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TODAY'S RATINGS: 13 AVERAGE; 15 GOOD; 17 OUTSTANDING

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each word must contain the letter at the top of the pyramid. There should be at least one nine letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed.

ANSWERS: deep, deepen, depend, DEPENDENT, epee, neep, peed, peen, peened, pend, pended, pendent, penne, penned, pent, pentene, tepee

Sara Ali Khan reveals if she'd marry a cricketer or not amidst dating rumours with Shubman Gill

Sara Ali Khan is currently on cloud nine as her recent film Zara Hatke Zara Bachke has received a good response from the audience. The film has done decently well at the box office and Sara and Vicky Kaushal's performances are being appreciated in the film. The stars are on their toes promoting the film even after it has made it to the theatres. From visiting Siddhivinayak temple to meeting the press, they are doing it all. And their candid interviews are also making to the headlines. In one of the recent interviews, Sara Ali Khan revealed whether she would follow her grandmother Sharmila Tagore's footsteps and marry a cricketer.

Will Sara Ali Khan marry a cricketer?

In an interview with India Today, Sara Ali Khan was asked whether she would consider marrying a cricketer to which she said that profession does not matter to her as long as her partner matches on mental and intellectual level.

She, however, jokingly mentioned that she would not marry a doctor maybe because the person would run away. The actress was quoted saying, "But you know the truth is that jokes apart, you will need to match me on the mental and intellectual level. And if you can do that, I think it's great, wow but I think that would matter to me much, much more (than the profession)." She further also mentioned that she hasn't found her Mr Right as yet. With 'almost assurity' she mentioned that she has not met anyone so far with whom she would want to spend her life.

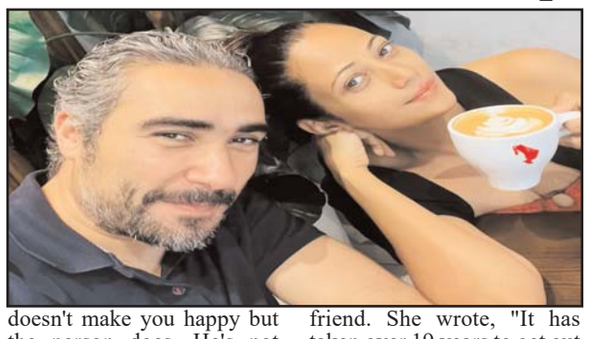
This comes amidst rumours of her alleged connection with cricketer Shubman Gill. There were rumours doing the rounds of gossip mills that there was something brewing between the two. It all started with a video of the two having dinner together went viral.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui's ex-wife Aaliya Siddiqui has "moved on" in life, spills beans on her new relationship

Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui's ex-wife Aaliya Siddiqui has been in the headlines for some time now due to their strained relationship. On Monday, she introduced her Instafam to her friend by sharing a picture with him. Now in an interview, she has spilled the beans about her new relationship, which is "more than friendship." She said, "Yes, I have moved on and this relationship of mine is more than friendship. It's not like there's no commitment between us."

Aaliya Siddiqui shared that she has her own life, which she has to live with her children and she doesn't want to give her kids any problems. "But, it's a respectful relationship. It's just a matter of time. It's a habit, even if you do something good, people will still say bad things about you," Aaliya told ETimes.

Describing her new love interest as "a true gentleman", Aaliya revealed that he is from Italy and the two met in Dubai. She further mentioned how money doesn't bring happiness but the person does. "He's very grateful. A true gentleman. I was just so impressed with his intelligence. Money doesn't make you happy but the person does. He's not from India. He's from Italy and we met in Dubai," she said.



In her Instagram post, Aaliya shared a picture with her friend. She wrote, "It has taken over 19 years to get out of the relationship that I treasured. But in my life, my children's are my priority, they always were and they will be."

