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Answers (in no particular order)

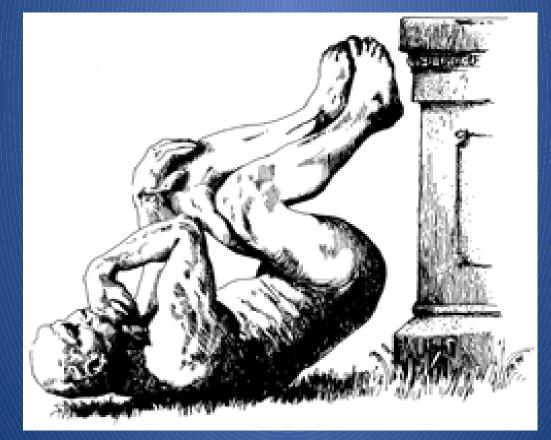
Identify the following mascots.



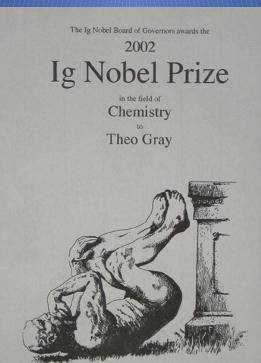
The Paralympic and Olympic Mascots, Mandeville (left) and Wenlock (right)



## The image below shows "Stinker", the official mascot of \_\_\_\_?



#### The Ig Nobel prize



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Nobel Laureate

Rich Robert

Name the spice extracted from the flower shown in the picture.



Saffron



## \* Question 4

This is Johan Sebastian Bach's musical composition, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring played using an instrument called "Theremin". What is peculiar about this instrument?

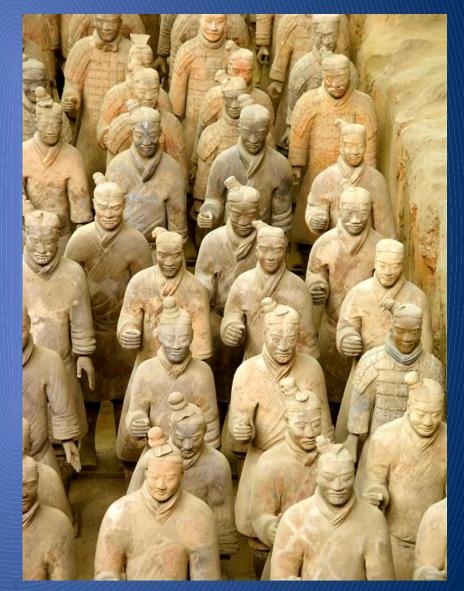
And this is Sheldon Cooper playing it.



Theremin is played with no physical contact between the player and the instrument.



The ancient sculptures shown in the picture are collectively known by what name?





#### The Terracotta Army

In the photo, what kind of a veena is Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam playing?



Rudra Veena



#### What does this icon/symbol represent?



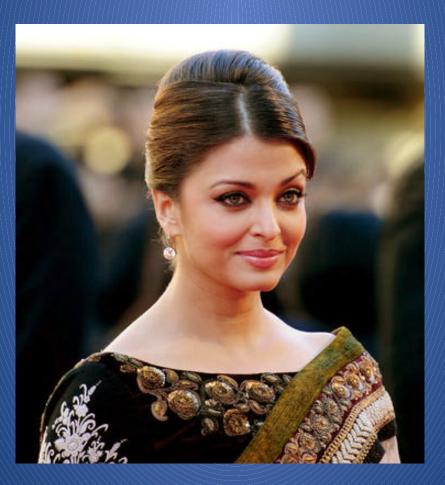
# Grand Old Party (The Republicans, in the U.S. Politics)



Which Indian was recently appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for UNAIDS?



#### Aishwarya Rai Bachchan



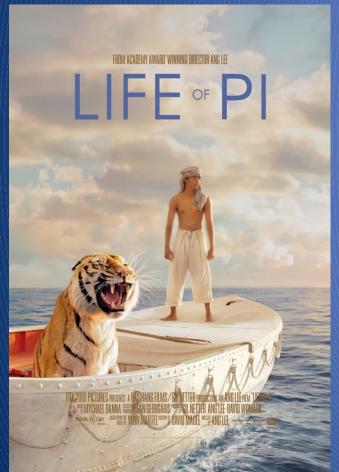
Grammy Awards are given to recognize outstanding achievements in the music industry. This was originally called by what name?

