsh truths of life, savoring a smile on one’s face.

Why it is worth reading: The uniqueness of the book lies in its potential to elevate and fortify us. The author adeptly addresses matters such as love, happiness, and challenges etc., with a pragmatic touch that mirrors real-life scenarios. This book serves as a

compass, guiding us towards virtuous decisions and cultivating benevolence towards others. It extends a warm, amiable hand, supporting us as we embark on our journey of enlightenment. If you seek a literary gem that elicits heartwarming emotions while aiding your quest for self-improvement, the treasures of this book are undoubtedly worthy of exploration.

Iconic quote: “Life isn’t a furnace that’s burning you, but one that’s transforming you into glittering silver.”

Rating: 5/5

Review by: Charvi Gupta, AIS Noida, VIII L



Unposted Letter



From the crack of dawn, technology stirs us with its reliable alarms, and caresses us with the cooling breeze of our ACs as we drift off to sleep, weaving its wonders into our everyday lives. GT pays homage to this silent saviour that simplifies and enhances our existence with a brand new series, unwrapping A to Z of iconic tech pieces, one letter at a time. Here's presenting the **P** in this series that changed human life as we know and live it.

Gurnoor Kaur, AIS MV, VIA

The tech: Pen Drive

The inventor: The development of the pen drive or USB flash drive involved several individuals and companies. Amir Ban, Dov Moran, and Oran Oqdan of M-Systems, an Israeli company, contributed to its invention. Additionally, Pua Khein Seng, CEO, Phison Electronics Corp invented the USB Flash Drive, which was marketed as Pen Drive.

How was it invented?

The origin of the pen drive has sparked

The tiny tech titans



When did we get to know it first?

The pen drive was introduced to the public in 2000, and was commercially launched by the Singaporean company Trek Technology, now known as Trek2000 International. They marketed it as the 'ThumbDrive™' and it quickly gained popularity due to its compact size, large storage, and ease of use. Thus began a new era of portable data storage and file transfer.

Why do we use it?

Pen drives serve multiple purposes that make them indispensable in various scenarios. They offer portable storage for large data volumes and enable fast file sharing without internet. With low power consumption and durability, they're resistant to shocks, magnetic fields, and environmental factors. Compatible with various devices and systems they are a reliable solution for data storage, transfer, and backup.

How has it helped our lives?

Pen drives have significantly supplanted bulky alternatives like floppy disks and



Fun fact: The term 'pen drive' comes from its early resemblance to a retractable ballpoint pen, with a USB connector instead of an ink tip.

CDs, providing convenient on-the-go solutions. They streamline file sharing and data transfer, eliminating the need for physical media or complex networks. Their broad compatibility across devices and Operating systems facilitates effortless data backups, ensuring the security and retrievability of vital files. Furthermore, they enhance productivity by enabling seamless access to work, documents, and media. With diverse memory options at varying price points, they cater to a wide range of users, becoming indispensable tools in both personal and professional spheres. [GFI](#)

A crystal wonder

Unveiling The Magic Of Crystallisation Process

Ananiah Wheeler, AGS Gurugram, X

In the land of Elements, there once lived three kids - Blaze, from the superior fire family, Aqua, from the exquisite water lineage, and Cici, a sugar molecule from the migrant sugar community. In school, Cici was considered an outcast because she wasn't from a royal lineage. Life wasn't easy for her, but nonetheless, she always remained sweet through all the hardships that came her way. And her sweetness paid off, when one day, the Element God sent her two friends who promised to always be by her side - Blaze and Aqua! To an outsider's eye, these three friends had nothing in common, but for them, they were the perfect fit. They spent their time together; life was like a shining crystal, but that crystal got broken as they reached middle school. Unlike elementary school, middle school was a total nightmare. Everyone's want to be cool overpowered their need to be true to themselves. And such 'coolness' was not granted to Cici because of her background. Everyone started teasing her and even Blaze

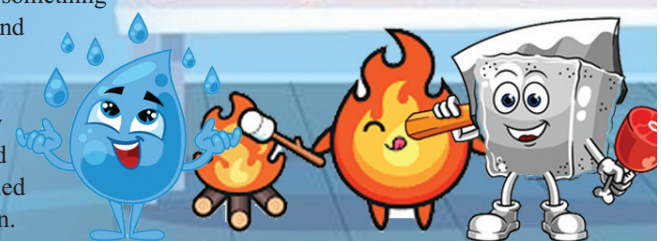
and Aqua joined them.

