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REMINISCING THAT EPOCH

~ Ariel

Have you ever just closed your eyes and listened? Did nothing but just listened? Have you ever found that mellifluous and sonorous whisper that set your heart a quiver? Does that ineffable sound remind you of those distant, somnambulist memories? Do you remember that bombinate serendipity that leads you to that ethereal limerence you held so dear? The illicit epiphany that woke you up in the middle of the night, that reminded you that this syzygy was destined. Do you remember it? That ephemeral yet eternal moment, do you recall that hiraeth? I did and I do.

IT IS TIME TO HUSTLE, CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS

~ Mahima Juyal

It has been officially stated by Cambridge that the exam series taking place in June has been brought forward a month. Yes, entirely a month. There is something incredibly stressful about knowing that everything you studied for, or *have not started* studying for, is approaching 30 days prior to what had been imagined. Outcries of anger, pressure, and shock have overtaken the Cambridge students. All of us are left wondering and absolutely shocked by the administration's actions. Hundreds and thousands of questions are floating in our minds. Wouldn't it be fair to postpone the exams? What about all the Art and Coursework-submitting students, stressing about giving in their work, now alongside the fistful of exams? What happens if school continues to occur through blinding screens (which seem to be less effective than physical school) until exams?

We are all unsteady. However, there is nothing that can be done about it. It is officially time to hustle, Cambridge students!

NOT ONLY STUDENTS

~ Mohini Chandra

In this day and age, the students of age 14 and above are not only concerned with their academics but also with the multiple activities they perform as part of their profile building. They have to concentrate on the upkeep of their grades, along with must-have extracurriculars. Students end up staying awake all night doing homework or studying and by the time the weekend arrives, all they want is a break from looking at their screens. They get tired, cranky, and moody. The cherry on top is that school goes on, and on, and before they know it, another series of exams come along. These students need a break from school, homework and the stress and anxiety of exams. A holiday just to be children instead of students.

ECCENTRIC HOPES

~ Oprah Maibum

Just around midnight, two weeks before our final exams, I had just finished another anime series. Tired from sitting in front of my computer screen for hours now in the same position, the series left me questioning our whole existence. Are there parallel worlds where everything takes different turns? Can there be two versions of me, living in the same dimension? What if the unnoticed or "unpopular" people's existence would be erased from our minds and we would not even realise it? These questions sound so half-witted out loud, or the least of issues to be bothered about. But it is not wrong to envision it, right? I spent a good hour completely dozing off to wild incorrigible theories. I, personally, would not mind removing my existence from people's minds and roaming vicinities without any hindrance. Well, as of now, I hope the time you spent reading this was worth as much as how the series was for me.

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REMEMBER

When there are thorns,
Remember there is a rose.

When you are tested,
Remember you are the one He chose.

When there is darkness,
Remember there is a ray.
A ray of hope, a ray of light,
A ray to pull you towards the day.

When you fall, fall and fail,
Remember He is always there,
To help you and lend a hand,
Remember it's you
who tries and chooses to dare.

So, when you're stuck,
In the chaos of life,
Remember to be calm,
And listen to His voice.

~ Sakshi Dharnidharka

“All that we see or seem,
is but a dream within a
dream”

~ Edgar Allan Poe

INDIA'S PLAN FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION

~ Sweety Mohanta

India has started preparing to vaccinate its 130-crore population by planning to deliver 600 million doses of covid-19 vaccine in the next 6 to 8 months. Dr.VK Paul, who heads the covid-19 vaccine administration, said that Serum, Bharat, Zydus and Sputnik vaccines require the normal cold chain facilities, whereas Moderna and Pfizer vaccines need ultra-cold storage, which India lacks. At present, regulators are considering Pfizer for emergency use authorisation but the supplies are not anticipated until the second half of next year. With 600 million doses, the government has planned to prioritise certain groups and vaccinate 300 million in the first go.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Mussoorie International School has released its tentative reopening date, students might return to school from 30th January onwards.
- On December 16, 2020, The U.S Congress passed a \$740 billion National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) that included Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's resolution urging the Chinese government to end its military aggression against India along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). This will become law once President Donald Trump signs it.
- Boko Haram claims the abduction of 333 students in Nigeria's Katsina State which took place on December 15, 2020. The leader of Boko Haram said, "I am Abubakar Shekau and our brothers are behind the kidnapping in Katsina," which was relayed through a voice message.
- The Great Conjunction, a rare astronomical phenomenon will take place on December 21st. The two biggest planets, Saturn and Jupiter, will appear in the same line of sight with an angular separation of 0.1 degree. July 16, 1623 (400 years ago) was the last time a conjunction this great took place.

OODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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DO THEY DESERVE TO KILL?

