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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

The importance placed on exam results by parent and school can be stressful for students. The pressure to achieve high grades can make some kids seriously stressed leading to health issues. So many times, when students do not get the results they had expected, they absorb this as affirmation that they aren't good enough. As a result, they lose self-belief, and assume they are not capable of achieving anything. They adopt a self-limiting fixed mindset towards their own abilities.

Parents and teachers have to understand that not all children are academically gifted, and grades are not everything! There are other experiences, skills and qualities which are equally important to help our children and young people reach their future potential. We have to understand that skills like character, resilience, communication, determination, resourcefulness, initiative, problem solving and team spirit are also highly valued traits in every field of life. There are many examples in the of successful people who failed exams or dropped schools but excelled in life, such as Richard Branson, Steven Spielberg, Subhash Chandra, and many others.

Though, it is important to stay focused at school and exams are important, but not at the cost of your mental health and happiness. Keep them in perspective. Examiners should also evaluate students on overall personality development and help students build on all their areas of strength – and not just their ability to pass exams. Exams are just one stepping stone on our pathway to being an independent, responsible, and learned adults.

Being a student myself, I strongly believe that because of the pressure and importance academic grades, we losing our sense of viewpoint on exam results; magnifying their importance completely out of all proportion. It is advised that we must keep our outlook balance and remember that there's more to life than exam grades.

- Athena Singh IV C

REAL HAPPINESS

**Happiness is something that
you can't buy,
It is a feeling that you should
enjoy!**

**Does happiness mean good
grades??**

**You can get real happiness in
many other ways.....**

**Little incidents that make you
smile are happiness!!**

**Clapping for your friend's
achievement is happiness!!**

**Getting praised by your
teachers is happiness!!**

**Respecting elders and getting
their blessings is happiness!!**

**Caring for animals; helping
the needy people; being polite
to everyone; cleaning your
surroundings, is real
happiness!!!**



**-Shlok Singh
V E**



INSPIRATIONS

My exams were approaching,
I was nervous and a little worried,
My mumma noticed and inspired me,
What she taught was metamorphic.

My dear darling learn from the lion,
How brave, bold and strong he can be,
Be patient and get ready,
Set your goals like Leopard and Bees.

Look carefully at these small spiders,
How determined and persistent.
Little ants are so hardworking,
So dedicated and strategic.

My little one don't get anxious,
Like Panda do not forget to have fun,
No matter how difficult it is,
Stay calm, cool and deal with it.

Eat more green veggies like a rhino,
Stay strong, healthy and robust.
Eat nuts, fruits like squirrels,
This will help you give your best.

Thank you mommy for these lessons,
I am ready with new zeal and passion,
All your teachings are transformative,
These will help, guide and encourage.

-Krystle Sharma

IV D



सफलता की कुंजी

लगे रहो लगे रहो लगन लगा के लगे रहो,
बढे चलो बढे चलो मंजिल पाने तक बढे चलो।

मेहनत पर करना विश्वास, किस्मत की न करना आस।
आज नहीं कल मिल जायेगा, दुनिया में यश छा जायेगा।।
किये चलो किये चलो, खामोशी से श्रम किये चलो।
सफलता खुद ही चिल्लायेगी, मेहनत का फल दिलवाएगी।।१।।

लगे रहो लगे रहो—

अपने हाँथ अंगुलिया देखो वो तुमको कुछ बतलाती है।
सब है अपनी जगह महान, कद से न होती पहचान।।
कही बड़े का होता मान, कही है छोटे की पहचान।
दिए चलो दिए चलो, सौ प्रतिशत तुम दिए चलो ।। २।।

लगे रहो लगे रहो —

नम्बर के पीछे न भागो, ग्रेड पोजीशन पर न झाँको ।
नाँलेज ही अपनी पूंजी है, सफलता की ये ही कुंजी है।।
बस इतना ही रखना ध्यान, गुरुओ का करना सम्मान।
जिए चलो जिए चलो, इसी मंत्र पर जिए चलो ।। ३।।

लगे रहो लगे रहो लगन लगा के लगे रहो,
बढे चलो बढे चलो मंजिल पाने तक बढे चलो।

निकित अग्रहरि
क्लास - २ सी





THE LION AND THE WILD PIG



Once upon a time, there was a hungry lion. He found a deer who was alone, and followed him. Suddenly, the lion started running to catch the deer but he failed to do so. Now he was tired and thirsty. He found a pond and went to drink water. Suddenly a wild pig came and started drinking water with the lion. The lion thought that "I am the king of the jungle", if I am drinking water no one is allowed to drink water with me.