Days went by, and Cici got used to being all alone, until one day, when their Chemistry teacher put them on a project together. "Be sure to submit your project on time!" he said. The news came as a surprise, and Blaze spoke when the teacher was gone, "Just to make it clear, Cici, I want nothing to do with you." "Oh, come on, Blaze!" intervened Aqua. "This accounts for 50% marks, and I need them to pass. Can't you be adaptable?" he tried to ease the tension. Cici said nothing, but she wanted her friends back. "Come on, guys, I know I'm not an Element and you might feel like that's a disadvantage but look around! Every other group is made of nothing but Elements. Ours is the only group that is different, so we can surely make something nobody else can. We will ace this project, trust me," Cici pleaded. Hesitant, Blaze and Aqua agreed. Aqua filled one beaker with water whilst Cici spawned small cubes of sugar. As they continued to mix their concoction, the transparent water turned cloudy. "Here's where the real magic comes in!" announced

Blaze enthusiastically, as he heated the beaker. Cici, in her overexcitement, accidentally added a little too many sugar cubes to the solution. "Oops!" she apologised and proceeded to dip in a glass rod to scoop out the cubes, but instead her glass rod came out with glistening shiny crystals forming on its dipped end. All of them were surprised at what had happened and quickly placed the rod in a dish to help it cool. "Wow, our very own friendship crystals!" Surprisingly, it was Blaze who said this. At the end of the day, not only did the three friends create something unique, they got an A+ and topped the class, and realised that friends are made by heart, not by social backgrounds. And their friendship shined bright like crystals again.

The science of it

Crystallisation is the process of separating pure, and soluble solid compounds from a liquid solution, through evaporation and cooling methods in the form of crystals.



Nurturing word power



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

In today's highly inter-connected world which thrives on effective communication, it is important to have a rich vocabulary to articulate thoughts and ideas with precision and clarity. In fact, a strong command over language is needed for success in both personal and professional life. To impart this much-needed skill, Amity introduced vocabulary competitions, 'Vocabathon' and 'Shabd Pravah' – in English and Hindi respectively during the lockdown. These

competitions have been designed by language teachers at Amity Schools and are conducted over two rounds. The preliminary round takes place online at the intra-school level, and the top scorer from each class represents the class in the final inter-Amity round, which comprises two sub-rounds, the first being an MS Forms Elimination Round and the second, the Live Quiz Power Point Presentation Round. Even though the competition is in its fourth year, it is one of most awaited events of the year. For it has not only empowered Amitians with word power par excellence but has also helped them to emerge victorious in several English and Hindi Olympiads, The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition and CBSE board exams. In a nutshell, Vocabathon, as a platform, has assisted the young minds to understand the nuances inherent in literature, art, and culture.

It's time to say, Hip, Hip, Hurray!

JEE Mains 2024 saw four Amitians feature among the top 56 of the 100 percentile achievers all over India. The perfect scorers are Aarav Bhatt (AIR 3), Ipsit Mittal (AIR 48), Bhavesh Ramakrishnan Karthik (AIR 50) and Arsh Gupta (AIR 54). Ayush Singhal secured AIR 59. 🏆📚

What's your plan?



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

I was asked this question for the umpteenth time for summer break was around the corner. I was guilty of committing the same offense myself, for I, too, had popped up the inevitable question - so what are your plans for the summer break? Only to be met with answers ranging from foreign vacations to 'chill at home and watch the world cup'.

And it wasn't just the adults. The younger kids were gearing up for their summer

camp, ready to enjoy activities that otherwise don't fit into busy school days. The elder ones, already under academic pressure, had plans to finish the syllabus. Closer to home, and to heart, the editorial boards across various Amity schools had plans to work on their contest edition. Bottomline: everyone had a plan. Everyone, but me. Going through the stages of denial of 'I've just not had the time to make a plan' to self-consolations of 'I will soon have one', which turned into annoyance of 'Why don't I have one, when everyone does?' I tried all the permutations, only to land with zilch. Then, it struck me, "Does one really need a plan?" In the humdrum of having it all, and the madness of being productive, we sometimes forget that having a plan for the sake of it is not the end of goal. Sometimes, we need to pause and reflect, before we decide what's next.

