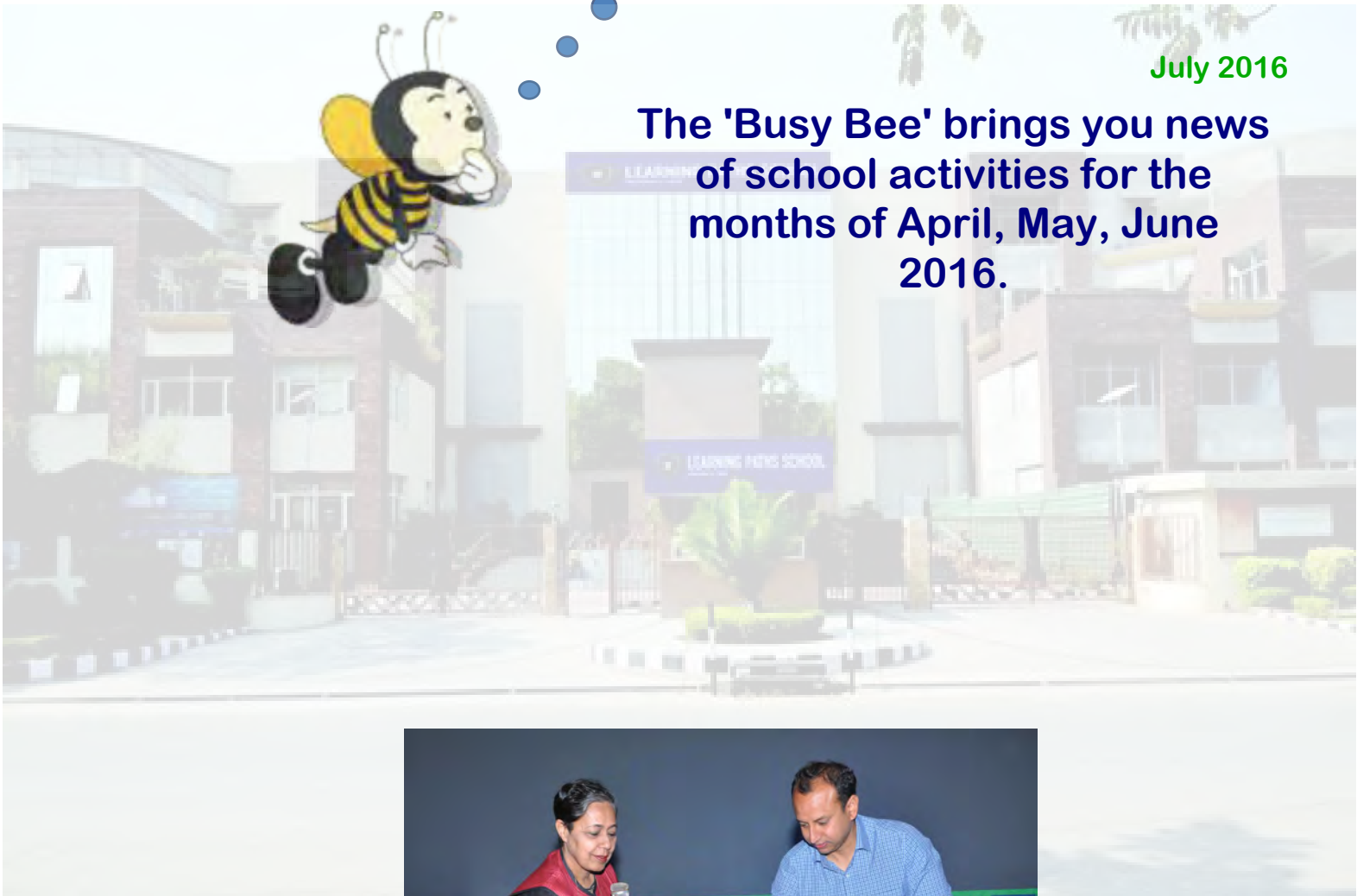


SCHOOL EXPRESS

July 2016

The 'Busy Bee' brings you news of school activities for the months of April, May, June 2016.