~ Vanshika Choudhary

At 9:27 pm, on January 10th, 2020, in Terre Haute, a dark-skinned man, named Brandon Bernard of 40 years of age was executed for committing a crime at 18. He and four other men were accused of robbing, murdering and burglarising a couple. Back then, one of the youngsters, Christopher Vialva, shot them in the head before Bernard set their vehicle ablaze. Vialva, was 19 when he committed the crime and was executed earlier this year. The other three young men who were engaged with the episode were given jail sentences as they were under 18 and hence, classed as adolescents or juveniles. Despite Brandon having not shot anyone, he was unfairly executed by the state. Mr. Bernard, the ninth man executed by the government since July of this year, spent the greater part of his life waiting for capital punishment. In his last days, supporters of Mr. Bernard, begged President Trump to give him forgiveness. Since he was a youngster at the hour of the killings, his case resuscitated inquiries regarding forcing capital punishment on youthful detainees sentenced for rough violations. They all did what they could, yet they lost. The question about the death penalty in America is not whether people deserve to die for crimes they commit. The real question is: "Do they need to kill?". Black men are more likely to be imprisoned than white men, they are also more likely to be sentenced to life in prison and execution. No government should be in control of whether someone lives or dies. In his last words, he apologised for committing the crime and to the family of the couple he robbed, and his family for all the pain. He also mentioned that he wishes that his death brings meaning and ripple through generations positively. Brandon who shall forever be a logo for justice is going to be remembered as a loving, joyful, humble one that always looked out for everybody but himself. He helped to raise his two daughters whom he never had a chance to hug. He showed us all truth meaning of remorse. He had dreams. Just like you and me.

NO BOUNDARIES TO GENDER

~ Ankita Nararyan

Harry Styles, the English singer, songwriter, and actor, recently made headlines by wearing a dress on a cover of the popular magazine Vogue, and not surprisingly lots of people were outraged; things like it is "feminizing masculinity" were stated quite often, which is not only sexist but also queer-phobic. The world, we live in, loves to put things in binary. Binary in clothing, makeup, sports, professions, and even color. Many people are uncomfortable with the idea of seeing men in dresses or women breaking out of stereotypical roles they are placed in, and often are uncomfortable with the existence of non-binary people. It is not a shocking fact that gender is a social construct. There is no boundary, neither in gender nor in the way that it is expressed. Humans are fluid in every way they can be; society, on the other hand, binds us in roles and limits us in more harmful ways than we realize. This categorizing becomes rigid to a point it where becomes a base of discrimination to the people not willing to be a part of this societal construct.

THE NEXT STEP

~ Gurnimrat Brar



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Have we not always thought about how great our lives would be if we got into our dream university? It is the Ivy Leagues and deemed names that we dream of; all those places that promise effortless ways to success after admission. However, we need to understand that regardless of the university, or lack thereof, that we join, it is not the admission in a famed university that defines us, rather it is our uniqueness, our mindset and virtue that will guide the light. The way we understand the needs of the world, and how we picture ourselves working in it, sets us apart and determines where we land in life. We have always learnt to think big and not let anything get into our way of reaching our dreams, so let us not let an acceptance result or percentage crush our spirits. Always remember that there is an Almighty up there, who has something better in store for us, therefore never give up and strive to achieve what has never been done before.

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Diary of a MISTar

Dear Diary,

Hey everybody, how's it going for everyone after exams? Hope everyone did well.

Okay, now that I'm done with the small talk, it's time to drop the bomb. Today's diary entry will be the last one to be published. Yes, we'll be discontinuing it. I took this decision because it's not only that it's becoming really repetitive and boring and lame but also because, honestly, even I'm tired of writing it. There's no point in writing something which has completely lost its cause, right?

But don't you worry, we are introducing another column in The Originals next issue onwards. It'll be an advice/discussion column that will talk about very general things, ranging from small things we don't realise we are doing wrong to large things concerning society. We will also be accepting questions which will be completely anonymous. These questions don't have to be school-related, they can be anything. Anything, you want to seek advice for. The link to the question submission form will be shared with everybody soon. We aim to make this an interactive medium and hope for interesting responses.

Last but not the least, we've introduced our very own anonymous writer, Ariel, who will be stepping into the shoes left by Scarlet and Sleeping Beauty. Hope you like her work. That's all. 'Til next time.

~ Samiksha Singh

WEB SERIES AND FILL

Complete the idioms with the names of famous web series.

1. Jack of all trades, _____.
2. People say, "Happiness makes your skin _____."
3. I got into an argument with the _____ of my high school.
4. _____ in need are _____ indeed.
5. Her outfit was completely _____.
6. It is the _____ in life that matter the most.
7. Her chest was too tight for her to _____ comfortably.
8. MIS is an _____ school

1. Master of none, 2. Glow, 3. Mean Girls, 4. Friends, 5. Mismatched, 6. Little things, 7. Breathe, 8. Elite.

Answer Key:



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