

**READ THE FOLLOWING AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW**

**1**

The sun was about to rise on Farmer Sam's farm. Snoopy Duck woke up the buffaloes with his important news. "The ducks are taking a holiday today," Snoopy Duck said.

"Is that so?" said Berry the buffalo, "What is the special occasion?" "We worked too hard this week," Snoopy said. "You did?" asked Berry. "Yes! We laid eighteen eggs this week," Snoopy said, "And there are only nine of us." Berry smiled and nodded her head. Eighteen was a lot of eggs for nine ducks. "Enjoy your day off," she said.

"But what about us?" the other buffaloes said to Berry "We gave Farmer Sam one hundred and twenty pails of milk this week. There are only twenty of us!" Berry agreed with the buffaloes too. One hundred and twenty pails of milk would make a lot of cheese. "But we can't take a holiday on the same day as the ducks," Berry said, "What would Farmer Sam say?"

Berry and the buffaloes moved over to a patch of grass to have their breakfast. "The ducks are taking a holiday," Berry told the trees, "And we don't think it's fair."

The trees were not happy with this news, "I've dropped over eight hundred mangoes this season," one said. "And I've had millions of grapes picked" said another. The wind blew and the trees put on their angry faces. "We deserve a holiday more than the ducks!" the trees shouted together, "We worked too hard all season."

This woke up the broom that was sitting on the grass underneath the trees. "Have you heard the news?" the mango tree asked the broom. "The ducks are taking a holiday. They think they worked too hard this week," said the mango tree. The broom stood up and announced its disapproval. "I cleared over one million leaves this year. Moreover, there's only one of me! If anyone deserves a holiday it is a poor tired broom." Just then, Notty the rooster hopped on the fence. He looked up into the sky and began to crow. It was time for the farmer to wake up. The ducks, buffaloes and trees waited for Farmer Sam to come out and pick up the broom. However, a minute passed and Farmer Sam did not appear. Notty called two more times. "Call him again," the ducks yelled to the rooster, "He must be having a dream."

Notty made one last call and this time Farmer Sam woke up. However, he didn't come out. He didn't pick up the broom or milk the buffaloes or checked on the eggs underneath the ducks. Instead he opened the window and shouted loud enough for everyone to hear:

"I worked very hard this week. I think I should take a holiday!"

**What did the buffaloes eat for breakfast?**

- A. Cheese
- B. Mangoes
- C. Grass
- D. None of these

**2**

A farmer and his son were once going with their donkey to the market. As they were about to reach the market, a villager passed by and said: "You fool, why don't you ride on the donkey, instead of walking with it?"

The farmer, hence, made his son sit on the donkey. They continued on their way. However, soon they passed a group of men. One of the men said: "Look at that lazy boy. He is riding on the donkey, while his old father walks besides him." Therefore, the farmer ordered his son to get off and he got himself on it. However, they hadn't gone far when they passed two women. One of the women said to the other, "What a shame! How that lazy man can let his poor little son march along?"

Well the farmer did not know what to do. Hence, at last he took his son up before him on the donkey. By this time, they had come to the town and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The farmer stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours, you and your hulking son?"

The farmer and his son got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till, at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met them, until they came to market bridge where the donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle, the donkey fell over the bridge with his forefeet tied together, and he was drowned.

"That will teach you a lesson," said an old man who had followed them. He said, "You cannot please everyone!"

**What did the farmer and his son finally do?**

- A. They left the donkey at home
- B. They cut a pole, tied the donkey to the pole and lifted it
- C. They threw the donkey over the bridge
- D. They set the donkey free

**Find the answers in next MONDAY issue**

**3**

Julie was a young girl of mixed origin, born to an Indian mother and an Australian father. She grew up in an aboriginal that was in the Gulf of Carpentaria. It was isolated when compared to a town. They had water but there wasn't a proper sewage system. and overcrowding were the worst problems. and health were in an equally bad state. They shop, but they didn't have fresh vegetables, had much more fish than meat as their community was right in the ocean.

Julie's father is a white Tasmania. He sent Julie school that he thought was southern part of Australia. She luckier than her friends were, because unfortunately in her community, many kids were illiterate.

The boarding school was mixed with lots of different kids - most of them from even more isolated regions than Julie's was. Many children came from the farmer families and there were several international children too. It was an adjustment for Julie. She used to be embarrassed to tell people where she was from because her community was considered to be one of the least civilized.

After Julie completed school, she took charge of her own life and travelled widely. She went and lived in Perth, Sydney, Adelaide and even in the Northern territory. She then packed up travelled around the world. This experience made Julie realize that she was very lucky - she belonged to two worlds - she was from a backward community, but she also relished the modern comforts and pleasures of life.