And till the time you don't have 'the plan', take each day as it comes. Soak in the summer sun, savour the mangoes, revisit old memories while flipping through photo albums. Besides, a wise man once said, life is what happens to you when you are busy planning other things. 📅📖



Manasvi Kadian, AIS Gurugram 46, Alumna

In the editor's chair

Dear Editor,

When I first found my way to The Global Times, I was merely a fifteen-year-old, extremely introverted writer, whose self-doubt lingered like a shadow, whispering that I could never claim the title of 'writer' for myself. I always thought that I had joined GT too late (owing, no doubt, to my inherent social anxiety and fear of failure) and that the train - the one that would take me places - had already passed me by, but GT never made me feel so. My editor-in-chief from back then gave me a name that I can't recall now, but which essentially meant a melancholic writer because of how deeply I would delve into the things I wrote. Though leadership and loquaciousness were foreign to me, my class teacher from tenth grade gently nudged me toward the student council, and within GT, I found my niche as a sub-editor. Page 6 became my sanctuary, where my 'mel-

ancholic' musings found a home, and in time, I rose to the role of senior sub-editor.

From the moment I joined GT, and opened up enough to be ambitious, I had wanted to be the editor-in-chief. I knew it was a far-fetched dream, but to a seventeen-year-old who had recently become obsessed with 'The Devil Wears Prada' and was applying for a council position at GT, it seemed like worth giving a try. Though the title eluded me, the deserving victor ascending to its heights, my bond with writing and GT only deepened. For me, GT became my safe space, and leaving it pained me as much as leaving Amity did.

In my pursuit to find another safe space in college, when everything seemed like it was changing and



nothing seemed to make sense, I applied to DU Beat - India's largest student-run newspaper. Passion eclipsed skill as I ventured forth, a flame kindled by my formative years at GT. Today, I stand before you as the editor-in-chief of DU Beat, my journey a testament to the dream I once hesitantly cradled nearly six years ago. As I reflect on this improbable trajectory, I see how much my time at GT shaped me into the person I am today, shaping me to try and strive for something I probably wouldn't have aimed for otherwise. With each step forward, I carry with me the pride and gratitude of being an alumna of The Global Times, knowing that my journey was made possible only by this newspaper that embraced and nurtured me in my formative years when I was just a kid who couldn't even call herself a writer.

Manasvi Kadian

AIS Gur 46, Alumna

(Manasvi is currently pursuing BA (Prog) from LSR College, DU)

A joyful celebration

Dear Editor,

As I sit down to articulate my reflections, the echoes of resounding cheers and applause from each YP team still resonate in my mind. Witnessing the spirited performances of all the teams not only enriched my soul but also bestowed upon me invaluable insights into myriad social endeavours often overlooked. Being a mentor of AIS Gwalior's YP team, 'Mighty Millets', served not only as a conduit to advocate for health and wellness,

endeavouring a shift towards a wholesome lifestyle, but also granted me a profound and enduring journey of learning. This experience has been nothing short of transformative, instilling within me a steadfast determination to pursue excellence in all my future undertakings. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the tireless efforts of the GT Team in orchestrating this extraordinary event with seamless precision. It is with immense joy that I embrace this opportunity to contribute towards



fostering a change in our society.

Iris Victoria

AIS Gwalior, YP mentor teacher

Dare to follow your heart

TEDx is a mega global platform that invites motivational speakers from different walks of life. Here, each of the speakers narrate their personal accounts, which enable the audience to see the bigger picture of life, and make them realise that the glass is always half full and not the other way around. This year, **Amity International School Gurugram 43** organised their second installment of TEDx in an endeavour to encourage and prepare its young minds for all the challenges that they might encounter in their life ahead. Here are some noteworthy expressions from entrepreneurs who didn't shy away from following their passion and succeeding through sheer hard-work, dedication, and undying passion.

Keep growing

"Many of us have prepared for a competitive exam at some point in time. In life we will always be faced with competition, no matter the place we're in. While preparing for UPSC, I realised that lakhs of students sit for competitive exams like NEET, JEE, UPSC etc. However, the number of seats is very limited, and their selection ratios are less than 1%. That is the fight most of us are in. You might fail or succeed, but the measure of success or failure lies in our choices. Every day you will be faced with a gamut of choices. Some of these choices would be right, while some would be wrong. But every day you must try to improve just a little bit more. If you can improve by 1%, 0.1%, or even 0.01% every day, you will succeed in life. To thrive is to excel and to grow every day. So, don't settle once



Dr Shivin Chaudhary
assistant commissioner,
Indian Revenue Service
(Income tax)

you pass an exam, earn a degree, attend college, or achieve success. True contentment in life is attained at the stage you're currently in, in your own respective country, only if you continue to evolve"

Pic: Chhavi Gupta, XI C & Paras Salgotra, X A, AIS Gur 43



Circle of competence

"It's incredibly important for everyone to find their circle of competence. And that is what I have also been trying to do all my life. It's necessary to figure out what you are actually good at, what is your field of expertise, and what can you do to improve. It's definitely not an overnight process; it requires time and effort just to find out where your strengths lie. But once you do, it will help you a lot in deciding which path to take. Moreover, circle of competence doesn't have to be something that you are absolutely good at or something you can do perfectly. But if you have an inkling that you have acumen for a particular subject, or a topic even, and if you work hard to polish it, you can develop your competence. The journey won't be easy, but if you make sure that you work hard towards it and be consistent, you will become unstoppable. And this applies to almost everything in life. Every time you make a decision, I think it is good to see if it fits in your circle of competence. If you take that first step, and make a decision, I think, after that, the journey becomes slightly easier."