Beginning of Session 2016-17



LEARNING PATHS SCHOOL HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR BEING THE BEST EMERGING SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2016---NORTH



ADVISORY BOARD OF LPS MOHALI

VIVEK ATRAY is an IAS officer, an Inspirational Speaker and a Novelist/Author.

He is an acclaimed orator at events organized by NASSCOM, CII, TIE, MAIT, IIFT, Vibrant Networking Forum and others. He has inspired thousands of youngsters to adopt a cheerful, positive and multi-dimensional approach to their lives. He won much acclaim for his role in developing the IT Park in Chandigarh, when he was the Director of IT. He also spearheaded the implementation of the national award winning e-Sampark project, a multi-service, single window e-Governance project in Chandigarh. As District Commissioner Panchkula he initiated innovative projects such as Aadar Samman (Respect for the Elderly) and Village Mentoring. Vivek worked as Advisor KPMG and PwC on a sabbatical from the Government for two years.



MURLI RAMACHANDRA is a senior industry professional with nearly two decades of leadership experience, in a total of about 30 years, through diverse roles at Indian and multinational organizations in the professional services and manufacturing industries.

He facilitates senior management development as an Accredited CEO and Executive Coach. He is a known expert in change management, strategy and performance improvement.





AVNITA BIR is the Director Principal, R N Podar School, Mumbai, and is an internationally known personality in the education sector. She has worked in the field of Education for over 3 decades across various institutes.

She is a member of the Governing Body of CBSE, the leading education board of the country. She has been a member of Education Reforms Committee. Ms. Bir is also a member of the India Jurisdiction at the Global Education Leaders Programme (GELP).



SWAMINATHAN S B was the CEO and Consultant for the renowned Brilliant Tutorials. He is an entrepreneur now with interests in start-up companies. He has spent over 16 years in Consumer Banking with Citibank.

He is associated with multiple start-ups and a few nonprofits as an adviser, mentor or board member in financial services, education, media, mobile technologies and golf domains.

Swami has a successful track record of conceptualizing innovative ideas, business models and mentoring



VENKAT MATOORY based in Chandigarh, leads the India organization of the world's largest education social enterprise (www.jaworldwide.org). Further, he leads the strategy for JA Worldwide's India Enterprise Impact Initiative.

Over the past decade, he has actively influenced stakeholder thoughts on responses to workforce preparation including the World Economic Forum (contributions / reports accessible on world economic forum website) and as a TEDx speaker. He is part of World Economic Forum's India Skills Initiative.

He is an invited panelist to the Horasis Global Convention, Liverpool UK on Global Governance matters and the Horasis India Convention, Portugal on employment, skills and education.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2016-17
CLASS X



Sitting L to R: Rubani (Co-Curricular Captain), Khyal (Co-Curricular Captain), Isha Sinha (School Vice-Captain), Jasmine Bal (School Captain), Arsh Seth (School Captain), Dhruv (School Vice Captain), Kunal (Sports Captain), Navleen Kaur (Sports Captain)

Standing L to R: Neha Maddi (Prithvi House Captain), Jasmine Sahota (Jal House Captain), Nibhrit (Prithvi House Captain), Inaksh Thind (Jal House Captain), Adeep (Agni House Captain), Vaibhav (Aakash House Captain), Mehar Dhillon (Agni House Captain), Manroop (Aakash House Captain)



Jal House---Winner of the 'Overall Best House Trophy' for the Session 2015-16

SUMMER CAMP IN THE HILLS CLASSES IV TO VI

SUMMER CAMP





School Adventure Trip to Sanawar-Solan-Sabathu-Dagshai - the EXPERIENCE in the words of Dr. Puneet Saini.....

We spent a few days of absolute joy & thrill in the land of pines with a boisterous bunch of sixty 10 year olds. And for all these days, I was a mommy to not just 2 girls--- but to many-many of them, and very closely to 6 girls with whom I shared the cottage.