Inside Mouni Roy's luxe and lush wildlife-inspired Mumbai restaurant, Badmaash

Mouni Roy and her husband Suraj Nambiar launched their first-ever restaurant, Badmaash in Mumbai's Andheri on May 26. The couple hosted a party just a few days after the restaurant's opening to celebrate the joyous occasion. The grand launch event was attended by some prominent celebrities of B-town, including Disha Patani, Tejasswi Prakash, and her partner Karan Kundrra, Ankita Lokhande, and Mandira Bedi. From exquisite and "progressive" Indian dishes to an ambience that screams Bollywood, let's take a tour of Mouni Roy's Badmaash restaurant.

Badmaash's official Instagram handle has all the details you need about the posh Mumbai restaurant. It claims that it serves, "an authentic Bollywood vibe, Indian cuisine, and a side of masaledar concoctions." Badmaash's interiors are highly inspired by the wild tropical forests. When you enter inside, your eyes would see several posters, paintings, and figurines of tigers. There is no dearth of greenery, with an abundance of potted plants on the floors, walls, and even ceilings.

Away from the hustle and bustle of Mumbai, Badmaash welcomes you with a warm vibe, decorated with mellow yellow lights. While some areas boast pretty pink-embroidered, hanging lanterns, in other regions, lights are fixated amongst tree leaves. Earthy textures have played a key role in bringing out the tropical atmosphere.

CARTOON

This Day in History

452 Attila the Hun invades Italy.
632 Muhammad, the founder of Islam and unifier of Arabia, dies.
793 The Vikings raid the Northumbrian coast of England.
1861 Tennessee votes to secede from the Union and join the Confederacy.
1862 The Army of the Potomac defeats Confederate forces at Battle of Cross Keys, Virginia.
1863 Residents of Vicksburg flee into caves as General Ulysses S. Grant's army begins shelling the town.
1866 Prussia annexes the region of Holstein.
1904 U.S. Marines land in Tangiers, Morocco, to protect U.S. citizens.
1908 King Edward VII of England visits Czar Nicholas II of Russia in an effort to improve relations between the two countries.
1915 William Jennings Bryan quits as Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson.
1953 The Supreme Court forbids segregated lunch counters in Washington, D.C.
1965 President Lyndon Johnson authorizes commanders in Vietnam to commit U.S. ground forces to combat.
1966 Gemini astronaut Gene Cernan attempts to become the first man to orbit the Earth untethered to a space capsule, but is unable to when he exhausts himself fitting into his rocket pack.
1967 Israeli airplanes attack the USS Liberty, a surveillance ship, in the Mediterranean, killing 34 Navy crewmen.
1968 James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr., is captured at the London Airport.
1969 President Richard Nixon meets with President Thieu of South Vietnam to tell him 25,000 U.S. troops will pull out by August.
1995 U.S. Air Force pilot Captain Scott O'Grady is rescued by U.S. Marines in Bosnia.

Born on June 8

1625 Giovanni Domenico Cassini, astronomer.
1724 John Smeaton, English engineer.
1810 Robert Schumann, German composer.
1813 David D. Porter, Union admiral during the American Civil War.
1867 Frank Lloyd Wright, influential American architect.

Question & Answer Series

Important Days

1. On which date is World Peace and Understanding Day celebrated?
a. February 23
b. February 21
c. February 20
d. February 22

2. Which birth anniversary of Sant Sevalal Maharaj has been celebrated recently?
a. 284th b. 281st
c. 285th d. 283rd

3. When is World Day of Social Justice observed?
a. February 14
b. February 20
c. February 16
d. February 18

4. On which date did Northern States Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh celebrate their Foundation Day?
a. February 20
b. February 17
c. February 15
d. February 13

5. Which country observed Democracy Day on February 19th?
a. Nepal
b. Japan
c. Bhutan
d. Denmark

6. On which date did India observe the 8th edition of Soil Health Card Day?
a. February 19
b. January 19
c. March 19
d. August 19