The lion asked the wild pig to go away from the pond. The pig ignored the lion, and kept drinking water. Now lion started fighting with the wild pig .

They were strong and powerful. After few hours when they were injured and tired, suddenly a vulture came and started watching them. The vulture called his colony. When they both saw that the vultures are watching them they understood that they are just fighting for a small thing they also understood that any way the only profit is for the vultures.

So, the lion said- "Hey friend! let us go and drink water, it was my fault that I told you to go away from the pond" . "No my friend, it was just a mistake, let's go and drink water" said the wild pig.

Upset, the vultures flew away after the lion and the pig became friends.

- Vihan Srivastava IV B

THE MAGICAL WHISTLE

Once, there was a little boy named Coco who lived in a small village. This village had a lot of farms. Coco and his father always tried to help their village.

After lot of effort and hard work, his father was finally able to make a magical whistle. When the whistle was blown, all crops in the farm nearby would ripen in just a minute. With this whistle Coco and his father helped to improve the crop production of the village.

But one day, this magical whistle was lost and the crops were not growing fast anymore and so the village was getting poor.

Coco prayed to the God. And then one day he came up with an idea. Coco went to the village Chief and suggested to start a lost and found table. The village Chief liked the idea and so he set up a lost and found table outside his house.

After a couple of days an old man came to the village and placed the whistle on this lost and found table. When Coco saw it, he jumped with joy and said "PHEW! , finally I found the whistle."

And now once again the crops were growing fast and the villagers became rich.

- Adwik Jamindar V E

THE TRUE PATH OF LIFE

LONG AGO THERE LIVED A TEN YEAR OLD BOY. HE USED TO RUN AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND WAS NEVER CAUGHT, SO HE WAS SAVED FROM ANY SCOLDING TOO. ALTHOUGH HE ALWAYS COMPLETED HIS STUDIES AND WORK ON TIME ALL HIS FOCUS WAS ONLY ON ONE THING AND THAT WAS ACROBATICS. HIS DREAM WAS TO BE AN ACROBAT. HE USED TO RUN AWAY TO WATCH THE ACROBATS PRACTICING ON THE ROPE. HE SAT IN THE CORNER ON A BENCH AND KEPT WATCHING THEIR MOVES KEENLY.

ONE DAY HE WAS CAUGHT FOR BUNKING THE CLASS AND WAS SCOLDED BY HIS TEACHER AND A COMPLAINT WAS MADE TO HIS PARENTS BUT HE DIDN'T LEAVE HIS DREAM. HIS PARENTS HAD A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR HIS FUTURE. THEY WANTED HIM TO BE A DOCTOR BECAUSE HE SCORED EXCELLENT GRADES BUT HE ONLY EYED TO BE AN ACROBAT. HE STARTED SPENDING HIS POCKET MONEY ON LEARNING ACROBATICS SECRETLY. HIS COACH HAD SENSED HIS STERN AND STRONG DETERMINATION AND SO HE SPENT EXTRA ENERGY ON HIM. YEARS PASSED AND THE GOLDEN MOMENT ARRIVED THE WORLD CAME TO KNOW HIS TALENT WHEN HE WON THE GOLD MEDAL IN OLYMPICS. THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND HIS PARENTS CELEBRATED HIS WIN.

MORAL: ALWAYS FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS AND
NEVER LET THEM GO



-Shimeka Gupta
VA

MY MOM IS MY HAPPINESS

My mother is gold
Our hands always hold.
She hugs me many times
She gives me a lot of her time.

My mother is smart
She is unique in art.

She cooks different types of food
Almost every time, she's in a jolly mood.

My mother is like a doctor who is kind
When I lose something she is the one who
strives to find

She warns me if I have to tie my lace
She also makes sure I run at a good pace.

She's kind, loving and nice.