From staying in tents & cottages, to fetching buckets of hot water from water points for a bath, to combing each other's' hair, to eating in a straw roofed & pebble floored dining hall, to doing thrilling adventure activities, to sleeping through stormy nights and scare of leopards, to arranging for an entertaining campfire, to high energy Zumba mornings, to hiking upto 6000ft---!!!

And most of all, to being without their parents through all of this.... What an experience this has been for each one of them and us, the escorts, as well.

The trip was all about grit & camaraderie and our children exhibited oodles of it!! Kudos to these exuberant little ones!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Seema, the Librarian introducing the Library Blog to the students



Well known story teller Simi Srivastava regaling the students



Simi with LPS students



LPS stood FIRST in the Tri-City in the 'Thalassemia Board Making Competition.



Ai ACTIVITIES



The Rotarians judging the Thalassemia Boards made by the various Houses---Aakash House was declared the WINNER in School and the School the WINNER in the Tri-City

Ai Activities Advantage India Students taking the 'Save Water Campaign' to the Juniors



Swati from 'Learning Links' talking to the Students on 'Cyber Crime'

Talk on 'Gender Bias' by Nilima from IBMS



Ai ACTIVITIES



The students of Class VI visited the Blood Bank. They had an interesting conversation with Mr. Moksh Kumar Dewan who has donated blood 74 times!



The Commerce Dept Staff

L to R: Suhana, Upasna, Sweety, Preeti, Nivedita, Mushtaq, Venkat, Sanjeev, Anu, Amrit, Nancy



LPS started +1 Classes in Commerce with Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed as the Dean and Mr. Venkat Matoory as the Mentor



Staff Orientation by Venkat Matoory



The LPS Commerce and Business department organized a workshop on Financial Literacy for Class XI Students. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Aasht, CEO - Innovative Financial Management. The main purpose of this workshop was to make students understand the value of money and how to use it judiciously. Students learnt about the basic concept of investment and also about various financial tools.



The LPS Commerce students had an enlightening and eye - opening session with Mr. Venkat Matoory, CEO - JA India. The purpose of the session was to enable the students to comprehend the Business and Industry Structure. The Students will be doing a project on an Industry of their choice in which they think their professional interest lies.



The students and teachers of the Commerce and Business Studies wing of the LPS visited one of the manufacturing divisions of Samrat Plywood Limited at Nalagarh, H.P on April 30th, 2016.

Samrat Plywood is engaged in the manufacturing of plywood and laminates. Students visited the warehouse, production, and dispatch areas of the factory and gained insight into the manufacturing process, factory environment, labour and material management.



The High School Commerce program was formally launched with the orientation of parents and students of the first batch. The parents of the students attended the orientation program conducted by the staff of the Commerce and Business Studies Dept under the leadership of its Dean Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed.



In a first of its kind initiative in the country, Learning Paths School Mohali organized a seminar on managing the transition from education to profession, especially through the high school years. The guest speakers of the seminar were Mr. Venkat Matoory, CEO JA India, Mr. Vivek Atray, IAS, Author and Motivational Speaker, and Mr. Vinu Warriar, Managing Partner, eduVelocity. The Seminar helped parents and students learn about the opportunities available after pursuing commerce studies.



The LPS Class XI Commerce students actively participated in an ice breaking activity. The activity highlighted the importance of team building and problem-solving and inculcated the spirit of teamwork amongst the students. The students worked together in teams to build the tallest balloon tower which could stand without any support.