Divij Chopra, senior software
engineer, GoDaddy

Don't be afraid of mistakes

"How many of us have our lives figured out? How many of us know what we want to do in life? In ninth grade, I thought I had my life figured out, I'd study law after school, and everything would be perfect. But here's the breaking news, life might not be what you imagined. Life is mostly about taking risks, it can be scary, and sometimes things don't work out as planned. But it's important to have a support system around you, a network of people who will help you take calculated risks and be there for you when things go south. The important thing is to keep trying. It's okay to not know what you want to do, and it's okay to make mistakes. You might end up somewhere completely different from where you planned, but the journey is what matters. Now, I'm an insurance lawyer after three legal detours, and I love my job! If I ended up here right after school, I may have questioned a lot of my choices. But when you look back at your past, I think the

path itself is so beautiful, that it's okay to be a little uncertain and a little clueless. And most importantly, it's okay to make mistakes. So don't be afraid to take risks; you might just surprise yourself."



Maya Ramesh
corporate lawyer

"Failure is unavoidable and struggle is never-ending. So, we need to build resilience to deal with inevitable hardships; both internally and externally. Internal resilience means we need to be emotionally strong to understand that failure eventually and inevitably happens in life. We need to build confidence and rely on our friends

Build resilience

and family to succeed. Thus, one must invest in finding the right people in life; people one can rely on and with whom one can share constructive knowledge. It's also necessary to take breaks whenever needed to work on mental health as well as physical well-being. No amount of wealth can buy you a healthy body and a peaceful mind. It is something one has to work for on a daily basis. In order to build external resilience, we need to enhance skills that are universal and versatile.

Most importantly, one must learn the simple lesson of how to learn. One has to learn to get their hands dirty and experiment to build and create things in life. Whether it's preparing for competitive exams, running a marathon, earning one's livelihood, or whether it's making an exquisite piece of art, if you train yourself to do difficult things, you'll definitely prosper. Ultimately, the world is going to be divided into people who talk and people who do. Choose to be the latter."



Abhirath Batra, software
engineer, Microsoft Azure



Chirag Deipakk, architect

Know your potential

"My journey into the world of aviation wasn't a straight one. It began in a completely different direction, with a foundation in commerce, and a bachelor's in journalism and mass communication. Yet, I was yearning for something more; a sense of adventure, maybe? Fuelled by a thirst for knowledge, I pursued my dream of becoming a pilot and restarted my journey at 23. I want you to know that each of these experiences has played a pivotal role in my learning and growth as a professional, but more importantly as a human being. It's okay to not know what you want to

Risk it for the biscuit

"Sometimes, when there are things right in front of one's eyes that is when one can't see what it is. In the past, I often found myself flipping through architectural digests, admiring buildings and new offices in and around Gurugram, but I never realised that is where my true passion lay. As Harshad Mehta says in Scam 1992, "Risk hai to ishq hai." That's exactly what happened with me. Once I graduated from school, I asked myself, "Do I want to go down the same route and follow the world? Or just take a risk in life and maybe, just maybe, find out what actually excites me." And I must tell you, the feeling you get when your project is admired and appreciated is utterly un-

matched. Often, what may seem like the end of the journey is actually just the beginning. And if there is one thing that you have to imbibe from my journey, it is that there is no right way to choose between a business and a job, whether something pays you more or less, it is about what fuels your passion. It is about what motivates you enough to get out of the bed. It is about what can make you and keep you happy. After all, the definition of happiness and success is different for everybody."



Rhytham Dabas, commercial pilot

Ms sunglasses



Storywala

Anushka Lal, XII
AIS VYC Lucknow

She looked stunning with her flawless complexion and a pair of exquisite sunnies protecting her from the sun. Gazing at her enviously, I sat next to her at the bus stop and pulled out a bunch of papers from my odd looking bag. As I began to sift through the papers, the girl asked me, "Beautiful day, isn't it?" I ignored her question because all that was going on in my mind at that point of time was the completion of the annual report. After all, managing two impossible bosses

was a humungous task, something that this girl wouldn't understand at all. Also, what exactly would this silver spooned woman know about debt, true labour, and toil? I murmured to myself. On receiving no response from me, she said, "Seems like you've got something on your mind." This time, I replied, but in a not so interested tone, "What's so beautiful about the day? It's the same as yesterday!" Sensing my annoyance, she smiled and remarked, "Relax and sit back. You should enjoy the beauty of everything in this world. We just have one life to experience around us."