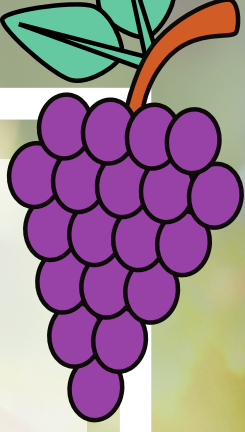
For homework she gives me advice.
When we are together it is really pleasant
That's why my mom is my happiness.



-Eashan Singh

II F

खट्टे अंगूर



एक लोमड़ी भूखी प्यासी चली ढूंढने खाना ।
दिनभर घूमी इधर-उधर पर मिला न उसका दाना ।
एक बाग में चलते-चलते निकल गई वह दूर ।
पक्के-पक्के अंगूर देखकर मुँह में आया पानी ।
उछल-उछल कर लगी पकड़ने उन्हें लोमड़ी रानी ।
पर बड़ी ऊँचाई पर थे अंगूरों के मुछे ।
मीठे-मीठे प्यारे-प्यारे मोती जैसे सच्चे ।
आखिर उनको पकड़ न पाई, हो गई थक्के चूर ।
जाते-जाते बोली कितने खट्टे हैं अंगूर ।

- बूँद सुरेन्द्र शील
II-C



It is not difficult

To smile,
To apologise,
To be selfless,
To admit mistakes,
To enjoy your work,
To laugh at yourself,
To think and then act,
To forgive and forget,
To control bad temper,
To make someone happy,
To learn from mistakes,
To respond and not react,
To be honest and truthful,
To refrain from criticising,
To shoulder the deserved blame,
To keep cool when provoked,
To listen without interrupting,
To respect others point of view,
To do a little more than expected,
To be well mannered to all,
But it is worth doing.

Ritika Kumar
T.G.T.(English)

POSITIVE
VIBES

HAPPINESS



**HAPPINESS IS A GREAT THING
TO HAVE**

**HAPPINESS IS WHEN YOU
CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY
HAPPINESS IS WHERE YOUR**

FAMILY REUNITE

HAPPINESS IS ALL YOU WANT

HAPPINESS IS FULL OF JOY

**HAPPINESS IS PART OF YOUR
LIFE**

HAPPINESS IS IN YOUR HEART

HAPPINESS IS ALL AROUND

YOU

- Shivansh Bhardwaj

II F





My mother is my life

Red blue pink and white,
You are beautiful and my
life.

Whenever I close my
eyes,
You stand with me all the
time.

You make me happy all
the time,
You are my sunshine and
my life.

I always pray to God,
That He makes you happy
all the time.

Oh my mother you are my
life!



-Vedansh Agarwal
II G



The New Year's Reunion

This is a fictional story of a young girl named Maomao who was super excited about the New Year because she would be able to meet her father on the Chinese New Year. Her father could only meet the family at this time of the year. A few days before the New Year's eve, her father returns home. She was so happy that she cried. Her father got a haircut and helped in fixing the house. Later on, mother, father, Maomao made rice balls and hid a coin inside them that was considered good luck. They made snowmen and played with each other. Suddenly, she realized that she had lost the coin that she had hidden in the rice ball. She found it and ended up giving it to her father so whenever he missed her, he could look at the coin and remember the cherished moments they had spent together. After the New Year's eve, father returned to his work.

- Pratyaksha Pal
V-B

BOOK REVIEW

Book 1: Tilly And The Book Wanderers

This is the first book where Tilly and Oskar find out she is a book wanderer, when while reading a book, a character appears out of nowhere. When they enquire about this incident, her grandparents, whom she lives with after her mother disappeared, tell her that she too is a book wanderer just like her grandparents. She gets further information about these book wanderers and is shown around their secret library. Tilly thinks that her new power has something to do with the disappearance of her mother and so she goes on an adventure hoping to find her. Tilly may be successful or unsuccessful but that's for me to know and you to read... This book shows how you should never meddle with someone else's story or there could be severe consequences. I enjoyed it a lot, though as this was only the first one all my questions about book wanderers were not resolved. But what makes this book and the whole series unique is relativity not between lives but knowledge about books, for example: "You're so much like her, Matilda. I don't want to make you feel like Harry Potter, but you really do have her eyes" Amelia said. Great book for starters, I give it a 4.8/5

Book 2: Tilly And The Lost Fairy Tales

The head librarian Amelia is removed for not sharing who was the culprit guilty for the disappearance of Tilly's mother even though she was not sure and a new head librarian is chosen, Melville Underwood. Tilly and Oskar go to his father's house on vacation as Oskar's grandmother is ill and he wishes to go there. Oskar and Tilly find out that Oskar too is a book wanderer and that he gets it from his grandmother. When Tilly and Oskar try to book wanderer, even though they were forbidden, since, anything could go wrong, they find book magic leaking out of fairy tales and a new adventure begins.

