

# EXQUIZIT 2007 FINALS

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**Venue:** Father Agnel School, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi

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1. X's father married outside his caste. It was a love marriage that took a long time for people to accept those days. His father was also a very progressive person and decided his children would not carry the surname. X's father gave them a middle name to assert his patriotism, but couldn't change his own surname; and X saw no reason to discard it. Therefore, X brought his surname back some years ago. Identify X.  
*Sunil Bharti Mittal*
2. He is an electrical engineer, and is a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His father was an Indian freedom revolutionary from Bengal who was imprisoned for his political activities, and fled Kolkata in the 1920s in order to avoid further prosecution by the British colonial police. Whom am I talking about?  
*Amar Gopal Bose (of Bose audio systems fame)*
3. The seven forms of which martial art are Shii-Cho, Makashi, Soresu, Ataru, Shien and Niman Juyo?  
*Lightsaber combat (from Star Wars movies)*
4. What does 'B.A.S.E.' in the sport B.A.S.E jumping stand for?  
*Buildings, Antenna (an uninhabited tower such as an aerial mast), Span (a bridge or arch), Earth (a cliff or other natural formation).*
5. What is available in triangular shaped chunks, representing the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps?  
*Toblerone Chocolates*
6. The peacock was not the first choice as India's national bird. What was the first choice, and why was it dropped?  
*The first choice was the Great Indian Bustard, and it was dropped because of fears that it may wrongly be pronounced as Great Indian Bastard.*
7. The name of which creature from Greek mythology means 'to kill by strangling'?  
*Sphinx*

8. Identify this person. What is he famous for?



*Dennis Hwang, the person behind Google Doodles (special Google logos uploaded to the Google site on certain occasions).*

9. Captain Vikram Batra, soon after capturing Point 5140, radioed his commanding officer and said jubilantly, '\_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ \_'. Fill in the blanks. (Hint: Advertisement tagline of a famous company)  
'Yeh Dil Mange More'

10. Identify this place, considered by some to be the 'Birthplace of the Silicon Valley'.



*This is the garage where the Hewlett-Packard company started. It has been restored at the original property, at 367 Addison Avenue, Palo Alto, California, near Stanford University, as it was in 1939 when Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard used it. They had rented the property specifically for their needs, as it provided a garage workshop with a 3-room ground floor apartment for the newly married Dave and Lucile Packard, with a sleeping shed for Bill.*

11. Identify this island of Spain located in the Mediterranean Sea.



*Ibiza. It is one of the Balearic Islands located in the Mediterranean Sea, belonging to Spain. With Formentera, it is one of the two Pine Islands. Major cities are Ibiza, Santa Eulària des Riu and Sant Antoni de Portmany.*

12. Which is the first Indian city to be Wi-Fi enabled?

*Mysore*

13. What is special / unusual about this logo?



*The company's well-known logo has a right-pointing arrow located in the negative space between the E and X. While the arrow becomes quite obvious when pointed out, most people don't notice it otherwise. The arrow has been occasionally pointed to as a mild form of **subliminal advertising**, the arrow symbolizing forward movement and thinking.*

14. Visual – Identify the person.

*Bappi Lahiri, in his acting début in the 1973 film 'Badhti Ka Naam Daadhi'.*

15. Why were Jade Goody, Danielle Lloyd and Jo O'Meara in the news in early 2007?

*They were accused of racism in 'Celebrity Big Brother 2007'.*

16. Audio clips:

1. Deep Purple track *Contact Lost*. Whom was this song dedicated to?  
*Kalpna Chawla, after the Columbia space shuttle tragedy. She was a big fan of the band Deep Purple.*
2. His first song for a Bollywood flick was 'Chhod Aaye Hum' (Maachis). Name him.  
*Krishna Kumar Menon (also known as KK or Kay Kay)*
3. One of the songs in Woh Lamhe's soundtrack, 'Kya Mujhe Pyaar Hai' was copied off one of the songs of this Indonesian band. Name the band.  
*Peterpan (the song copied was 'Tak Bisakah')*
4. Soundtrack from the movie *Swades* – 'Yeh Jo Desh Hai Tera'. One of his last contributions to Indian cinema. Who is being referred to?  
*Ustad Bismillah Khan. He played the shehnai in that piece.*

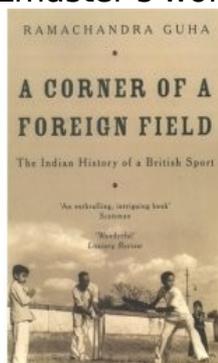
17. Why is the man in the picture given below famous?



*The person is Vikram Akula, CEO and founder of SKS Microfinance. He was the inspiration behind the character of Mohan Bhargava (played by Shah Rukh Khan) in the movie 'Swades'.*

18. The slogan and the associated campaign was developed by Prathap Suthan. The government spent an estimated \$20 million on national television advertisements and newspaper ads featuring the slogan. Which slogan / ad campaign?  
*India Shining*

19. Identify the person as the wicket-keeper on the cover of this book. (In the quizmaster's words, 'the toughest question of the quiz'.)



*R K Narayan*

20. He conceptualised this while walking along the banks of the Thames in 1932 with his friends Pir Ahsan-ud-Din and Khawja Abdul Rahim. Name the person, and what did he conceptualise?



