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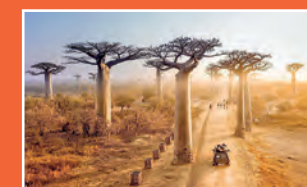


Celebrating 101 years of Mallika Nivasa

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Winners of the Tomahawk Quiz collected their bicycles from the Tomahawk Bicycle Mall in Bambalapitiya recently.



Tomahawk Quiz 197
Revon Don Paul



Tomahawk Quiz 195
Sashenki Tennakoon



Shenesi Silva
11 years on September 17

NOTE

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Read-a-Book and win a voucher from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop



Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it. What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book. The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month. Your account should not exceed 200 words. Please indicate word count on entry. Please fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.

Read-a-Book for August

10 – 12 years

Kieran Ameresekere

The Blood of Olympus by Rick Riordan

13 – 15 years

Zainab Hisham

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien



Read-a-Book Competition

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Avenue of the Baobabs, Madagascar



Avenue of the Baobabs

Madagascar, the world's second-largest island country located off Africa's eastern coast, is an island of diverse ecosystems and a biodiversity hotspot. The country has unique wildlife, with 90% of its plants and animals found nowhere else. Madagascar's wildlife, especially plants, create some of the country's most fascinating sceneries and popular spots.

One of its striking landscapes, attracting tourists from almost all corners of the Earth, is the Avenue of the Baobabs in the Menabe region. This avenue, also known as the Alley of Baobabs, comprises numerous baobab trees along the dirt road linking Belon'i Tsiribihina and Morondava, creating a unique and beautiful setting that may soon be Madagascar's first natural monument.

Baobab trees, known locally as 'renala' (meaning "mother of the forest" in Malagasy), are common throughout Madagascar. Of the Earth's eight species, six are endemic to the country. Some of the baobabs in the country are as much as 2,800 years old, with trunks rising to 150 feet.

The "avenue" is a row of about 25 baobabs stretching about 260 metres. Other baobab trees are also found in the nearby pastures. This sand and gravel road is one of Madagascar's most visited places. It is also the most accessible place to see some of Africa's oldest baobabs. These trees were once part of a forest that comprised other plants. However, encroachment and massive deforestation cleared the area of most trees, leaving the baobabs to grow in isolation. A handful of ancient trees are also present in the nearby areas. When the Arabs visited the area about a century ago, they remarked that the devil may have ripped the baobabs from the ground and planted them upside down because their canopies look like roots.

Conservation of the Baobab Trees

The 20 - 25 baobab trees along the road and the other species growing in the nearby areas are always under constant threat from the increasing population. The trees also face threats from effluents from the nearby paddyfields, forest fires and bushfires. Despite being a popular tourist destination, Avenue of the Baobabs has no admission fee nor visitor center and generates little income for the local communities.

Thankfully, civil societies and non-governmental organizations, in partnership with the government, have noticed the area and developed activities to protect the avenue.

The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests declared it a temporary protected area in July 2007. In July 2015, the site was designated a national



monument, the first in Madagascar. The government and local communities hope the trees can survive for an additional 800 years.

Baobab Amoureux

Besides the Avenue of the Baobabs, the Manabe region also has another baobab attraction known as Baobab Amoureux.

This attraction is located 7 km northwest of the avenue and comprises two baobab trees of the *Adansonia za* species twisted to each other. According to a famous legend, two lovers lived in the nearby village but could not live or have children together



because they already had different partners. However, they always wished they were together and asked for help from their god.

The answer came in the form of the two baobabs that have embraced each other for eternity as the young lovers always wished.

