## WHAT YOU COULD DO

**ONLINE DEBATE COMPETITION:** ▲ Brainwiz in partnership with UNESCO New Delhi is organising this debate around COVID-19 lockdown. HOW TO ACCESS: Visit https://bit.ly/3bUvdOv

Increase confidence of the FPIs

Dear Sir, as you may know, our country

is undergoing a crisis due to the COVID-

19 pandemic. It is imperative to bring the

situation under control but it is equally

important to focus on the recession rate

of our country. According to statistical

research, the economic situation may de-

grade as low as that of the year 2008, ow-

ing to the effect of demonetisation, roll

out of GST and most importantly the glob-

al slowdown. We could look at some im-

mediate short-term measures like revok-

ing the recent increase in taxes for high

income. This may also repair confidence

By taking back the idea that all listed

> By reducing statutory liquidity ratio

companies must have 35% public

(SLR is the minimum percentage of

among FPI's in the Indian markets.

- ROHAN ANUP KRISHNAN, class VI, The

**Reducing SLR could work** 

Sir, here are a few measures:

Asian School, Dehradun

shareholding.

PARTICIPATE IN A QUIZ: IGenPlus and History ✓ Diaries present Quizinteen 2020. For ages 13-19 years. Deadline for registration is April 8. **HOW TO ACCESS:** Their FB and Instagram handles... https://www.facebook.com/HistoryDiaries

NASA'S TEACHABLE MOMENTS: NASA has launched Teachable Moments, which has activities and lessons to help you investigate universal discoveries. **HOW TO ACCESS: Go to www.jpl.nasa.gov** 

### STUDENT EDITION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020



## **WEB EDITION**

# RECOMMEND

## BY NITYA SHUKLA

WINGS OF FIRE: LEGENDS: DRAG-

ONSLAYER, by Tui T Sutherland. Ivy, Leaf and Wren fight for the survival of the human race against

dragons. (Ages 8 to 12)

**DIARY OF AN AWESOME FRIEND-**LY KID, by Jeff Kinney Greg's best friend Rowley Jefferson writes his own diary. (Ages 8 to 12)

**WONDER, by RJ Palacio** A boy with a facial deformity starts school. (Ages 8 to 12)

Three children in three different

conflicts look for a safe haven. (Ages 9 to 12) ALI CROSS, by James Patterson. (jimmy patterson)

Ali Cross investigates the disap-

**REFUGEE, by Alan Gratz** 

## pearance of a close friend. (Ages 9 to 12)

## **APPS TO MAKE YOU A BETTER PUBLIC SPEAKER**

**PRACTICE TO A VIRTUAL AUDIENCE WITH VIRTUAL SPEECH:** That's what Virtual Speech is offering. It stimulates a photo-realistic environment with audience and sound distractions!

**DON'T USE FILLER** WORDS: LikeSo trains you to stop filler words. The app records your speech and generates a report on where you used your filler words and how many times.

**DON'T GO TOO FAST:** Metronome Beats (app) tracks your pace in real-time to show when you're speaking too quickly. Practice your speeches with this app until you are a pro.

## LETTERS TO THE PM ON WAYS TO SOLVE

deposits that a commercial bank has

to maintain in the form of liquid cash,

gold or other securities) and give di-

rections to State Bank of India to lend

instead of buying more securities.

Being flexbile with labours and em-

ployees provident fund (EPF) re-

quirements for micro, small and medi-

KRISHNA KAUSHAL, class IX B, De Indian

By lowering bank reserve limits.

By open market operations.

By quantitative easing.

By cutting tax rates.

Public School, Delhi

um enterprises (MSME's).

share their ideas to resolve financial crisis

**Technical innovation is key** We must start offering incentives to innovative youth for designing something

be utilised productively. - SHREYA VASHISHT, class IX A, DC Model School Panchkula

that will offer utility to the nation tech-

nically. The free time of abled minds must

**Lower CESS on petroleum** A country level CESS on pe-

lowered which will reduce the cost of transportation of goods. The government should plan for more and more employment generating schemes so that people earn and have enough money to buy essential commodities

Kalyan West

Focus on MSME is important UNCTAD has recently released a report stating that world economy will go in recession with likely exception of India and

China. Nonetheless, it is estimated that 21-day lockdown will result in GDP loss of almost \$98 billion. To save our economy, government could focus on increasing domestic consumption. In order to do this the government should provide controlled and transparent financial booster to MSME sector. It contributes around 33.4% of India's output. MSME has the potential to grow.

> - SHIVANGI class XII-J, DPS FARIDABAD, Haryana

**Indigenous manufacturing must** This will solve unemployment problem and also our precious foreign exchange balance. With a population of 1.5 billion, India is a big market which would generate enough

- MANAS, class XII, Pallavi Model School, Hyderabad

Have an idea to share? Send us your email at timesnie175@gmail.co





## TO BE HAPPY RIGHT NOW

Dance to your favourite tunes. Moving to upbeat music releases chemicals that can boost your happiness levels. Stick the radio on, or one of your favourite albums, and get jiggy while making your breakfast.

**KEEP A GRATITUDE JOUR-**NAL: Buy a new notebook grateful for, or what you're looking

forward to each week. Writing down and write a list of what you're these positive thoughts will lead to increased positivity.

**MEDITATE:** Daily meditation helps to generate happiness from the inside out. Sit on the floor or sofa, wherever you are comfortable, and close your eyes. Make no effort to control the breath; just

**Quiz time** 

**SCIENCE** 

Q.1) What tissue connects muscles to bones?

Q.2) Which nutrient plays an

A. Protein B. Carbohydrate

Q.3) Plants need which gas to

A. Skin B. Tendon

essential role in

muscle-building?

photosynthesis?

