

IN-FAQ



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On this day in 1917, Sidney Sheldon was born. This week's quiz is all about best-selling authors

Questions

- 1 This author, known for his controversial views on eugenics and scientific racism created characters like John Carter and the Pellicudor series. But his most famous creation was the son of a British lord named Greystoke. Name him.
- 2 This writer worked for Britain's Naval Intelligence during the war, and started on his first novel in his Jamaican retreat in 1952. The book was a huge hit and followed by 11 more books and two collections of short stories. Name the author and the main protagonist in all these works.
- 3 This Argentinian born Frenchman was known for his writing in strips like Lucky Luke and Izngoud. But his most famous creation was launched with the first edition of a magazine named Pilote. Who was this prodigious writer?
- 4 Irving Wallace sold over 350 million books in his lifetime, and was known for his controversial themes. If his novel, 'The Man,' was about the first African American President of the US, what was the background for his novel 'The Prize,' also made into a film starring Paul Newman?
- 5 Who wrote a set of six novels using the pseudonym Mary Westmacott, a combination of her second name and the surname of some distant relatives?
- 6 Regarded as the third highest selling author of all time, this writer at one point had the longest entry in Who's Who, and wrote a record-breaking 23 novels in 1976. Identify this lady, known for her contemporary and historical romances?
- 7 The best-selling French author of all time is actually Belgian, though his primary protagonist works in the Paris Brigade Criminelle. Who is this author whose books have sold over 500 million copies in over 50 languages worldwide?
- 8 Eiichiro Oda is a Japanese manga artist and creator of a series that has sold over 500 million copies worldwide. Name this series, which describe the adventures of a Monkey D Luffy, a boy whose body has gained the properties of rubber after eating devil fruit?
- 9 Which hugely popular series written by a best-selling novelist was set in a boarding school, Benenden, attended by the author's daughter and features a protagonist name inspired by the author's second husband?
- 10 This prolific writer and director was an MD from Harvard Medical School who created the hugely successful medical drama, ER. However, he is most remembered for a book that he wrote in 1990 that spawned one of the most successful film franchises of all time. Name the book and the author.

Answers

1. Tarzan of the Apes
2. Ian Fleming, James Bond
3. Rene Goscinny, who wrote the Asterix stories, illustrated by Uderzo
4. The Nobel Awards
5. Dame Agatha Christie
6. Dame Barbara Cartland
7. Georges Simenon, the creator of Inspector Maigret
8. One Piece, the best-selling comic book series ever
9. Malory Towers by Enid Blyton. The character Darrell Waters was inspired by the name of her husband Kenneth Darrell Waters
10. Jurassic Park, Michael Crichton

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Android case: SC refuses Google plea to modify order

BALL IN NCLAT'S COURT. The matter is now before the appellate tribunal, which will hear the tech giant's appeal from February 15-17

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In a setback to Google, a division Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud on Friday declined a plea by the tech giant to modify its January 19 order.

The Supreme Court had refused to interfere with the interim order passed by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)

declining to grant a stay on the Competition Commission of India's directions in the Android matter on October 20 last year.

The plea for modification was argued by Maninder Singh, Senior Counsel, representing Google, before the CJ-led Bench. After a brief hearing, CJI remarked "no clarification" and disposed of the plea.

The SC's nay is significant as the entire Android matter is now before the NCLAT,



which will hear Google's appeal from February 15-17.

It maybe recalled that for the sake of good order, Google had on January 25 filed an application before

the Supreme Court seeking "modification" of the apex court's judgment in the Android case, stating that the January 19 ruling did not record the entire extent of Google's "offer".

COMPLIANCE PERIOD

The SC had on January 19, while rejecting Google's plea for stay of the NCLAT order, extended the period of compliance by another week, which expired on January 26. However, on January 25, just

a day before the extended deadline to implement the CCI's 10 directives expired, Google said in a blogpost that it has informed the CCI on how it would comply with its directives.

Among other changes, Google said Indian users will now have the option to choose their default search engine via a choice of screens.

In its modification application, Google contended that Para 4 (iv) of the judg-

ment — which records the submissions made by Google's counsel during the SC hearing — needed to be modified as it did not capture the entire "offer" made by the tech giant for partial compliance of CCI's directions. In particular, Google highlighted that the judgment did not record the counsel's submission that it would ensure the unbundling of only: (I) Search and Chrome from Play and (II) Chrome from Search.

Indian techies in US to benefit with new visa revalidation rules coming

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The US is planning to restart domestic visa revalidation in a few categories — H-1B and L-1 visas — as a pilot later this year, and aims to scale it up in the next few years. This move could benefit a significant number of Indian tech workers.

Prior to 2004, certain categories of non-immigrant visas, like the H-1B visa, could be renewed or stamped in the US itself. However, later overseas tech workers had to fly to their home country to obtain the H-1B extension stamped on their passports for visa renewal.

When fully implemented, the pilot will help professionals obtain the stamping from the US itself. Foreign guest workers and their employers have experienced serious hardship due to this requirement, given that the visa wait time is for about two years, around 800 days. Typically, H-1B visas are granted for periods of three years.

'BENEFICIAL MOVE'

Human resource analysts say this is a beneficial move on various fronts. Kamal Karanth, Co-Founder of Xpheno, said, "While it's a pilot and with unknowns like the scale, time and eligibility, it is in principle, a huge personal, logistic and financial relief for NIV holders. The current renewal process comes with the uncertainties over waiting time and even the approval by

itself." For professionals on key projects and roles, travelling to the home base for an uncertain window of time for renewal disrupts work and progress, the proposed move will provide continuity on the work front while the renewal process is completed without the costs of international fly-backs, he added.

BOOSTING ECONOMY

Aditya Mishra, CEO, CIEL HR Services, said, "The IT services industry will now have a chance to secure additional contracts that will allow them to send employees from India on both, short-term and long-term basis to the US and generate some cost of lever arbitrage."

With this, people will be able to earn a little more money, which is good for India's forex remittance — the economy could be boosted as consumption will rise with more travel and disposable income, which they will either remit to India or spend there when they visit. However, the impact won't be felt in 3-6 months, but in a slightly longer timeframe, he added.



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Extract of audited results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2022

				(₹ in crores)
	Particulars	Quarter ended December 31, 2022	Figures for the current year ended December 31, 2022	Corresponding quarter ended December 31, 2021 in the previous year
1	Total income from operations	2,426.91	8,567.53	2,101.50
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	400.23	1,023.53	218.50
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	400.23	1,362.79	265.31
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	305.91	1,025.61	193.58
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	282.82	1,004.41	198.95
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value per share ₹ 2/- each)	42.38	42.38	42.38
7	Earnings per share (of ₹ 2/- each) (for continuing operations)	14.44	48.40	9.14
	1. Basic	14.44	48.40	9.14
	2. Diluted			
8	Earnings per share (of ₹ 2/- each) (for discontinued operations)	(0.33)	(0.44)	(0.25)
	1. Basic	(0.33)	(0.44)	(0.25)
	2. Diluted			

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Annual Audited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and Annual Audited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and company's website: www.abb.co.in.

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