The Commerce Program will work on the AGILE Personalization Framework™

AGILE PERSONALIZATION is:

- *A Framework for imparting industry connected, personalized commerce education to students in a standard K12 School setting.*
- *In-school commerce experience designed as an integrated engagement with applied academics, grooming and industry translation.*
- *Personalized for individual growth aspirations and gaps, monitored through personal Dashboards*
- *Embedded parental inputs in aspiration management and attainment.*

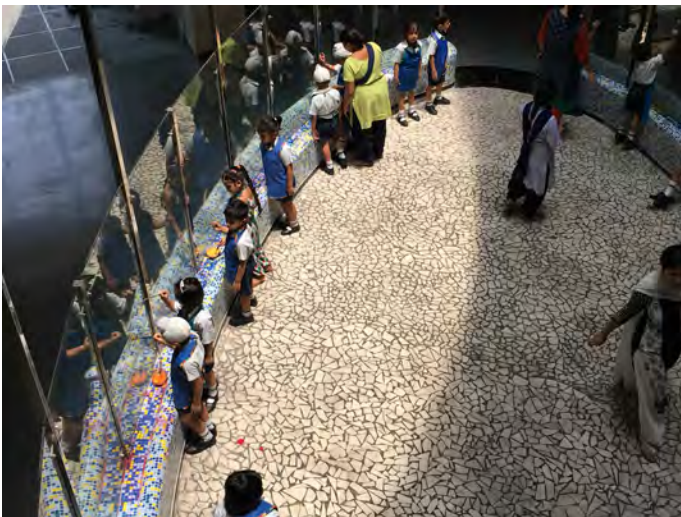
PRE PRIMARY WING

The Pre Primary students were in for a pleasant surprise after the summer vacations---they now have their own Library, Art Room, a well-equipped Activity Room to experience life skills in, and a 'glass gallery' where they can freely express themselves with a brush and some paint.

Story Telling in the Library



A Free Artistic Expression in the 'Glass Gallery'





In the Activity Room



In the Art Room



Fun Way to Beat the Summer Heat



SPORTS

LPS Cricket Team at BCS Shimla---A Wonderful Experience



Mohali Dist Chess Championship

SPORTS @ LPS



Seerat Chawla came FIRST in the U-15 Chess Championship



Abhijay Pandey obtained the FIRST position in the U-11 Chess Championship



Bhavjeet Singh obtained the SECOND position in the U-11 Chess Championship



Harnoor Kaur obtained the SECOND position in the U-11 Chess Championship



Naishaa Goyal obtained the THIRD position in the U-11 Chess Championship



Kavita Talwar obtained the FIRST position in the U-17 Chess Championship



Manit Singh obtained the SECOND position in the Mohali Dist Chess Championship



Learning Paths School obtained the FIRST and SECOND positions in the Mohali Dist. Chess Championship



Harmanbir won a Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal at an All-India Skating Championship



Ansh Mittal was declared the best 'Upcoming Cricket Star' in the 'Rising Star Cricket Cup' Tournament



Khushi Bhatti won a Silver Medal in a State Level Skating Championship



Lakshay Arora, Pelf, & Parvita got the FIRST position at the 'Eco Friendly Table-Tennis' Championship



Parvita won the SECOND position in the Mohali Dist First Ranking Table-Tennis Tournament



Pelf won the SECOND position in the Mehtab Singh Memorial Dist Table-Tennis Tournament



The U-17 LPS TT Girls' Team won the 'Carmel Convent Mother Veronica Table Tennis Tournament---R to L---Parvita, Aarushi, Harnoor, Pelf, Siya.



Trivanshikha Chauhan & Trishakh Rajpoot won a Silver Medal in the 'Indo-Nepal Chi Kwang Do Championship



Udbhav got the FIRST position in the Mohali Dist Lawn Tennis Tournament in the U-10 Group

UNITED WORLD GAMES IN AUSTRIA



The Basketball Players---Girls & Boys---who went to Klagenfurt, Austria for the United World Games



Vedansh Ranot, Lavanya Thakur, & Manveer Kaler won GOLD MEDALS in the fitness skill competition in Austria. They are winners from among students of 8 countries!



A Day Trip to Venice

LPS IN AUSTRIA



The Players had fun but did some serious practice on the Court in Klagenfurt in Austria.



LPS Students won their first U-10 Match against the team from Turkey.



The LPS U-12 Team won against Ukraine in Austria



LPS Students in Vienna



The U-10 Team won their match against Austria



The U-10 Team won a match against Ukraine and the U12 Team won a match against Austria. Overall both teams came second in their respective pools.