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Relax? I don't even remember enjoying a hot cup of tea, listening to music with a free mind, going out for a movie or for that matter a simple lunch. In fact, sitting back is a luxury for me, for I am, always running to match up to my everyday expenses. Ever since I have become an adult, earning money has become everything. Just then, the girl jolted me out of my wistful ruminations and said, "I mean, it must be a wonderful day." Before I could say anything, I saw a man emerging from a vehicle, who assisted her off the bench. She whispered a quiet 'thank you', as she grabbed his hand in one palm and her cane in the other. Now, everything made sense. She said, "It must be a wonderful day," and I realised what she meant. The sunglasses, the cane - she was blind. I nodded in agreement, the world indeed was lovely. My world was indeed much beautiful than hers. Only I didn't appreciate it. But, I owe it to Ms Sunglasses, who took off my money-veiled glasses and made me realise what I had been missing all along.



Yaana Mithra

Vanilla cupcake

Yaana Mithra, AIS Noida, XI H

Ingredients

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Refined flour.....2 cups | Vanilla essence.....2 tsp |
| Powdered sugar.....1 cup | Butter(softened).....1/2 cup |
| Baking powder.....1 1/2 tsp | Milk.....1 cup |
| White vinegar.....1 1/2 tsp | Dark Chocolate.....1 cup |

Procedure

- To begin with, take 2 cups of refined flour and combine it with baking powder in a bowl.
- Now, mix powdered sugar and softened butter with the flour mix.
- Then, add vanilla essence and white vinegar to the mixture.
- Pour milk while simultaneously whipping the batter to a thick lump-free consistency.
- Now, grease the microwave safe cupcake moulds with butter and pour the batter into them.
- Microwave it thrice for 1 minute 30 seconds and demould once they cool down.
- For icing, melt the chopped dark chocolate and layer it on top of the cupcakes.
- Your ultimate burst of sweetness is ready!

Read Play and Win 54

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 The article 'The reign of edutainment' has been written by _____.	Q.2 On which page can you find the interview of Karen Elisabeth Jacobsen?	Q.3 What is the headline of the short story on page 9?
Q.4 What is the height of Burj Khalifa?	Q.5 Name any three ingredients used to make vanilla cup cake.	Q.6 Music album 'Native' was released on _____.
Q.7 Manasvi Kadian is an alumnus of _____.	Q.8 Which school hosted the 12th Inter- Amity Chess Tournament?	Q.9 What is the other name of pen drive?

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....
Results of Read Play & Win-53: Samarth, AIMC, X; Rudr Pratap Singh, AIS Noida, V J; Ishanya Verma, AIS Gur 43, V A

WORDS VERSE

Diya Jain, AIS MV, Alumna

Go solo!



Your thoughts are your weapons
Your dreams are your feathers
They make you a true warrior

The world will undermine you
But you are just one of the few
Who'll not cave in to the slew

Be the moon, calm and serene
In this world that is so mean
Invade the darkness with sheen

Humankind is at times strange
Every now and then, it will derange
But time passes by, things change

But you must simply rise and glow
Chase your dreams and your goals
Do not stop anywhere, go solo!

(Diya is currently pursuing B.Tech in Computer Science from Manipal University, Jaipur.)

FILL THE GAP

Fill in the blanks using the clues given below:

1. _URT_E (A reptile)
2. M_GN_T (Attracts metal)
3. V_OLI_ (Stringed instrument)
4. N_EC_ (A relative)
5. GL__E (Model of the earth)
6. _TO_ACH (Part of digestive system)
7. BO__LE (Holds water)
8. SP_GH__TI (Kind of a pasta)
9. CAR__HYD_ATE (Part of balanced diet)

Answers: 1. Turtle 2. Magnet 3. Violin 4. Niece 5. Globe 6. Stomach 7. Bottle 8. Spaghetti 9. Carbohydrate

