

Diligimus Cognition (We Love Knowledge) (4)

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1. The “X” usually refers to a thin and relatively flexible tube which can be inserted into the body cavity or a vessel. In certain cases the tube may be solid, hard and inflexible. Predominantly used in the drainage of fluids from various parts of the body, the earliest uses of “X” are reported from the ancient Syrian people who named “X” after their native word that roughly meant “to sit”. Originally constructed out of reeds, the modern varieties of “X” are made from a range of different polymers that include silicone, rubber, latex etc. In the modern times, the first flexible variety of “X” was probably invented in the Americas by Benjamin Franklin when his brother was diagnosed with bladder stones. Identify “X”.

2. Connect:

3. The only child of an Antarctic explorer father and an adept sculptor mother, this multifaceted British citizen was a painter, naval officer, sportsman all in one. An alumni of the Trinity College, Cambridge, he was the godson of J.M Barrie, the writer of Peter Pan. A recipient of several degrees and honours, this personality was eventually knighted for his contributions towards conservation on 1973. Identify this distinguished person, the photograph of whom has been given below to make your job easier.

4. The common source of a particular item in the Chemistry laboratories has been shown in the pictures below. Just give me the name of that common item from the laboratory.

5. Connect

6. On the morning of June 17, 1971, President Richard Nixon, speaking from the Briefing Room of the White House, declared: “America’s public enemy Number One in the US is ‘ _____ ’. In order to fight and defeat this enemy, it is necessary to wage a new all-out offensive. I have asked the congress to provide funds to fuel this kind of an offensive dealing with the problems of sources of supply, as well as Americans who may be stationed abroad, wherever they are in the world”.

What did the President refer to which has been intentionally blanked out in the text above?

7. Identify the logo.

8. This noted environmental activist separated from her spouse in 1977. Two years later, her husband filed for a divorce stating that she was “too strong minded for a women” and labelled her a “cruel” lady. The husband even accused his environmentalist wife of adultery and shortly after their divorce; the

former sent a letter via his lawyer asking his wife to drop his surname from her name. The lady did not care to accede to her former husband's demand and chose to add an extra vowel to her ex-husband's surname instead of parting with the name altogether. Identify the environmentalist.

9. Have intentionally made this question obscure. The top two pictures must be considered as one. The bottom two pictures subtract the obscure element of the question. You know what to do, connect!

10. This word comes from a Swedish noun which generally denotes "pleasurable and less rule-bound games and activities." The word usually signifies a congregation of males of a particular animal species for the purpose of competitive mating display. The congregation or assembly of the males takes place on a daily basis before and during the breeding season. The males of a particular species occupy and defend a certain territory or court in an arena. These males then spar with their neighbours or indulge in extravagant aural and visual performances with the aim of drawing the females.

Give me the specific term denoting this behaviour which has been observed in various animals, the most common example being the display of tails by the peacocks.

Answers:

1. Catheter (The tube most commonly used in draining urine during surgical procedures)

2. Kalpana Chawla.

Karna (Karnal, her birthplace has been named with reference to Karna from Mahabharata)

That's a 1948 movie named "Kalpana" and T.V host Prabhu Chawla"

That's B.C Roy; July 1st is celebrated as Doctor's Day in his honour. Kalpana Chawla was born on July 1.

Deep purple dedicated the song "Contact Lost" in their album "Bananas" to the Columbia shuttle victims one of whom was Kalpana Chawla.

That's Peugeot 107. Kalpana Chawla met her dreadful fate on board the STS 107 mission.

3. Sir Peter Markham Scott (He is the founder of WWF)

4. Litmus paper (They are lichens *Rocella sp.* and *Dendrographa sp.* from which litmus is extracted to produce Litmus paper)

5. Pi Day

That's Larry Shaw, who first celebrated Pi day on March 14, 1988 at the San Francisco Exploratorium which is the second picture in the slide.

Caricature of Albert Einstein who celebrates his birthday on March 14 (Pi Day).

The remaining picture shows an act of “Pie Throwing:”

6. ‘Drug abuse’

7. **Mensa International** (It is the largest and oldest high-IQ society in the world)

8. **Wangari Maathai** (Her husband was Mwangi “Mathai” from whom she adopted the surname “Mathai”; however after her divorce she added an extra “a” to her surname)

9. Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar

Allahabad’s erstwhile name was “Prayag” and that’s the map of “South” India. The picture signifies **Kumbakonam** as Ramanujan had his early education in **Kumbakonam** also known as the **Prayag of the South**, for it is the only place in South where a Mahamakham (a function resembling the Kumbh Mela) is held once in 12 years.

That’s N. Srinivasan from the BCCI, Srinivasan is another form of the name Srinivasa which is also a part of Ramanujan’s name

Mamoni R. Goswami’s husband name was M.R.Ayengar. Iyengar and Ayengar are similar Brahmin surnames with just a difference in the spellings. Ramanujan was an Iyengar.

10. Lek or Lekking behaviour

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