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நாங்கள் இன்னும் அந்த  
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achievements through three basic dimensions – health, knowledge, and standards of living – placed Pakistan in the 161st position out of 185 countries in 2022. In other words, Pakistan is among the 25 countries with the lowest human development in the world.

The country's current situation has multiple causes, including overall poor economic management, corruption, and excessive spending on defense and the armed forces. In a country where half the population is under the age of 22, investing in the education and technical skills of youth

## Read the following passage and Answer: the question that follows.

When Prince John was eight, his father decided it was time for him to start learning about the world beyond the palace walls. So he sent him off to boarding school. At first, John was homesick and missed his mother and sister terribly. But he soon made friends with some of the other boys and started to enjoy himself. He loved learning new things and was soon top of his class. The years flew by and, before he knew it, John was eighteen and back at the palace, ready to take on his responsibilities as heir to the throne.



1. What did John's father decide when he was eight?
2. Why did John's father send him to boarding school?
3. At first, how did John feel about being at boarding school?
4. How did John eventually adjust to boarding school?
5. Why did John come back to the palace?

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Princess Catherine was always a bright student, but she had never been to an actual school before. When she learned that she would be attending one for the first time, she was excited and nervous all at the same time. On her first day, she met her teacher, Miss Smith. Miss Smith was very kind and helped her to feel comfortable right away. Princess Catherine soon found out that she loved learning new things in school. She started to have fun with math. She made new friends and enjoyed learning about all sorts of new things, from math and science to history and English.



1. What was Princess Catherine's initial reaction to learning that she would be attending school for the first time?
2. How did Princess Catherine feel after meeting her teacher, Miss Smith?
3. What subjects did Princess Catherine enjoy learning about in school?
4. Did Princess Catherine make any new friends during her time at school?

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### My Mission to Help Street Dogs

One day, a young girl discovered a street dog who appeared to be injured. She took him in and nursed him back to health. It made her happy to see the dog recover and soon they became inseparable friends. The girl began feeding him, walking him, and playing with him every day. She even started sleeping with him in her bed so he wouldn't be alone. The dog was so grateful to have a loving home and friend.



Since then, she has made it her mission to take care of all the street dogs in her neighborhood. She provides them with food and shelter and ensures that they are safe and loved.

1. What did the young girl discover?
2. How did the young girl feel when she nursed the dog back to health?
3. Why does she want to help all of the other street dogs?
4. How did the dog feel about the girl?
5. What is the girl's ultimate goal?

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### The curious bee and the trap flower

Once upon a time, there was a bee who lived in a garden. The bee loved to fly around and explore the different flowers. One day, while the bee was flying around, it found a flower that it had never seen before. The bee was so curious about the flower that it decided to land on it to take a closer look. When the bee landed on the flower, it realized that the flower was actually a trap! The bee was so angry that it decided to sting the flower. After the bee stung the flower, it flew away and never came back again.



1. What are we talking about?
2. What did the bee love to do?
3. What did the bee do when it found the new flower?
4. Why was the bee angry?
5. What happened after the bee stung the flower?

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achievements through three basic dimensions – health, knowledge, and standards of living – placed Pakistan in the 161st position out of 185 countries in 2022. In other words, Pakistan is among the 25 countries with the lowest human development in the world.

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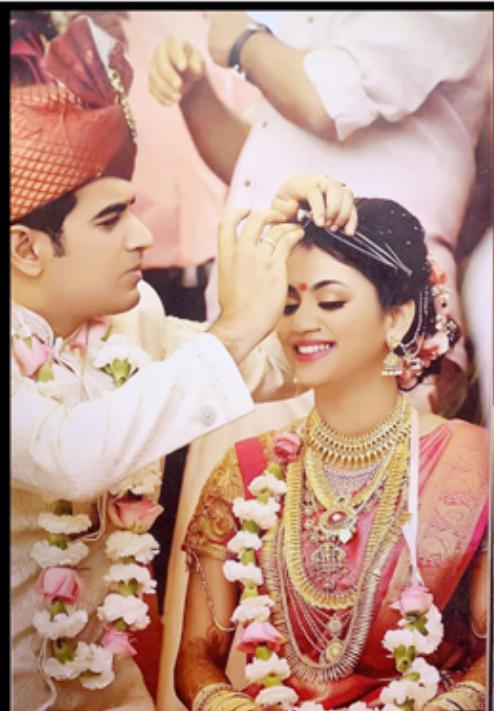


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