7. On which date will World Pangolin Day 2023 be celebrated?
a. February 14
b. February 12
c. February 18
d. February 20

8. On which date is Global Tourism Resilience Day observed?
a. February 15
b. February 17
c. February 13
d. February 20

9. On which date is Global Tourism Resilience Day observed?
a. February 14
b. February 13
c. February 17
d. February 16

10. On which date is World Anthropology Day observed every year?
a. February 16
b. February 12
c. February 14
d. February 10

11. By which year is the "Mass Drug Administration" campaign expected to eliminate Filariasis from India?
a. 2026 b. 2027
c. 2025 d. 2024

12. On which date is International Childhood Cancer Day observed?
a. February 12
b. February 14
c. February 15
d. February 16

13. On which date is National Women's Day observed in India?
a. February 11
b. February 12
c. February 13
d. February 14

14. On which date is World Radio Day observed?
a. February 10
b. February 12
c. February 15
d. February 13

15. On which date is International Epilepsy Day celebrated?
a. February 13
b. February 14
c. February 15
d. February 16

16. When is World Unani Day observed every year?
a. February 10
b. February 11
c. February 05
d. February 08

17. On which date is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2023 observed?
a. February 08
b. February 06
c. February 09
d. February 11

18. On which date is World Pulses Day observed?
a. February 06
b. February 10
c. February 12
d. February 09

19. When is Safer Internet Day 2023 observed?
a. February 02
b. February 04
c. February 06
d. February 07

20. When was Vani Jayaram awarded the Padma Bhushan?
a. January 26, 2023
b. January 24, 2023
c. January 28, 2023
d. January 22, 2023

Answer

1. a, 2. a, 3. b, 4. a, 5. a, 6. a, 7. c, 8. b, 9. c, 10. a, 11. b, 12. c, 13. c, 14. d, 15. a, 16. b, 17. d, 18. b, 19. d, 20. a.

Miscellaneous

1. Which initiative was launched to distribute three million meals and food parcels to disadvantaged individuals and families during Ramadan?
a. USA Food Bank
b. UAE Food Bank
c. UNESCO
d. UNICEF

2. Which pension system is being reviewed by a committee established by the government?
a. Atal Pension Yojana
b. National Pension System
c. New Pension System
d. Smart Pension System

3. In how many days did the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) open the Leh-Manali Highway in a record time?
a. 134 b. 136
c. 138 d. 132

4. Who won the GenNext Entrepreneur Award at the 12th Forbes India Leadership Awards 2023?
a. Isha Ambani
b. Hira Maliik
c. Kiara Advani
d. Neha Malik

5. What is the duration for which the Union Cabinet extended the subsidy of 200 rupees per cylinder for 12 refills annually for beneficiaries?
a. One year
b. Two years
c. Three years
d. Four years

6. Which birth anniversary of the late Kitty O'Neil did Google Doodle celebrate?
a. 72nd b. 77th
c. 74th d. 79th

7. In which country did Anurag Behar author the new book "A Matter of the Heart: Education"?
a. Iraq
b. Indonesia
c. Iran
d. India

8. Whose Lok Sabha membership was recently cancelled under Section 8(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951?
a. Soniya Gandhi
b. Sanjay Singh
c. Rahul Gandhi
d. Abdul Shafee

9. How many million meals will the UAE Food Bank distribute during Ramadan as part of its initiative to eradicate food waste?
a. 1 b. 2
c. 3 d. 4

10. What is the rank of India in the world in terms of fish production?
a. Third b. First
c. Second d. Fourth

11. By how many years did the parliamentary panel urge the government to extend FAME-II incentives while urging the government to frame a comprehensive national EV policy?
a. 1 b. 6
c. 4 d. 2

12. What is the amount of the annual budget presented by the Delhi Government for 2023-24?
a. Rs. 78,800 crore
b. Rs. 29,800 crore
c. Rs. 70,800 crore
d. Rs. 88,800 crore

13. Which company was recently granted the 'BIS License' to make India's first fire-resistant steel?
a. JSW Steel
b. Jindal Steel
c. Tata Steel
d. Baosteel

14. According to a UNESCO report, what percentage of the world's population does not have safe drinking water?
a. 56% b. 67%
c. 26% d. 34%