This book is where the story starts to get more intriguing and you just can't wait for the next one. This book shows us to choose our leaders carefully or we are the ones who shall suffer and that an old story has many faces. A delightful read I give it a 4.9/5.

Book 3: Tilly And The Map Of Stories

The Underwood siblings are more powerful than ever and there is something that they are up to but no one knows what. Tilly and Oskar go to America to find the legendary Archivist hoping that they could help. With new dangers and friends in their way, the two find themselves in the middle of a historical event in book wandering history.

**-Sanaya Kaushal
IV F**

Harry Potter

I have got many books but Harry Potter is the most enchanting book series I possess. Many people just watch the movies rather than reading the books either because they don't like reading or because it's much easier for them to watch the movies, but if you ask me, I prefer reading over watching it. It's because when you read it from a book, you can use your imagination to create and understand the characters but if you are not so good at imagining then you can read the Harry Potter books that have pictures.

Another reason why I recommend reading is that there are many things in the books that are not shown in the movies. The seven books of Harry Potter are all equally interesting and enchanting. From the smart and brave Hermione Granger, the misunderstood and dreamy Luna Lovegood, the funny Weasley twins-Fred and George, the mean, bossy and hated Professor Umbridge, the favorite Weasley- Ron, the strong-from-outside and soft-from-inside monster- loving Hagrid, the loving motherly figure named Mrs. Weasley, the best godfather who was accused of a crime he did not commit- Sirius Black, the bad, powerful, evil and power thirsty-Lord

Voldemort, the great and noble Professor Dumbledore to our favourite Harry Potter, all of these characters (and the others which I didn't mention) are special in their own ways.

Once you start reading the book then it's hard to put it down. I have read many books but Harry Potter is exceptional. Some people who have never seen or read Harry Potter think that we are just kids who are fussing over nothing, but actually, this is a book that is perfect for all ages, a book which is more like a dream that you can never forget.

-Mehreen Shimaz
Choudhary
VA



A graphic featuring two large, stylized water droplets in shades of blue. The word "WATER" is written in a bold, dark blue font across the top of the droplets, and the word "POLLUTION" is written in a similar font across the bottom. The background of the entire page is a light blue gradient with a faint, repeating pattern of the water droplet graphic.

WATER POLLUTION

Water is our most valuable source of energy found in lakes, streams, rivers, and oceans. And it has many uses and it is the source of life for many living organisms.

However, we keep on interfering with its beneficial use and purity by contaminating it with garbage, toxic chemicals, and radioactive substances.

To protect this valuable resource, we should take some steps like not throwing garbage in water sources. This would help us save water for future generations. So let's take a pledge to save the water and make it available for upcoming years and not to contaminate it anymore.

*-Arnav Pandey
II D*

I WANT TO BE AN INSPIRATION

It took me a lifetime
to step out of this house
all on my own...
Today I finally took a decision
to stand for myself...
to break these chains
that created the boundaries
& tried to cage me inside
these four walls of the house.

Sometimes,
I wonder
How can someone be
protected
by not being allowed
to enjoy a tinge of freedom? They say, "Mehnaaz, Man is THE HELMET of the family."
A Helmet...Really??
A helmet is able to protect a person
Only when he's exposed to the uncertain situations..
How can you protect me from something... When I'm bound to nothing
But your injustice?
I wanna be an inspiration
A ray of hope~
for all those
who wish to fly in the colourful sky
with nothing
but their spirits high!!!