The indomitable

Short story



Abhipranit Bhardwaj
AIS Saket, XI C

In the city of Caltrek lived a scientist Prof Carl with his powerful ‘shrinking gun’. His aim was to shrink and capture all the intelligent men of city so that he could rule Caltrek without the fear of being replaced by anyone. In a span of five years, he had successfully captured more than 1000 people and shrunk them. These men were only visible under a microscope or a magnifying glass. One fine day, while Prof Carl was busy developing another invention, he heard the news that a secret organisation has been established to destroy the shrinking gun and the harmful effects of the gun on the victims. Moreover, the organisation is guided by Mr Brooklyn, a young man with

an expertise in developing counter weapons. And the new target was in front of Prof Carl. Soon, he devised a plan to capture him. Prof Carl entered Mr Brooklyn’s house and went straight to the bedroom where he was in a deep sleep. Grabbing this opportunity, Prof Carl used his gun to shrink Mr Brooklyn and when he woke up, everything appeared larger than life to him. Mr Brooklyn looked around and found himself to be trapped in a basement which smelled of **hazardous** chemicals. Within a few seconds, he understood that he had fallen prey to the mad scientist’s vicious plan to conquer the whole city. Being the kind and brave man he was, Mr Brooklyn decided to teach him a lesson. But it wasn’t that easy. The mad scientist had already created a huge army of shrunken

Mr Brooklyn looked around and found himself to be trapped in a basement which smelled of hazardous and toxic chemicals.

men. When Mr Brooklyn tried to locate Prof Carl, hundreds of shrunken men pounced upon him and tried to bite him. A fierce battle ensued and Mr Brooklyn knocked them out. Finally, he reached an open space where Prof Carl was basking under the sun. Now, this was Mr Brooklyn’s chance. He grabbed the shrinking gun lying by the poolside and aimed it at him. In a split second, the villain was reduced to the size of a rat. Mr Brooklyn then captured him in a rat cage and used the gun to bring himself back to normal size. Moreover, he destroyed the whole laboratory that Prof Carl had built, but not before transforming everyone trapped by the mad scientist back to their normal sizes. As everyone thanked Mr Brooklyn for saving their life and their dignity, he walked out with a smile on his face, determined to teach the world that science could be a great gift, if only one knew how to use it for the good of humanity. 🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Hazardous
Meaning: Dangerous or involving risk to ones’ life.



Navreet Kaur, AIS Vasundhara 6, V D

My happy family wall hanging

Material required

- ◆ Coloured paper (blue, pink & cream colour)
- ◆ Pom-poms
- ◆ Chart paper
- ◆ Colourful ribbons
- ◆ Cardboard (2x8 inches)
- ◆ Pictures of family members
- ◆ Coloured string
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Glitter sheets
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Sketch pens

Method

- ◆ First, take a chart paper and cut it slightly larger than the cardboard base.
- ◆ Decorate the string using the colourful pom-poms.
- ◆ Glue the chart paper onto the cardboard, making sure there are no wrinkles.
- ◆ Then, cut coloured paper in different shapes so that they are slightly larger than your photos.
- ◆ Now, cut out a strip of paper and write ‘My Happy Family’ using a sketch pen. Paste it on the cardboard to make a banner.
- ◆ Glue the photos onto the coloured paper cut-outs and decorate the borders using sketch pen of any colour.
- ◆ To decorate the banner, cut out shapes (hearts, stars etc.) using glitter sheet and paste them on it.
- ◆ Now, attach the paper sheets with photos to the banner using coloured ribbons and decorate the hanging with the ribbons.
- ◆ Next, take a string and paste it at the back of the banner to make a hanging.
- ◆ Your beautiful ‘My happy family wall hanging’ is now ready to be hung on a wall.

It’s me



KNOW ME

My name
Ayansh Sinha
My Class
LKG A
My school
AIS Vasundhara 1
My birthday
September 3

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Deepika Arora ma’am, Shruti Arora ma’am & Neha ma’am
Subject: Maths
Friend: Arav
Game: Puzzles
Cartoon: Masha and the Bear
Fruit: Kiwi
Mall: DLF Mall
Book: Drawing book



MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobby: Drawing
I like: To play at the park
I dislike: Curd
My role model: My family
I want to become: A good person and a responsible citizen of my nation
I want to feature in GT because: Even though my words are few, my desire is for the world to listen to my voice.



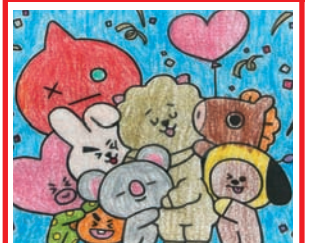
Painting Corner



Aaradhya Gupta, AIS Vas 6, IV D

Best entries for colouring fun

Dated: April 15, 2024



Anika Singhal
AIS Mohali, I D



Ravnoor Kaur
AIS Noida, Nursery G



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A flight of dreams

A Scintillating Show of Ambition & Determination At Amitasha Annual Day

Amitasha

Amitasha, an initiative for under-privileged girl child, celebrated its annual day on May 3, 2024 at Amity University, Noida. Themed 'Sapna Ki Udaan', the event was graced by Dr Lalit Bhasin, managing director, Bhasin and Company, and Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe as the chief guests for the day. HE Mateja Vodeb Ghosh, ambassador of Slovenia to India was present as the guest of honour.