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

Aryan's Family: After having a conversation with Aryan, here is our feedback:

1. He had a memorable experience of playing with international teams; the best match according to him was the exciting and thrilling match in which LPS beat the opponent's team with scores of 22-20.
2. Special words and thanks to Nivedita Ma'am for taking care of minute things during the trip and giving motherly care and love to them. The Best Picture during the trip was the one taken on the last day with kids hugging her.
3. When asked what he had learnt there? His answer was – 'staying away from parents and managing all things on one's and that to confidently .
4. Maybe the thing which we value the most in kids is learning the value of nature. And today Aryan said how clean the air was in Klagenfurt and on the way to Venice in comparison to here. Secondly, he was really surprised that the tap water is consumed there for drinking. Let's hope our kids to learn the value of cleanliness and imbibe the good things learnt there.

And last but not the least thanks to all the wonderful friends and teammates who made this trip a memorable one

Manvir's Mother:

Nivedeta Ma'am thanks a lot for the trip. Manvir and his father really enjoyed it a lot; he said everything was perfect and that Ma'am was always there for us, making sure that everything was in order. It was a trip of a lifetime for him which he will never forget.

From Ismatt's & Kismatt's family:

It's really a matter of pride that our kids got a chance to play on international fields. This was made possible only by Nivedita ma'am. The photographs tell us parents clearly about the fun all the kids had there especially in Vienna

My girls had a wonderful time and their passion for Basketball has reached another level altogether. Sight-seeing was amazing too, as well as the food.

A special thanks to Narinder Sir for giving this opportunity to our LPS kids and organizing everything really well.

A big thanks to Nivedita ma'am for being a true coach and taking the team to the next level and being a super Mom in Austria.

And we love the bonds of friendship made by our kids while traveling together in a foreign land.

Daman's Family:

Daman's experience, which he shared with us, was amazing and full of enthusiasm. This trip has motivated him. He got the wonderful opportunity of playing on a different ground with kids from different countries.. He enjoyed the food and sight-seeing. He is all set for the next trip.

A special thanks to Nivedita ma'am. It was all her efforts that these kids could reach the semi-finals. She has been an excellent coach and took wonderful care of the kids.

Thanks to Narinder Sir for giving our kids an opportunity to get this wonderful experience.

Veer's Mother:

After having a two day conversation with Veer, I would first of all like to thank Nivedita ma'am and Harpreet Walia because this trip was successful mainly with the efforts of both these two fine Ladies who guided Veer in his ups and downs . Secondly, thanks to Narender Sir, for providing such an opportunity to the LPS students of playing with international teams.

Teknam's Mother:

First of all, I would like to thank Nivedita Ma'am for giving an opportunity to Teknam of playing basketball at an international level in Austria. Even I was a part of this journey. We really enjoyed ourselves a lot. I must say it was a well-managed trip. I just salute you Ma'am for all the patience which I observed in you during the trip. Hats of you to you Ma'am for balancing the role of mother and teacher with all the kids....and special thanks to Narender Sir for giving LPS kids this wonderful opportunity. I really appreciate your management.



As Confusing as a Thesaurus

One day, when I was in Bangalore, I went to see a Kannada movie with my friend. Though I didn't want to go, my friend insisted that I go with her so that I could learn the language. The movie started. The dialogues were being spoken as fast as a bullet train that I was not able to understand a word.

Then the movie had a few comedy scenes for which my friend started laughing so hard that I didn't know what to do. So I started laughing with her. Then there were some emotional scenes for which my friend started crying. Then I realized she was overdoing everything.

At last the highpoint of the movie was reached. Everyone said it had been as interesting as a graphic novel.

After the movie ended, my friend asked, "So, how was it?" I replied, "Oh! It was as confusing as a thesaurus."

