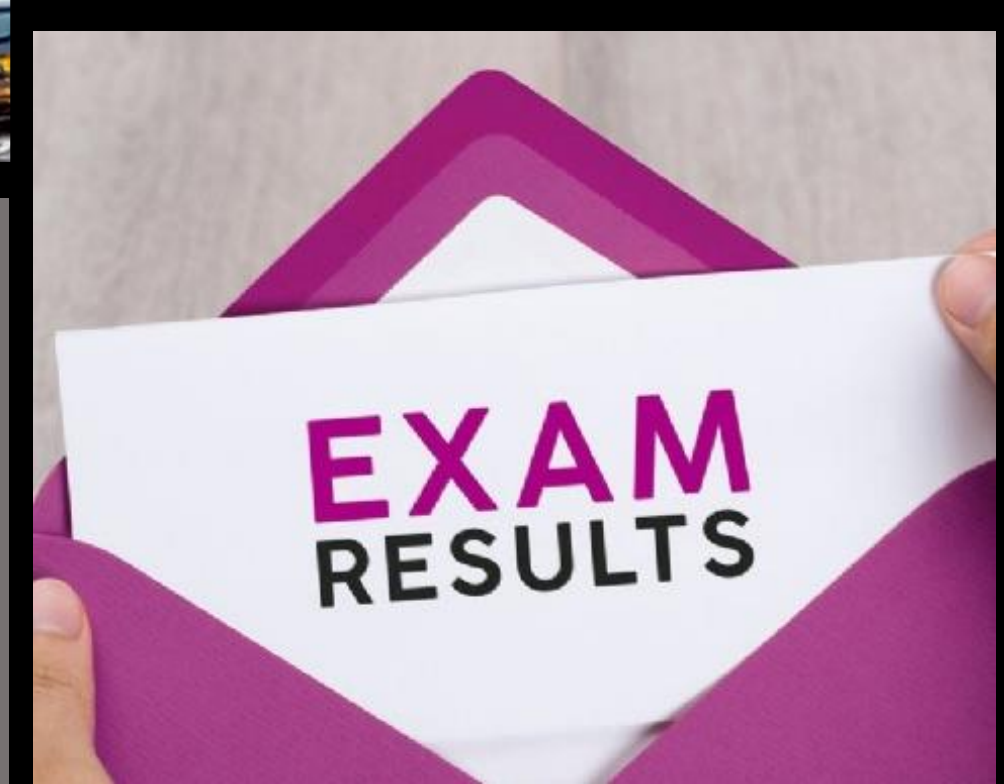
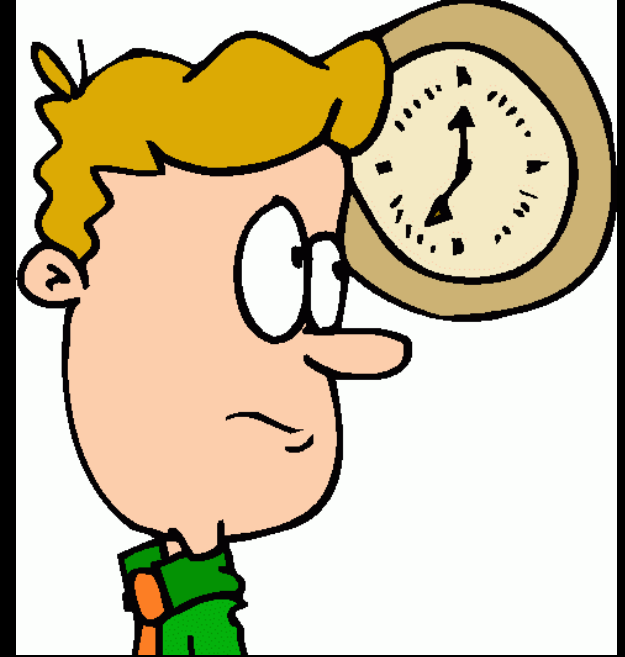