Dhritarashtra was more blind in mind than in sight...
His unjust love for Duryodhana ignited the fire that burnt the entire kurukshetra clan...
No matter what he did or the way he did,
Dhritarashtra always managed to save his son by putting forward his own lunatic perceptions...
History repeats itself!
That's exactly what happens in kaliyuga...
People tend to shower favouritism...
regardless of what's right or wrong...
They never consider the facts (just like Dhritarashtra) and keep on uplifting their priorities.
Well...
That shouldn't be the thing we put our minds to.
We know the conclusion already... And thus shall prevail...
No matter what the yuga is.. Duryodhana will experience a terrific death...
leaving Dhritarashtra in ruins and in regrets!!!



MY FRIENDS

As I look at you my friend,
I feel a sense of pride.
When I give a gift to you,
Your smile makes me feel nice.

We play in the park ,
where lovely friends
mix and match and
greetings fills our hearts.



The lovely sound of
play and laughter ,
Makes our friendship
stronger than all !

- AGAMJOT
II A

BACK TO SCHOOL

**Coming back from school
She saw his bike parked in front of the house...**

Perplexed

**She tried to Swiftly sleek inside
the glass door**

as if she was a squirrel!

**Excitedly..she peeped inside the living room
to check**

**if he was actually there
on leave or a half-day...probably!!**

Oh no!! He wasn't found in there

**She turned around
And headed towards her room..**

Devastated!!

**She switches on the lights
And..Boooooo...**

Jump Scares-Of course!!

Her dad was on there on a weekday!!

**As she ran towards him
to give a hug,**

**her hands swinging
widely in the air...**

**All of a sudden
the alarm bell rings.**

And woosh.. Everything vanishes!!!!

**-Gunjan Ma'am
TGT English**

DID YOU KNOW?



Neutron stars can spin 600 times per second.



Astronauts often lose their fingernails after conducting spacewalks




The footprints on the moon will be there for 100 million years.



The footprints on the moon will be there for 100 million years.



It is impossible to whistle in a Spacesuit



One day on Venus is about 243 Earth days

-Aaradhya Singh
VA

AMAZING FACTS

1) Hot water will turn into ice faster than cold water.

2) The strongest muscle in our body is the tongue

3) When the moon's exactly overhead you'll weigh slightly lighter

4) The name of all the continents ends with the same letter that they start with.

5) People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond

6) Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil

7) All polar bears are left-handed

-MIHIKA GOEL

IV-F

AMAZING FACTS



1) Yawning cools your brain.

2) Fleas are among the world's best jumpers.



3) A million Earths would fit inside the Sun.

4) Flamingos bend their legs at the ankle, not the knee.

5) Ice pops were invented by an 11-year-old by accident.

6) Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins can.

7) It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.

--GARGI DHONGADI

V-A

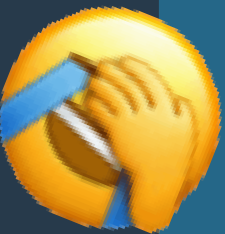


JOKES

1. *Why don't pirates take a shower before they walk the plank?*
-Because they just wash up on the shore.

2. *Two friend were talking. One of them asked - what's the best thing about Switzerland?*

The other one replied - I don't know but the flag is a big plus.



-Aarav Bahl

VA

Riddles

1. Riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?

2. Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?



3. Riddle: What month of the year has 28 days?

4. Riddle: What is full of holes but still holds water?

5. Riddle: What question can you never answer yes to?

6. Riddle: What is always in front of you but can't be seen?



-SANVI SAHU
IV-F

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Riddles

- 1 – What goes up and down but does not move?
- 2 – I am tall when I am young and short when I am old who am I?
- 3 – What does every woman have that starts with the letter 'V' and she uses it to get anything she wants?
- 4 – You go on red, you stop at the green. What am I?
- 5 – What is black when it is clean and white when it is dirty?
- 6 – What is easy to get into but hard to get outside?
- 7 – People buy me to eat, but never eat me what am I?



-Vardhan

V E

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RIDDLES

1. What has holes but still holds water?
2. What has lots of eyes but can't see?
3. Which building has the most stories?
4. If you drop me I am sure to crack but if you smile I am sure to smile back?
5. People make me, save me, change me, raise me. What am I?
6. If you speak its name you break it.
7. What word begins with a T, ends with a T, and has a T in it?
8. The more there is the less you see.

Atharva Vashishta

VD

(1) sponge
(2) potato
(3) library
(4) mirror
(5) Money
(6) Silence
(7) A teapot
(8) Dark

RIDDLES

1) WHICH TYPE OF CANDY IS ALWAYS LATE?

