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QUESTION 2. Who had these opinions about Einstein ?

- (i) He was boring.
- (ii) He was stupid and would never succeed in life.
- (iii) He was a freak.



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ANSWER

- (i) His playmates.
- (ii) A headmaster.
- (iii) His mother.



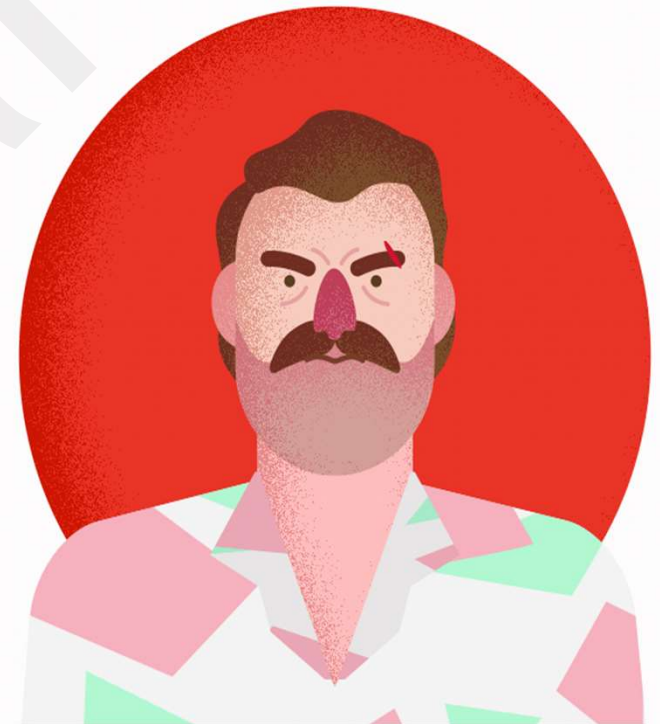
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QUESTION 3. Explain what the reasons for the following are:

(I) Einstein leaving the school in Munich for good.

ANSWER. Einstein left the school in Munich because he did not like the discipline of the school. He hated the school's regimentation and often clashed with teachers.

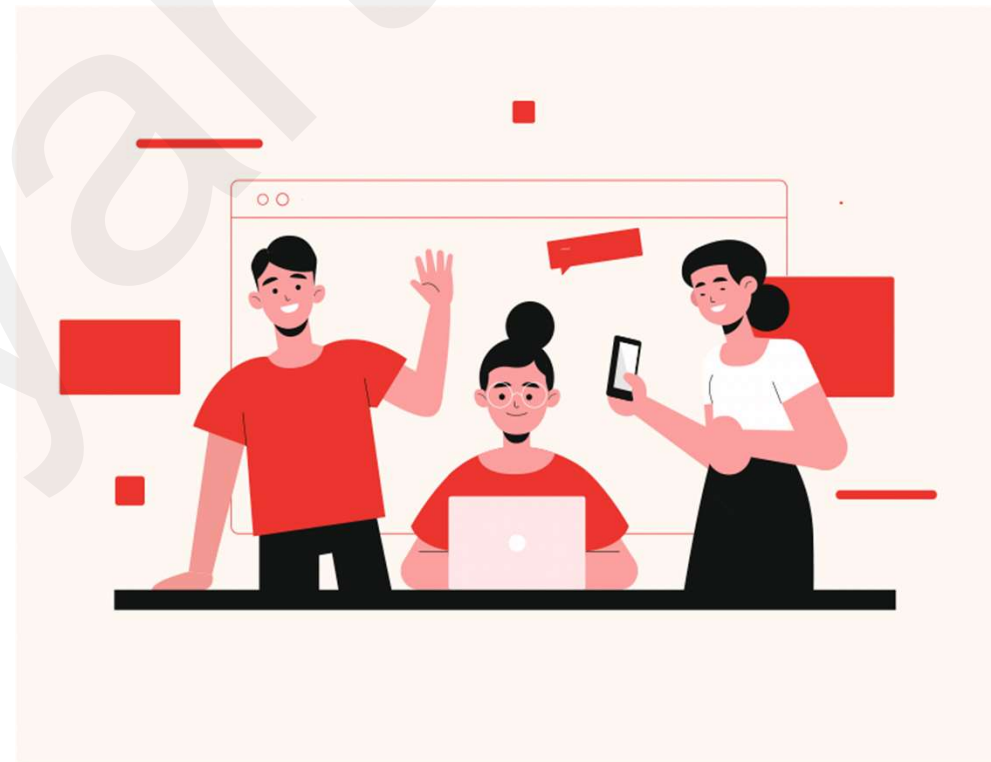


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(II) Einstein wanted to study in Switzerland rather than in Munich.