15. By which year is India on track to achieve energy independence?
a. 2047 b. 2042
c. 2036 d. 2031

16. Who has been named India's most valuable celebrity of 2022?
a. Akshay Kumar
b. Ajay Devgan
c. Salman Khan
d. Ranveer Singh

17. Which company organized the workshop on 'Human Factors Engineering in Military Platforms'?
a. SAARC b. ISRO
c. NASA d. DRDO

18. In which city was ChatGPT's rival 'Falcon LLM' launched?
a. Sharjah
b. Abu Dhabi
c. Dubai
d. Ajman

19. When is water stress expected to impact India's food production?
a. 2025 b. 2030
c. 2040 d. 2050

20. Which organization partnered with Shiprocket to benefit Startups and MSMEs in India?
a. Indonesia Post
b. Greece Post
c. India Post
d. China Post

21. What percentage of women employees are there in nationalized banks in India?
a. 20% b. 23%
c. 25% d. 28%

Answer

1. b, 2. c, 3. c, 4. a, 5. a, 6. b, 7. d, 8. c, 9. c, 10. a, 11. d, 12. a, 13. b, 14. c, 15. a, 16. d, 17. d, 18. b, 19. d, 20. c, 21. c.

Economy

1. What is the percentage of Wholesale Price-based Inflation (WPI) for March 2023, which declined to a 29-month low?
a. 1.30% b. 1.32%
c. 1.34% d. 1.36%

2. Whose forex reserves have risen to USD 584.75 billion?
a. USA b. Uganda
c. Australia d. India

3. By what percentage did textile and apparel exports contract in 2022-2023 compared to the previous year?
a. 14% b. 15%
c. 16% d. 17%

4. What is the percentage increase in net direct tax collection in the last nine years?
a. 176.73 b. 175.32
c. 172.92 d. 172.83

5. On the first day of the state's spring festival 'Rongali Bihu', Prime Minister Modi dedicated the northeast's first AIIMS to the nation and dedicated projects worth how many crores of rupees?
a. 14,000 b. 14,100
c. 14,200 d. 14,300

6. In how many years has the MUDRA Loan scheme towards financial inclusion sanctioned 41 crore loans?
a. 5 b. 7
c. 8 d. 9

7. What is the percentage of global trade growth expected in 2023?
a. 1.6 b. 1.7
c. 1.8 d. 1.9

8. What percentage did the World Bank project for India's GDP growth in FY24?
a. 6.3% b. 6.1%
c. 6.2% d. 6.4%

9. What was the amount to which India's agricultural exports rose during April-January of the current financial year with a growth rate of 6.04%?
a. USD 23.37 billion
b. USD 43.37 billion
c. USD 33.37 billion
d. USD 50.37 billion

10. Which insurer was not designated as a Domestic Systemically Important Insurer (D-SII) for 2022-23?
a. Life Insurance Corporation of India
b. General Insurance Corporation of India
c. The New India Assurance Co. Ltd.
d. Axis Bank Mutual Insurance Ltd.

11. Which PSU achieved the best annual production during the financial year 2022-23?
a. BEL b. GAIL
c. SAIL d. IRDA

12. Which regulatory body recently announced the creation of the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)?
a. IRDAI b. SEBI
c. LIC d. RBI

13. What is the amount to which India's defense exports reached an all-time high?
a. Rs 20,000 crore
b. Rs 26,000 crore
c. Rs 76,000 crore
d. Rs 16,000 crore

14. What is the projected rate of growth of the Indian economy in the coming decade?
a. 6% b. 7.5%
c. 6.5% d. 4%

15. What is the percentage by which the government hiked the interest rates of small savings schemes for the April-June quarter?
a. 57 b. 70
c. 56 d. 80

Answer

1. c, 2. d, 3. a, 4. d, 5. d, 6. c, 7. b, 8. a, 9. b, 10. d, 11. c, 12. b, 13. d, 14. c, 15. b.