Famous Landmarks Quiz 34

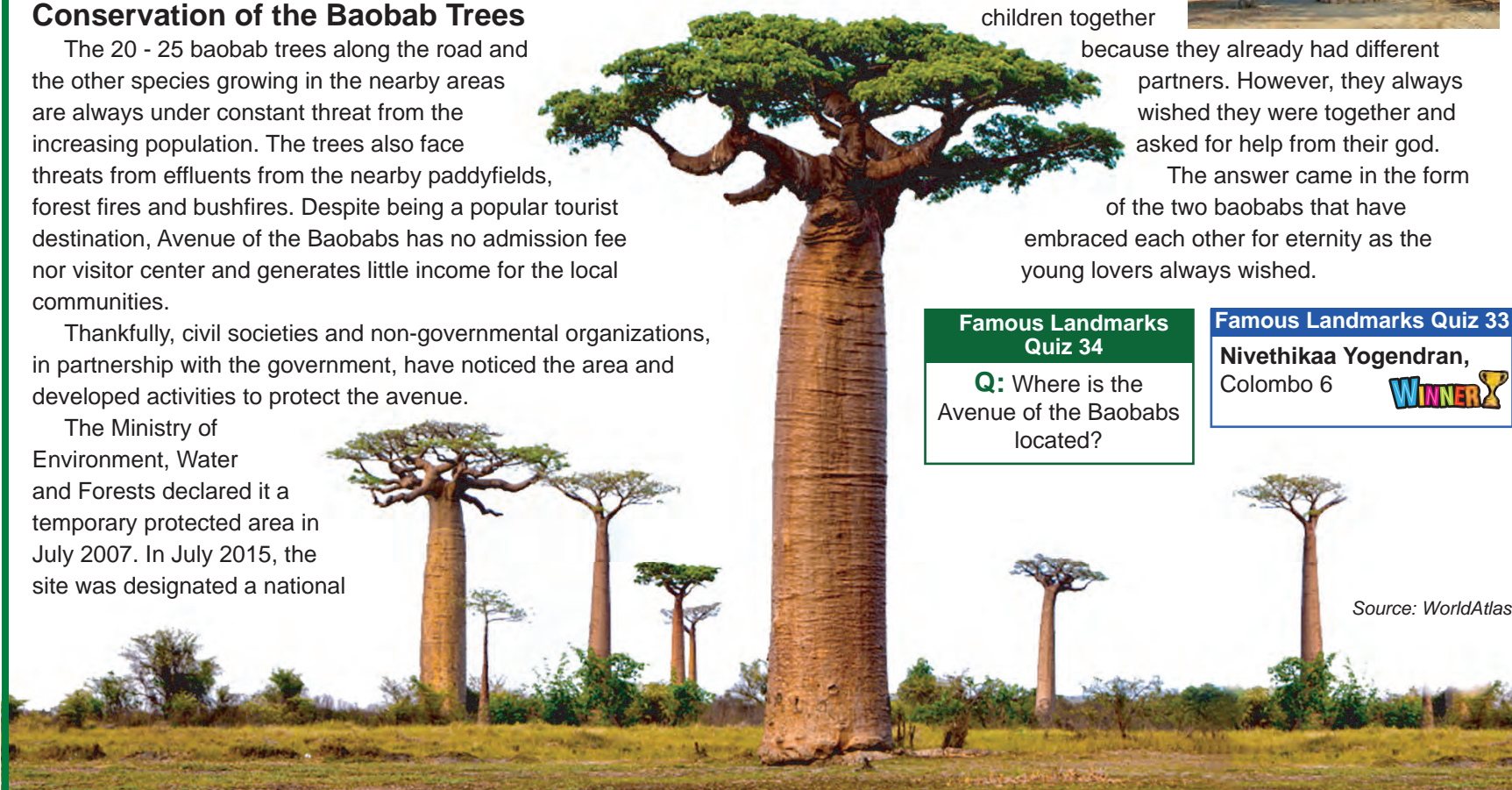
Q: Where is the Avenue of the Baobabs located?

Famous Landmarks Quiz 33

Nivethikaa Yogendran,
Colombo 6



Source: WorldAtlas



Tomahawk

Quiz
No. 199

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 199 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022.

All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given. Write the answers neatly on a postcard, Cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 199' seen at the top of this page and paste it on your postcard. Please get your entries certified as your own work by a teacher or parent.

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 199

1. In which year was the Funday Times first published?
2. Where is the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park located?
3. For what purpose was the Children's Peace Monument built?
4. Whose research helped originate Queueing Theory?
5. Who is currently the fastest person in the world and what are his world records?

