



What If

Team Event, Open-To-All

Points: 10

Participants are required to give creative but scientifically sound answers to atypical “what if..” questions. There is no upper limit to the length of the answers. Minimum length 300 words. Points will be given for creativity, scientific accuracy and apparent absurdity. For a model of such questions and their solutions look up what-if.xkcd.com. Bonus points if the scenario ends in an apocalypse. Extra bonus points if it ends in a zombie apocalypse.

This is Open-to-all Individual On-line Event

Minimum 2 entries per pool

Deadline- Thursday, 29th August, 11:59 p.m.

Send in entries to seek.iitk@gmail.com with subject “What-if_pool name_RollNo.”

Entries should be in text/docx or pdf format and should mention the scenario chosen clearly.

Format: Judging Criteria:

Creativity - 50%

Scientific Accuracy - 25%

Absurdity - 25%

The bonus points for apocalyptic ends will be up to 20% of the total points, depending on the originality of the apocalypse. **Plagiarism disqualifies!**

In case of any discrepancy, the decision of Coordinators will be final.



Scenarios for What-If:

- 1) What if all life outside of IIT Kanpur drops dead?
- 2) What if the sex of every individual in the world spontaneously changes across the earth simultaneously?
- 3) What if Neanderthals had not been extinct?
- 4) What if Earth had no moon?
- 5) What if Humans had to hibernate?

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