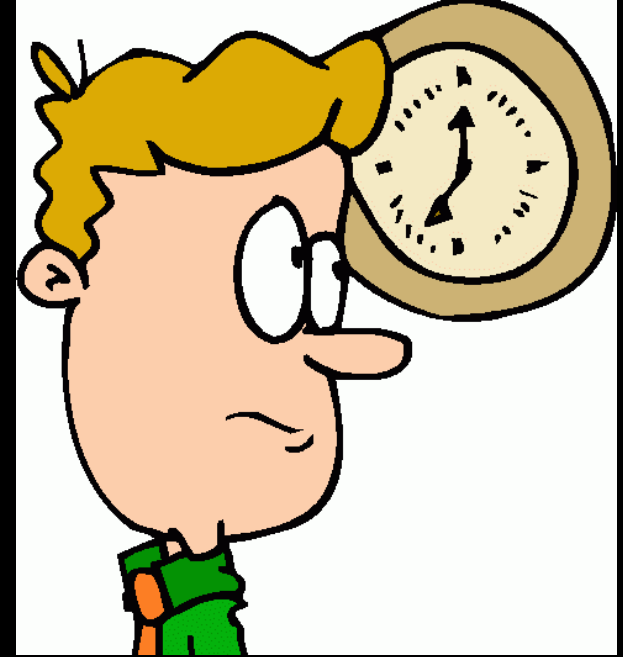
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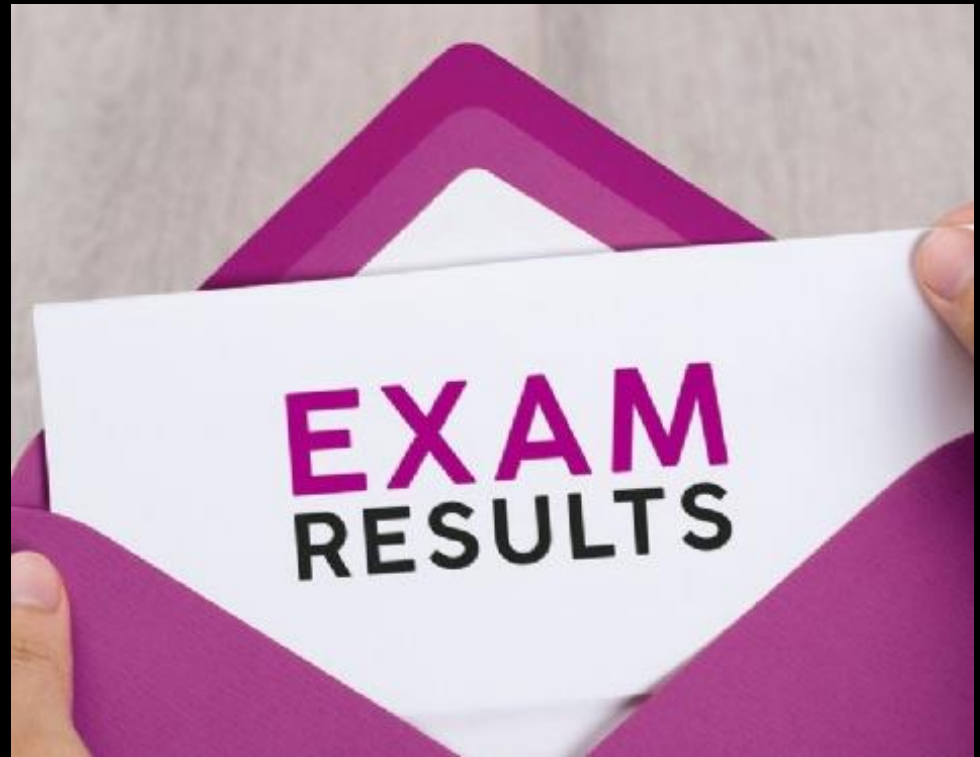
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What does it look like to wait well?



V1: Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

The Judge...

V2: He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought."



The Widow...

V3: And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'



V4-5: “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice...

1) Injustice in the World







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2) Confidence in God

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V8: I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.

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Psalm 89v14: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

3) Faithfulness in Prayer

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Exodus 2v23: The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

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*Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance
but laying hold of His willingness*

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- *Is that you?*
- *When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?*

Romans 12v10-12...

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.