ANSWER. Albert's parents moved to Milan and left their son with relatives. After prolonged discussion, Einstein got his wish to continue his education in German – speaking Switzerland. Actually, it was more liberal than Munich.



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(III) Einstein seeing in Mileva an ally.

ANSWER. Einstein saw in Mileva Marie an ally against the “Philistines”—those people in his family and at the university with whom he was constantly at odds. He found that she was a “clever creature”.



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(IV) What do these tell you about Einstein ?

ANSWER. These tell that Einstein was a genius and had the capabilities to achieve his targets. Moreover, he had his own view of life. He liked freedom too much.



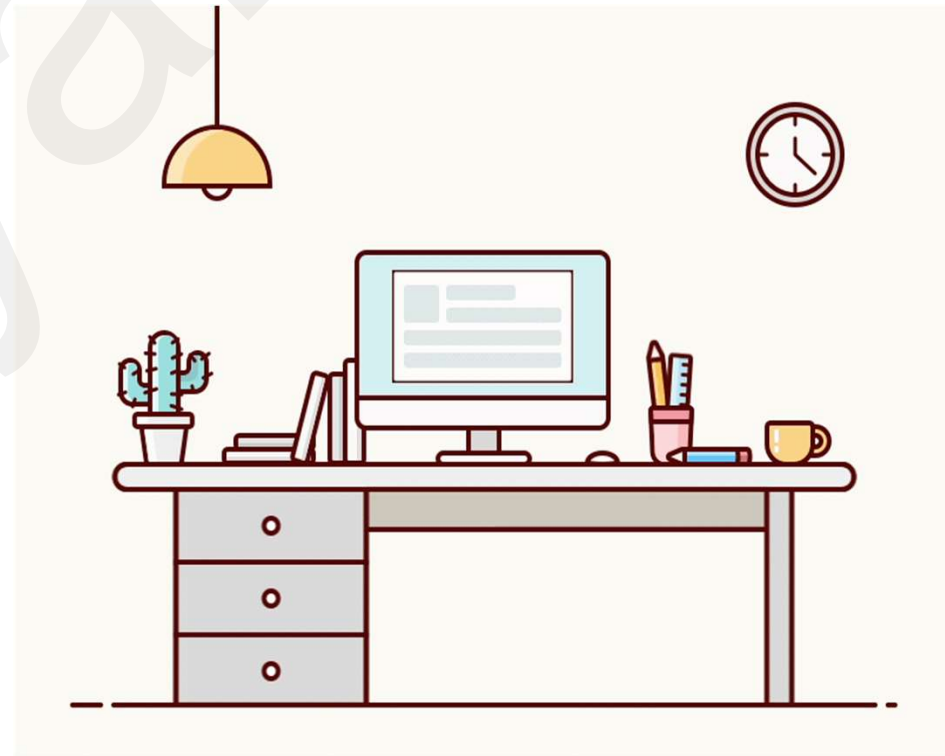
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QUESTION 4. What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office? Why?

ANSWER. Einstein called his desk drawer at the patent office the “bureau of theoretical physics”. Einstein was actually developing his own ideas in secret and his drawer had all the evidences which could reveal the secret.



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QUESTION 5. Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?

ANSWER. With the emergence of Nazis in Germany, Einstein emigrated to the United States. It was the fact that the Nazis had the ability to develop the atomic bomb. It could destroy the whole world.



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QUESTION 6. How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki ?

ANSWER. The atomic bomb devastated the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He was deeply shaken by the extent of the destruction and wrote a public missive to the United Nations.



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QUESTION 7. Why does the world remember Einstein as a 'world citizen'?

ANSWER. He believed in universal peace. When there was the rat race for becoming atomic power, he was worried about the aftermaths of the bomb. He was really a world citizen who was concerned with humanity.



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