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# READING COMPREHENSION



## TIPS & TRICKS

1. Improve your vocabulary
2. Come up with questions about the text you are reading
3. Use context clues
4. Look for the main idea
5. Write a summary of what you read
6. Break up the reading into smaller sections
7. Pace yourself



Australia's victory at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, which **concluded** at Cape Town on Sunday, was expected: even in a sport rightly celebrated for its **glorious** uncertainties, a win for the Australian women's cricket team is almost a **certainty**. It was Australia's sixth victory in what was the eighth edition of the tournament. Australia has also been the champion in seven out of the 12 Women's Cricket (ODI) World Cups. In Tests too — regrettably, there are very few of them for women these days — Australia has the best percentage of wins among all the teams. The Aussies had arrived in South Africa for the World Cup with a remarkable record in the T20 format. In three years, they had lost only once, that too in the Super Over to India at Navi Mumbai in December. It was India that ended an even more spectacular run by Australia: 26 ODI wins. And that victory in 2021 had come in Australia's own backyard. The Indian women had an excellent opportunity to stop their **formidable** rival's run at the World Cup in South Africa, too. In the semifinal, they were well placed in their chase of a challenging target until Harmanpreet Kaur was run out after her bat got stuck.





The other semifinal, however, saw a major **upset**, with the host defeating England. There had already been excellent crowds for the tournament, but South Africa's presence in the final ensured a full house at the Newlands Cricket Ground. The South African women may have stumbled on the final hurdle, but their campaign was probably the real story of the World Cup. They had entered the tournament amid a controversy: the captain, Dane van Niekerk, had been dropped on fitness grounds (she failed to reach the two-kilometer running benchmark by 18 seconds). And they were stunned by Sri Lanka in the opening match. But, under the captaincy of Sune Luus, they bounced back admirably and went on to become the first South African team, male or female, to enter a cricket World Cup final. It should be a major **impetus** to women's sports, not just cricket, in South Africa, a country that paid a heavy price for its **apartheid** policy. It may be **pertinent** to note that Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Black President, had successfully used sport — the 1995 Rugby World Cup, which South Africa hosted and won — to \_\_\_\_\_ a divided nation.



Choose the antonym of the word  
'Certainty'.

1. Conviction
2. Doubt
3. Certitude
4. Assurance
5. Fact



Choose the antonym of the word  
'Formidable'.

1. Comforting
2. Intimidating
3. Forbidding
4. Daunting
5. Alarming



What will fit in the blank taken from the passage: "It may be pertinent to note that Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Black President, had successfully used sport — the 1995 Rugby World Cup, which South Africa hosted and won — to \_\_\_\_\_ a divided nation."

1. Daunt
2. Detrimental
3. Hinder
4. Unite
5. Curb





Choose the SYNONYM of the word  
'Pertinent'.

1. Extraneous
2. Trivial
3. Minor
4. Immaterial
5. Relevant



Which of the following is/are correct according to the given passage?

- A. In three years, the Australian women's national cricket team had lost only thrice.
- B. Sri Lanka produced a stunning upset to beat tournament hosts South Africa in the opening match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.
- C. In the semifinal match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, England defeated the host South Africa.

1. Only A
2. Both A and B
3. Only B
4. Both B and C
5. Only C



What was the reason behind Harmanpreet Kaur's run out in the semifinal?

1. Her bat got stuck into the ground.
2. She left the crease even before the ball is delivered.
3. She was dismissed for obstructing the field.
4. She slipped in the middle of the pitch.
5. Her collision with the bowler.



Select the option that can be used as a **one-word substitute** for the given group of words.

**Unexpected result or situation**

1. Apartheid
2. Glorious
3. Upset
4. Concluded
5. Impetus



Which of the following is/are incorrect according to the given passage?

A. The South African women's cricket team became the second South African team, male or female, to enter a cricket World Cup final.

B. In women's Test cricket, India has the best percentage of wins among all the teams.

C. Australia won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023.

1. Only A
2. Both A and B
3. Only B
4. Both B and C
5. Only C





Why did South Africa drop regular captain Dane van Niekerk from their Women's Twenty20 World Cup squad?

1. Because she has failed dope test ahead of the tournament.
2. Because she was involved in a fight with a couple of other people.
3. Because she began to struggle with anxiety and panic attacks.
4. Because the team-manager wasn't happy with her conduct and the lack of discipline.
5. Because she failed to meet fitness requirements.



## What is the central theme of the passage?

1. Eight teams confirmed to get automatic qualification for 2024 Women's T20 World Cup.
2. 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup has slipped through fingers of the Indian women's cricket team.
3. Australia star's massive jibe at Harmanpreet Kaur over run out in T20 World Cup semi-final.
4. Australia won the ICC women's T20 World Cup as expected, but not without hiccups.
5. South Africa, a country that paid a heavy price for its apartheid policy.



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