The event also saw in attendance Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Manesar; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation & ASFD; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA & ASPA and other members of Chauhan family as well as principals and heads of Amity Institutions.

A lively showcase of the dreams of young girls to fly high, the event was hosted by two alumnae of Amitasha, Deeksha Gupta and Aakansha Kumari, who are currently studying at Amity University and were also the proud recipients of Dr Asha Bhargav



Chairperson, chief guest, guest of honour and other esteemed guests with the awardees



Founder President addresses the audience



Students of Amitasha sing a soulful prayer for the Almighty

Memorial Award for Best All Rounder students. The event began with an auspicious lamp lighting ceremony followed by mesmerising rendition of song 'Sapna Dekha Hai Maine' and a soulful prayer by Amitasha students. The highlight of the cultural presentations was a dance drama series showcasing life, dreams, struggles, and victories of inspiring Indian women like Savitri Bai Phule, Dr Anandi Bai (first woman doctor of India), wrestlers Geeta and Babeeta Phogat, Avani Chaturvedi (first Indian woman fighter pilot), amongst others. Following the cultural gala, academic and

extra-curricular achievers of Amitasha were felicitated for their performance. Patrons of Amitasha, especially two students of AIS Saket, Karam Sapra and Agrim Bansal were also recognised for their unconditional and wholehearted support to the cause.

The event drew to a close with inspiring words of wisdom by the luminaries who graced the event. Taking to the dais, Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, expressed his happiness over the success story of Amitasha students and announced full support and facilitation to the girls who wish to join defence services in the future.

Marvelling at the talent of the young girls, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, congratulated Amitasha team and expressed her gratitude towards Amity Group of Schools and Amity University for their constant support to Amitasha girls right from education and extra-curriculars to infrastructure. She encouraged the young girls to believe in themselves, have faith in their dreams, and always strive to be independent and successful in life. The annual day of Amitasha was a perfect showcase of ambition and determination and inspired the young girls to believe in themselves and dare to dream.

Chess masters of Amity

AIS Mayur Vihar

The school hosted 12th Inter-Amity Chess Tournament from April 24-25, 2024. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from eight branches of Amity Group of Schools Delhi/NCR in various categories, namely sub junior (boys and girls), junior (boys and girls), and senior (boys and girls). The opening ceremony commenced with school principal Meenu Kanwar lighting the ceremonial lamp and making the inaugural move on the chess board. Crescendo, the music society of the school presented a musical choir, setting up the tone for the calculated moves on the chess board.

In sub junior (boys) category, AIS Noida, AIS Gur 46, and AIS Vas 6 clinched first, second, and third positions, respectively, while in



Little chess masters engage in the competition

sub junior (girls) category, AIS Vas 6, AIS Gur 46, and AIS Vas 1 bagged first, second, and third positions, respectively. Junior (boys) category saw AIS Vas 6 at first position, AIS Gur 46 at second position, and AIS Noida at third position. Meanwhile, AIS Vas 6 stood first, followed by AIS Noida

and AIS Saket at second and third spots under junior (girls) category. Lastly, in the senior (boys) category, AIS Vas 1, AIS Saket, and AIS Gur 43 stood at first, second, and third place, respectively, while senior (girls) had AIS Noida, AIS Mayur Vihar, and AIS Gur 46 at first, second, and third place. [GT](#)



Toppers: Aarav, Ipsit, Bhavesh, Arsh, and Ayush

Amity shines @ JEE 2024

AICE

JEE Mains 2024, held from April 2-12, 2024, saw Amityans shining bright with four students securing positions among the top 56 of the 100 percentile achievers nationwide. Aarav Bhatt (AIS Gur 43) clinched AIR 3, followed by Ipsit Mittal (AIS MV) at AIR 48, Bhavesh Ramakrishnan Karthik

(AIS Saket) at AIR 50 and Arsh Gupta (AIS Gur 43) at AIR 54. Ayush Singhal (AIS Gur 46) secured AIR 59. In addition to these top scorers, more than 114 students mentored by AICE have qualified for the prestigious JEE Advanced exam. This remarkable feat is attributed to the meticulous guidance of the faculty at Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE).