Julie's greatest desire was to study medicine and become a doctor. The basic living conditions were terrible in indigenous communities - no better than in most Third-World countries. She wanted to help change that condition. She would love to be a doctor on the move. As a kid, she used to watch that whenever there was an emergency in the community - like an accident or any other critical medical condition, planes would land on the grass airstrips and they would take the person away in no time. She was most interested in Third-World medicine. One of her biggest and most consuming passions was herbal medicines. With her western knowledge, she'd really like to bring back the natural remedies that indigenous people have used for so many years. Some of them are just as good as any modern chemical medicines.

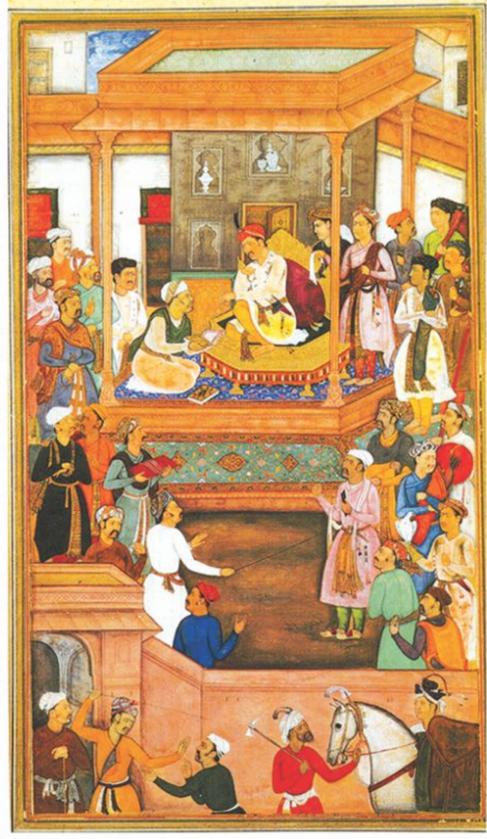
**What was Julie's greatest desire?**

- A. To be a nurse
- B. To be a doctor
- C. To be an artist
- D. To be a sports person

**In which country did Julie grow up?**

- A. Tasmania
- B. Australia
- C. Sydney
- D. India

**4**



**ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2017)**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)**  
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**5**

There was a huge haystack near a village. Several small animals had made their homes in it. Among them was a tortoise, a cobra, a mongoose and a jackal.

One day as these four were enjoying an afternoon chat, the other residents of the haystack came running to them in a state of panic. "Our haystack is on fire!" they screamed. "A fire is it?" said the tortoise, "Please stay calm. I know a hundred thousand ways of dealing with a fire." "And I know only a thousand ways," said the cobra, modestly. "As for me, I know only a hundred," said the mongoose, "But they're all tried and tested methods." "And you, Sir," said the residents to the jackal, "How many do you know?"

"Only one," said the jackal, sniffing the smoke-laden air. "When the fire is this close there's only one thing to do. That is to run!" Moreover, with that he jumped from the haystack and ran away.

"Stupid creature," the tortoise sneered. "He ran away because he has not studied fire like I or my friends here have. Listen to the first method of escaping a fire..."

However, he never got beyond that. A tongue of flame leapt out from the centre of the haystack and consumed him and his two knowledgeable friends. The other animals leapt from the haystack as they had seen the stupid jackal do and ran for their lives.

**When the fire is so close, what is the only thing to do?**

- A. Study the fire and its causes
- B. Wait and strategize
- C. Run
- D. Preach

his well, but the peasant did not heed to the farmer's requests. Angered by this, the farmer went to Emperor Akbar's court for justice. The Emperor asked the peasant, even after selling the well to the farmer, why was he still drawing water from the farmer's well. Salman replied that he had sold only the well to the farmer and not the water inside it.

Emperor Akbar asked Birbal who was also present in the court and had heard the complaint, to solve the dispute. Birbal came forward and gave a solution. He said, "Salman, you say you have sold only the well to the farmer. Moreover, you claim that the water is yours. Then how come you can keep your water inside another person's well without paying rent?" Salman's cleverness was countered by Birbal intelligently.

The farmer got justice. He thanked Akbar and Birbal and went away. Emperor Akbar rewarded Birbal handsomely.

**What happened after the peasant had sold the well to the farmer?**

- A. The peasant had dried up the water of the well before selling it
- B. The well dried up
- C. The peasant continued to draw water from the well
- D. None of the above

Once upon a time, there was a typical complaint in Emperor Akbar's court

There were two neighbours. They shared a garden amongst them. In that garden, there was a well. That well was owned by a rich peasant, Salman Khan. His neighbour, who was a poor farmer wanted to buy the well for watering his fields. Therefore, they signed an agreement between them, after which the farmer owned the well. The farmer was very happy and excited over the deal.

However, the farmer's happiness was short lived. Even after selling the well to the farmer, the peasant continued to draw water from the well. The farmer asked the peasant several times not to draw water from