*Choudhary Rahmat Ali; and he came up with the name 'Pakistan', an acronym for Punjab, Afghan, Kashmir, Sind, and BaluchISTAN.*

21. Identify her.



*Kiran Desai*

22. Name this flowers of this shrub bloom once in every 12 years. Identify it.



*Neelakurinji*

23. Why is this temple famous?



*Located in Pushkar, it is the only temple dedicated to Lord Brahma in India.*

24. Identify the animal.



*Chinkara (Blackbuck)*

25. Identify him.



*Bernie Ecclestone (Formula 1 boss)*

26. Identify the duo.



*Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt (authors of the best-selling book 'Freakonomics')*

27. Why was he in the news recently?



*Mir Ranjan Negi. He is the inspiration for the movie 'Chak De! India'.*

28. Many people who come to visit this place run and jog on the steps in the front of this building. Identify the place, and the significance of these steps.



*These are the 'Rocky Steps' outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art. They are well known for the role they played in a famous scene in the film Rocky, and in four of its sequels, II, III, V and Rocky Balboa in which the eponymous character runs up the steps to the accompaniment of the song, 'Gonna Fly Now'. Visitors to the museum can often be seen mimicking Rocky's famous run up the front steps. The steps represent the ability of an underdog, or an everyman, to rise to the occasion. A bronze statue of Rocky was briefly placed at the top of the steps for the filming of Rocky III. This statue is now located at the bottom right of the steps and is a popular photo-op for visitors.*

29. Which is the only father-son duo to have taken a wicket off their first balls in one-day cricket?

*Rohan and Sunil Gavaskar*

30. Identify this duo.



*Duckworth-Lewis (of the cricketing method fame)*

31. He was a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha for the state of Bihar from 1967-1970 and 1977-1979. He was also the Chief Minister of Bihar for forty-eight days in 1968, a period of intense political instability (his predecessor was Chief Minister for only three days). In December 1978, Prime Minister Morarji Desai appointed a five member civil rights commission under his chairmanship. He went to become a famous name in Indian politics. Name him.



*B P Mandal. The commission's report was completed in 1980 and recommended that a significant proportion of all government and educational places be reserved for applicants from the Other Backward Classes. The commission's report was tabled indefinitely by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. A decade later, Prime Minister V P Singh implemented the recommendations of the Mandal Report.*

32. Which famous music band was christened after this medieval torture device?



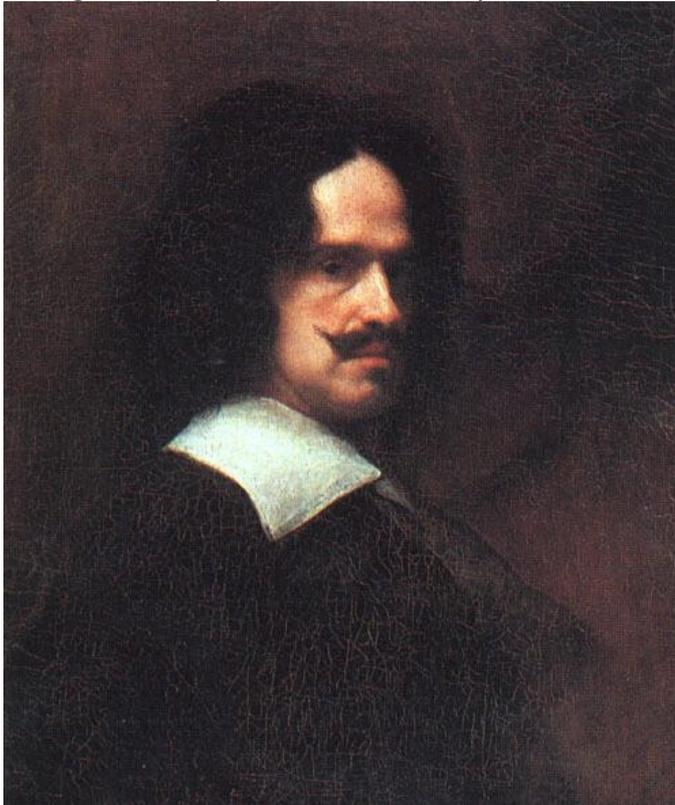
*Iron Maiden. Iron Maiden is a British heavy metal band from east London. The band was formed in 1975 by bassist Steve Harris, formerly a member of Gypsy's Kiss and Smiler. Iron Maiden is one of the most successful and influential bands in the heavy metal genre, having sold over 80 million albums worldwide. The band was also inducted into the Hollywood Rock Walk during their tour in the United States in 2005. The band was formed on Christmas Day 1975, by bassist Steve Harris, shortly after he left his previous group, Smiler. Harris attributes the band name to a movie adaptation of The Man in the Iron Mask, which he saw around that time, and so the group was christened after the 19th century torture device.*

33. Name the institution.



*La Martiniere, Lucknow*

34. Diego Velázquez, was the inspiration for what.



*Salvador Dali's moustache. Dalí grew a flamboyant moustache, which became iconic of him; it was influenced by that of seventeenth century Spanish master painter Diego Velázquez.*