ANS= CHOCOLATE

2) I NEED AIR TO LIVE BUT I HAVE NO LUNGS AND IF I TAKE WATER, I DIE. WHAT AM I?

ANS= FIRE

3) WHAT IS THE QUESTION THAT EVERYONE GIVES DIFFERENT ANSWERS BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS COMPLETELY CORRECT?

ANS= WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

4) WHAT COMES ONCE IN A MINUTE TWICE IN A MOMENT BUT NEVER IN A THOUSAND YEARS?

ANS= THE LETTER 'M'

5) WHY DO BICYCLES FALL OVER?

ANS= BECAUSE THEY ARE TIRED.

6) WHAT IS A ROBOT'S FAVORITE KIND OF MUSIC?

ANS= HEAVY METAL

7) I AM A PLANET AND MY SUNSETS ARE BLUE WHICH PLANET AM I?

ANS=MARS

8) WHICH ROOM CAN YOU EAT IN?

ANS=MUSHROOM

- SARTHAK

IV C



ARTWORK



Darsh V E



Gargi Dhongadi V A



Adwik Jamindar V E



Atharva Vasishta V D



Samriddhi Gupta IV F



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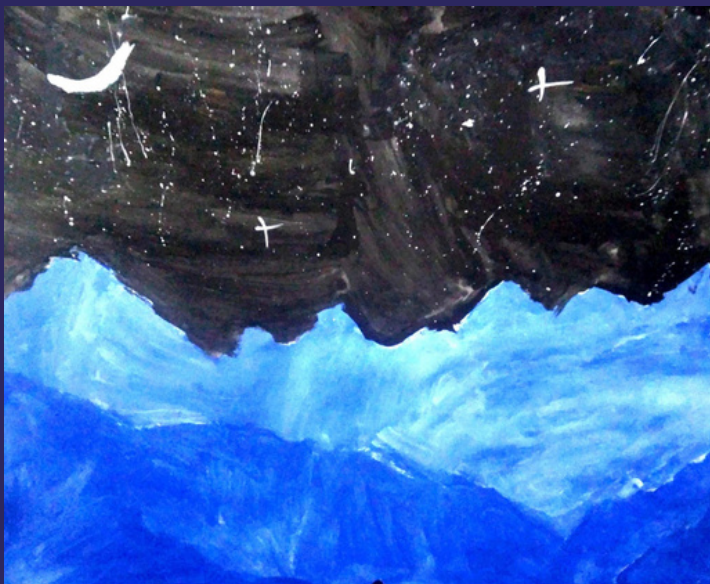
Anvi Singh V D



Annapurna IV C



Angad Singh II F



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Anshi Tomar V D



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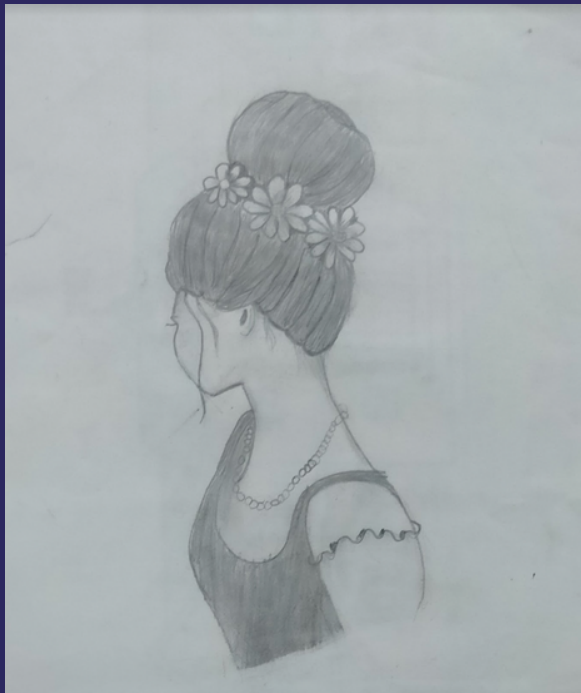
Areeba V E



Riana Gupta II D



Sunny Tiwari II A



Gargi Dhongadi V A



Ansh Tomar V D



Riana Gupta II D



Saksham II A



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