Hum saath saath hain

Finding The Fun In Indian Family 'Fun'ctions Where Drama Unfolds In Bounty

Twisha Prasad, XII I &
Arushi Soni, XII B, AIS Noida

10% focus on the actual wedding + 90% utter chaos – that seems to be the recipe of every single Indian family function, where every *naak maarne wali bua*, every show-off cousin, every *naagin* dance *karne wale mausaji*, every high-fi NRI *chachu*, every *rone wala chhota bacha*, and many more get together for the ultimate celebration of either the trademarked Indian *pagalpan* or the actual function...we'll let you decide.

Painstaking preparation

The early morning frenzy of family functions transforms the house into a chaotic battleground of freshly ironed clothes, cosmetics, sweets, gifts etc. With the youngest's vision still clouded over, they gauge at the readings of the clock – 0600, all thanks to the father who believes that the journey from Noida to Delhi will surely cross time zones. "The function starts at 8 PM!" the child wants to yell, but can't, seeing the mother's dilemma of "Red or maroon?" and the father replying "Red," as he gestures to-



wards the maroon. With expired Nivea cream over his face, the father parts his hair before informing the family that they're late.

Roaring road trip

The fight over who will sit where in the car starts when the long-lost *mamaji* makes a wild card entry, swiftly exercising implied dibs on the shotgun seat. One wanting to

puke, the other already irritated with "meri dress pe mat baith!" the *paltan* departs for their destination, only to realise, "Oh! Take a U-turn. *Hum Mithai ka dabba bul gaye hain. Khaali haath jana achha nahi lagta!*"

Extravagant entrance

Punctuality? No, being fashionably late is always the plan for every Indian family. On

cue, relatives rush to greet the newcomers with the mega-classic "Kitni badi ho gaye ho tum!" to the youngsters, somehow extending the conversation throughout the entire function with their constant, "Beta, zara paani/raita/kheer/UPSC mein marks leke aana!" However, when it is the kids' turn to grab some for their own plate, the waiter shrugs and says, "Khatam ho gaya!"

Life-long love

Each member of the family climbs on the dance floor to unleash their inner *Daya Bhabhi*. The distant aunts materialise out of thin air with an arsenal of chit-chat. The wonders of family togetherness always ensure that solitude becomes elbow-to-elbow with *zari ke dupatte* and fake eyelashes. Too tired to move, the elders of the family sit and discuss the numerous medical blasphemies they have committed to stave off the inevitable hereditary diabetes, the Whatsapp University degrees really outshining the vestiges of common sense. As the day wanes and mattresses line the living room, the youngest sighs to themselves, "Agle maheene chacha ki shaadi hai." The only solace of it all being the *shagun ka lifafa*. 🇮🇳

Album Review

Album: Native
Artist: OneRepublic
Released on: March 22, 2013
Genre: Pop rock

Food for soul

Synopsis: With songs such as Counting Stars, Light It Up, Don't Look Down and many more, One Republic's Native explores themes of self-discovery and perseverance. Filled with anthemic pop tunes and powerful vocals, the album encourages listeners to chase their dreams and The lyrics of most of the songs highlight the challenges we face in our day to day life and at the same time offer hope. For instance, the song Au Revoir navigates through difficulties in relationships while maintaining a positive outlook. Native showcases OneRepublic's growth as a band, seamlessly blending catchy pop melodies with rock influences to create a dynamic and energetic sound. Overall, it illus-

trates the importance of being yourself wholeheartedly.

Why is it worth listening to: If you constantly crave catchy pop anthems with a deeper meaning, this album has the ability to take away your demoralised state and miraculously inspire you to do something revolutionary. This album is more than just sing-along hooks. Some tracks will have you reaching for your dreams, while others explore the complexities of love and loss. Musically, the album blends OneRepublic's signature pop sound with rock influences, creating a fresh and dynamic listening experience. Whether you want to sing your heart out to a motivational anthem or get lost in a heartfelt ballad, Native has the musical variety, the emotional depth, and



the deep vocals for every one of us to croon to.

My favourite song is: Every song in this album holds a special place in my heart as they connect deeply with me but if I had to pick one song, it would be Counting Stars.

Rating: 4.5/5

Review by: Aditi Gupta
AIS Vas 1, XII B

GT Travels to Dubai



Viraj Singh, AGS Noida, IB PYP Grade 3, poses with his copy of The Global Times at Burj Khalifa, Dubai. Towering at the height of 828 metres and a built up area of 5.67 million sq ft, Burj Khalifa holds the crown for world's tallest structure. It has a total of 200 floors with 160 habitable storeys.

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