By: Sriya Devarakonda (IX B)

As Distant As Moon Walking

And here I am, in the vast expanse of the universe, talking to the night sky, playing dodge ball with meteors. Suddenly the rocket lands on what we see as the brightest thing in the dark of the night-The MOON. We are prepared to move out with our special suits on. The moon doesn't seem to be as attractive as compared to the one we see from Earth. It has large craters and a dull atmosphere. Suddenly the world around me starts fading until all of it dissolves into complete blackness. Am I lost in the universe which was once filled with neurons, protons, electrons, anti-electrons, photons and neutrinos, as I had studied in science! Getting lost in the universe is one of my worst fears. But is this really the universe? Where am I? Where's everything gone? I open my eyes but when did I close them? I find out that I am in a dream. Whoa! I was dreaming trillions of kilo meters away from home. I go and describe my distant dream world to my mother who says, "Having scientific dreams? See? Side effects of science test on Friday!"

By: Nehal Khosla (IX A)

Destiny

*Each of us says 'It was not my fault.
It was destiny that made it happen'
But what is destiny outside our thoughts?
Nothing but an illusion.*

*'We all are puppets in this world;
Our strings are pulled by God.'
We say that, yet we also say:
'Only those who help themselves are helped
by God.'*

*When in sad times, we often think:
'What change will God in my destiny
bring?'*

*Now set your thoughts aside and hear what
I have to say.
Destiny for one person is not just one way.
For each creature God has made an
intricate network of roads.
These are **our** choices that make our lives
so.*

By: Rehmat Singh Chawla

Duster - A Superhero

It's so funny that the things which we see in everyday life and give the least respect to, are sometimes the very things that sometimes affect our lives the most if they do not exist. Today I'll talk about one such boring, everyday classroom object - the duster. You probably think that the duster has only one use. That is correct, but it does that one job well enough to deserve respect - something many of us today seem incapable of giving. And did I mention that it is a superhero? Yes, you heard me right! It is a superhero, worthy of being at the head of the Earth Day parade (if such a parade ever happens). The reason for that is that if it did not exist the replacements such as cloth rags and paper would be used. Cloth rags are not the best cleaners and would become dirty after a while, so they would be washed which would require more water and soap, especially in schools where they would wash it in a sink. And we all know how much water goes waste when you wash a piece of cloth under a tap. And I'm sure you understand the amount of wastage of paper that would take place if we use pieces of paper as cleaning tools. If we think of replacing boards, that would need to happen too often and disrupt the class. There would be more need of boards which would require more material from the earth, and board sales would increase so bright minds that could help with water shortage and other problems in the country would instead lead the board manufacturing firms to the market. Or we could have paper sheets instead of boards. Well, there go the trees. Speaking of water shortage, if we clean the boards with water it would result in more water wastage. I could, of course, go deeper and deeper but I have a feeling that I will bore you. Oh, and to end this paragraph, I wanted to add something about respect - unless something has a unique name and something unique about it, you cannot give it real respect and vice versa. A common noun does not call for as much respect as a proper noun does (I have written this in my words but it was originally spoken by Blitzen in the book, 'Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer' by Rick Riordan).

By: Rehmata Singh Chawla (IX A)

Rash Drivers

Once my family and I were on our way to a relative's wedding. We were having lots of fun. We were chatting, cracking jokes and having a nice time.

Suddenly, a loud noise of motors came and from behind us a rider on motor bike overtook us as fast as 4G. My father hurriedly steered the car towards the side and just saved the bike from hitting us. We all were pushed to the side and I hurt my head on the car's handle.

We were just recovering from the shock when we heard a huge noise of shouting and crashing. We could also hear the sirens of ambulances and police jeeps. We got out of the car to see what had happened. To our shock, the biker had crashed into a van; it was a big tourist van with two families in it. They all and the rider were being transferred to the ambulance as they were bleeding. That was the first time that I saw such a bloody scene of an accident.

From that day onwards, whenever I hear of someone driving rashly, I tell them about this incident and reiterate to them that they should be sure to follow all the traffic rules. Our world can thus be a safer place.

By Harshita Goyal (VII A)



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