#### Gramaphone Award



Name the Booker-winning novel by Canadian author Yann Martel that is made into a movie directed by Ang Lee.

#### Life of Pi





"A terrific book. . . fresh, original, smart, devious, and crammed with absorbing lore." MARGARET ATWOOD, SUNDAY JUNES

Connect the term "that is used to describe a situation in which a seat in an assembly becomes empty during that assembly's term which may arise through the death, resignation or disqualification of the sitting member" to Harry Potter series author J. K. Rowling.

Casual Vacancy - her first novel published since the Harry Potter series. It was published on 27 September 2012 by Little, Brown and Company



## \* Question 12

LHC, the largest particle accelerator in the world is located in CERN, Geneva. Where is Tevatron, the second largest accelerator located?



#### Fermilab, Chicago

Name the social movement which was triggered by the self-immolation of a street-vendor named Mohamed Bouazizi.

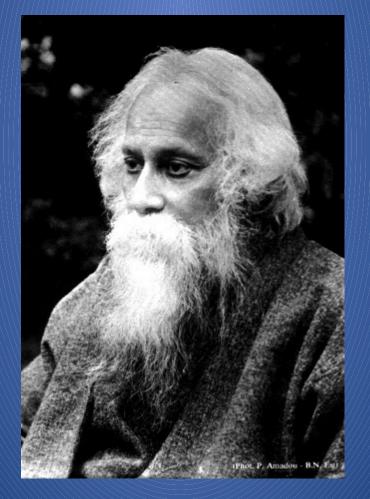


#### The Arab Spring. (It started in Tunisia)



Who first translated Tagore's Gitanjali to English?

#### Tagore himself



September 29, 2012 marked which landmark in Indian Science & Technological advancement?

#### 101th rocket launch by ISRO

A player who wins all four *Grand Slam* tournaments and the Olympic gold medal during his or her career is said to have achieved a Career Golden Slam. Who is the most recent addition to the below given list of Career Golden Slam Winners?

Steffi Graf, Andre Agassi, Rafael Nadal, ... ?



#### Serena Williams, when she won Gold this London Olympics

"Pray the devil back to Hell" is a documentary about a woman's peace movement which ended the civil war in country X. Identify X.

Liberia

Name the first full-length motion picture in India.

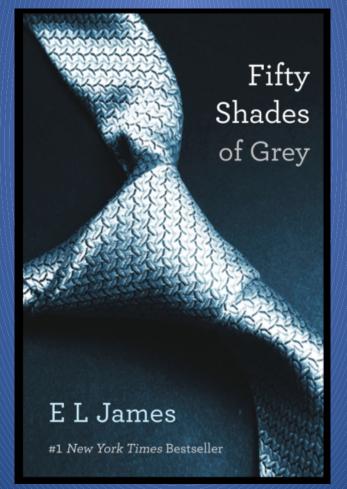


### Raja Harishchandra, a silent film in Marathi, produced by Dadasaheb Phalke



Name the bestselling book that brought fan fiction author Erika Leonard James into fame.

#### Fifty Shades of Grey





What is common between *alice, totem* and *atlas*?

These are three of the seven detector experiments at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.



#### Who is the current Chief Justice of India?



#### Altamas Kabir, assumed office on September 29

# Question 22

Lance Armstrong had the record of holding the Tour de France for maximum number of years. How many?

Seven from 1999-2005; he had received a lifetime ban and that all his results since August 1998 have been disqualified.

# Question 23

#### Who said this?

"But when you come right down to it, the reason that we did this job is because it was an organic necessity. If you are a scientist you cannot stop such a thing. If you are a scientist you believe that it is good to find out how the world works; that it is good to find out what the realities are; that it is good to turn over to mankind at large the greatest possible power to control the world and to deal with it according to its lights and values."



### **Robert Oppenheimer**





What was the venue of the 16th NAM (Non Alignment Movement) Summit?

Tehran, Iran



#### Who is the ICC Cricketer of the Year 2012?

### Kumar Sangakara