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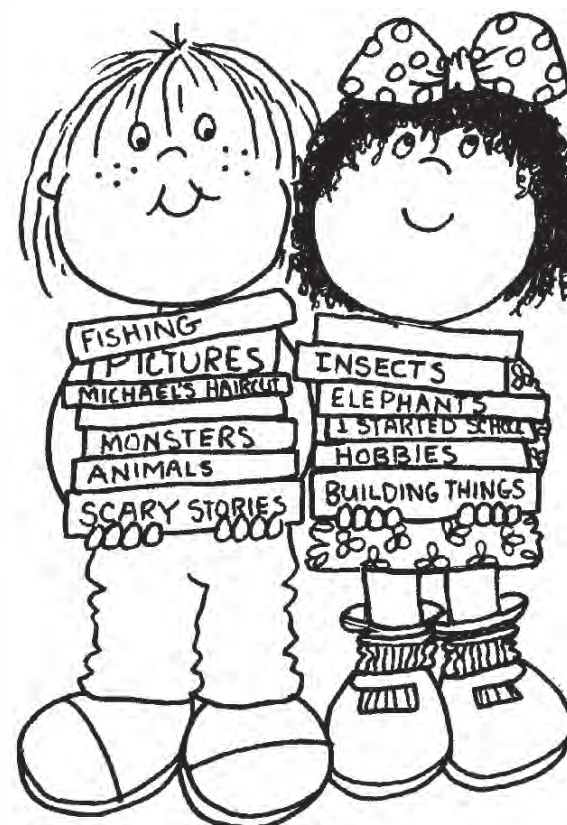
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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

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Meerkat

There are few animals on Earth who work as well together as meerkats.

These squirrel-size members of the mongoose family live in groups as large as 40, and everyone in the mob participates in gathering food, keeping a look out for predators and taking care of the babies.

Meerkats are famed for their upright posture. They often stand on their rear legs and gaze alertly over the southern African plains where they live. Mothers can even nurse their young while standing.

Meerkats live in the deserts and grasslands of the southern tip of Africa. They are extremely cute, with bushy, brown-striped fur, a small, pointed face, and large eyes surrounded by dark patches. They average about 20 inches (50 cm) long including their tail.

These extremely social animals live together in burrows, which they dig with their long, sharp claws. Living underground keeps mob members safe from predators and out of the harsh African heat. These burrows can be 16 feet (5 metres) long and contain multiple entrances, tunnels and rooms. A group will use up to five separate burrows at a time.

Meerkats only go outside during the daytime. Each morning, as the sun comes up, the mob emerges and begins looking for food. They use their keen sense of smell to locate their favourite foods, which include beetles, caterpillars, spiders and scorpions. They'll also eat small reptiles, birds, eggs, fruit and plants.

Back at the burrow, several babysitters stay behind to watch over newborn pups. This duty rotates to different members of the mob, and a sitter will often go all day without food. The babysitters' main job is to protect pups from meerkats in rival mobs, who will kill the babies if they can.

While the rest of the mob forages for food, one or more meerkats, called a sentry, will find a high point, like a termite mound, and perch on their back legs, scanning the sky and desert for predators like eagles, hawks and jackals. A sentry who senses danger will let out a high-pitched squeal, sending the mob scrambling for cover.

Meerkats dig safe places called bolt-holes throughout their foraging area, where they can hide in an emergency. If caught in the open by a predator, a meerkat will try to look fierce, lying on its back and showing its teeth and claws.

If a group is confronted, the meerkats will stand together, arching their backs, raising their hair and hissing. This sometimes fools an attacker into thinking they are a single large, vicious animal. Meerkats are abundant throughout their range and are not considered threatened or endangered.



Common Name: Meerkat

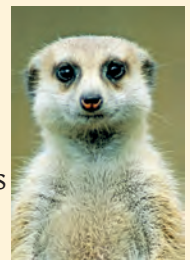
Scientific Name: *Suricata suricatta*

Type: Mammal

Diet: Omnivore

Size: Head & body: 9.75 – 11.75 inches
tail: 7.5 – 9.5 inches

Weight: Up to 2.2 pounds



But they live a very difficult life in the African desert, constantly threatened by hungry predators, rival meerkats, drought and burrow-flooding rainstorms.

Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

September 11, 2022

Queen Elizabeth II's funeral will take place on Monday September 19.

The day of the state funeral will be a Bank Holiday – with many schools and shops closed.

The Queen's coffin left Balmoral Castle on Sunday morning at the start of a six-hour journey, where it passed through towns and cities including Aberdeen and Dundee before arriving in Edinburgh, where people were given the chance to pay their respects to Her Majesty.