B. Carbon dioxide

C. Carbon monoxide

A. Hydrogen

D. Oxygen

C. Iron D. Fat

perform

C. Blood vessels D. Fat

breathe naturally. Focus on how the abdomen moves with each inhalation and exhalation. Do this for 10 minutes. thing at night.

**EXERCISE:** Moving our bodies releases endorphins, which is one of the happiness chemicals. Try and exercise for a minimum of 20 minutes every day.

WRITE: Write down your stream of consciousness first thing in the morning or last



360 (Financial

**Emergency) MUST be invoked.** 

Salaries of government employees

be cut, triple MNREGA and PM-KISAN

aids to help the poor. Make in India be

pushed aggressively and tax collec-

tion be paused.

- ASISH SINGH class XII St.

Augustine's Day School,

passed by the Union cabinet to cut the salaries and allowances of MPs — plus their pensions — by 30% for a period of one year starting April 1, 2020. The amount will be deposited into the Consolidated Fund of India and utilised to tackle Covid-19. The pay cut will also include the PM's and his cabinet's salary.

creased with retrospective

Along with the pay cut of lawmakers, the President, Vice President and the Governors of the states have also taken a pay cut to a similar extent. In the 2018 budget, the salaries of the President, Vice President, state governors and Lt governors were in-

effect from February 2016.

2) If a+b:b+c:c+a =

6:7:8 and a+b+c=14,

perks, the government will save over Rs 64.61 crore at the very least in a year. the ratio of 5:8 and if 9

is added to each, the

An MP earns a salary of Rs 1

lakh, along with allowance of

Rs 70,000 and office expense

month. On days when the par-

liament is in session, they get

Rs 2,000 per day, Former MPs

get a pension of Rs 25,000 and

Rs 2,000 per month for every

additional year served as MP

his cabinet earn the same

over a 5-year term. The PM and

amount - with the addition of a

sumptuary allowance depend-

ent on their rank. There are

several other perks, such as

furniture allowance and travel-

ling allowances. Excluding the

allowance of Rs 60,000 per

the sum of the numbers.

ratio becomes 8:11. Find C. 8

(2)

4) 35-(16) x (16) x

is equal to

**4.** 2

ANSWER:

1, 20%

**2.** 6

**3.** 39

## Find If A WHATSAPP Message Is REAL or FAKE? A large number of fake WhatsApp forwards are spreading like

wildfire. Are you also sharing fake messages without knowing it?



LOOK FOR THE 'FORWARDED' LA-**■ BEL:** 78% of forwards are

known to contain rumours and false information.

 $2^{\,\text{GOOGLE IT:}} \,\, \text{Every time you} \\ \text{have a doubt, just look for info}$ 

poor quality footage to hide im-

4 NEVER FALL FOR URL AND LINKS

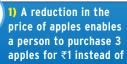
MAKE USE OF FACT CHECKING **WEBSITES:** There are many good ones like Snopes.com, FactCheck.org, Hoax-Slayer.net, PolitiFact.com etc.

## WHAT TO DO?

If you find that a WhatsApp forward sent to you is fake, flag 3 IS THE VIDEO OR IMAGE FAKE: it. It may be annoying and awk-Fake or hoax videos rely on ward to tell the sender that the ward to tell the sender that the forward he/she sent was fake, but

Never forward a WhatsApp message unless you're certain

## **CHECK YOUR APTITUDE**



₹1.25. The percent reduction in price is A. 20% B. 5% C. 40% D. 20%

then value of 'c' is A. 7 B. 6 C. 3 D. 4

3) If two numbers are in

Q1. What is a Lepton?

Q2. Fill in the blanks:

A. LPG consists of mainly

**CURRICULUM EXERCISES** 

B. The most important ore of aluminium is

C. 45 D. 12

ERS: (1) In particle physics, a lepton is an elementary particle of half-integer spin (spin 1/2) that does not undergo strong interactions; (2) A) methane, butane and propane B) bauxite; (3) Liver

Q3. Label the part which is marked with a

In questions given below out of four alternatives, choose the one

black box.

## teasers

**ENGLISH** 

QUIZ

which can be substituted for the given word/sentence. Q.1) One who is not sure about God's existence

A. Theist B. Atheist C. Agnostic D. Follower

Q.2) A person who deliberately sets fire to a building **B.** Ambidextrous A. Cook B. Extinguisher C. Fire D. Arsonist

Q.3) One who does a thing for pleasure and not as

C. Hobby D. Professional Q.4) One who can use either hand with ease

a profession

A. Timepass B. Amateur

A. Ambivalent C. Deft D. Dextrous

Q.5) One who makes an official examination of accounts

Q.7) A person who has changed his faith A. Apostate B. Convert C. Tolerate D. Intolerant

A. Secretary B. Auditor

C. Accountant D. Doctor

Q.6) A person who believes

in or tries to bring about a

state of lawlessness

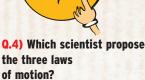
A. Monarch B. Anarchist

C. Metarchist D. Autocrat

ANSWERS: (1) C) Agnostic (2) D) Arsonist (3) B) Amateur (4) B) Ambidextrous (5) B) Auditor (6) B) Anarchist (7) A) Apostate







A. Isaac Newton B. Thomas Alva Edison C. Albert Einstein

D. Stephen Hawking

Q.5) Earth is surrounded by layers of gases collectively called the \_\_\_\_.

A. Hydrosphere B. Atmosphere C. Stratosphere

D. Ozone layer

ANSWERS 1. B) Tendon 2. A) Protein 3. B) Carbon dioxide 4. A) Isaac Newton 5. B) Atmosphere