It was driven to the Palace of Holyroodhouse – the official residence of the British monarch in the Scottish capital. Thousands of people lined the streets along the way to pay their respects.

On Monday, the Queen lay at rest in St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh so that members of the public were able to see her coffin – a tradition known as 'lying in state'.

Her Majesty's coffin was then taken to London where the Queen will lie in state at Westminster Hall for four days from Wednesday.

The public will be allowed to view the coffin during that time. Hundreds of thousands of people travelled to London to pay their final respects.

It has also been announced that King Charles III will tour all four nations that make up the UK before the Queen's funeral – starting in Edinburgh on Monday.

A minute's silence will be held throughout the UK, at 8 p.m., on September 18, the night before the Queen's funeral, to honour and remember the Queen.

The government describes the occasion as "a national moment of reflection" on the Queen's "life and legacy".

The public are encouraged to mark the event at home, on their doorstep or street, or at community events or

vigils. A period of national mourning will last until the day of the state funeral.

The Queen's lying in state will end on the morning of Monday September 19, when the coffin will be taken to Westminster Abbey for the funeral.

Westminster Abbey is a historic church where many of Britain's kings and queens were crowned, and it was also the place where Queen Elizabeth II married Prince Philip in 1947.

As well as the Royal Family, politicians and world leaders will attend Her Majesty's state funeral – which will also be broadcast on TV.

The Royal Family will observe a longer period of mourning for seven days after the funeral.

Huge crowds have continued to gather outside royal residences across the UK in order to lay flowers and remember the Queen.



The Queen's coffin covered in the Royal Standard flag and the Crown of Scotland placed on top.



Leaving Balmoral Castle



Driving out of the courtyard



A little girl waits to see the cortege, hugging a Paddington Bear and a Corgi toy.



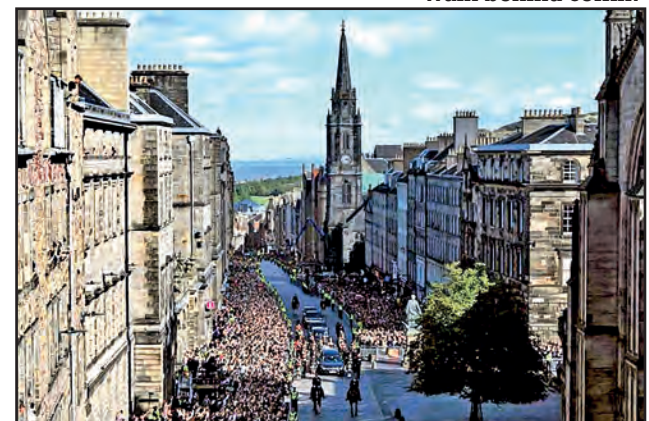
Real Corgis also in the crowd



King Charles III and his siblings lead the vigil at St. Giles Cathedral.



King Charles III, his brothers and sister walk behind coffin.



Procession travels along the Royal Mile.



People queued through the night to pay their respects.

Source : CBBC Newsround

September 13

News in Pictures

Sri Lanka's National Cricket & Netball teams who emerged Asian Champions received a warm welcome from fans on their return home.



Pic. from srilankacricket.lk



Pic. by Indika Handuwala



Guangzhou, China
People visit a lantern show during the mid-autumn festival in China's southern Guangdong province.



Kharkiv, Ukraine
A Ukrainian soldier helps a wounded comrade on the road in the freed territory in the Kharkiv region, after Ukrainian troops retook a wide swath of territory from Russia.



London, UK
King Charles III and Camilla, the Queen Consort, attend the presentation of parliamentary addresses in Westminster Hall, at the Palace of Westminster, after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Los Angeles, USA
Kelly Clarkson (left) congratulates Zendaya, who had accepted the award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for 'Euphoria', during the 74th Emmy awards at the Microsoft Theatre in California.



September 12

New York, USA
The Tribute in Light in Manhattan commemorates the 21st anniversary of 9/11.



St. Petersburg, Russia
A procession marks the 298th anniversary of the transfer of the relics of St. Alexander Nevsky, who is considered to be a heavenly protector of the city.

Source : The Guardian