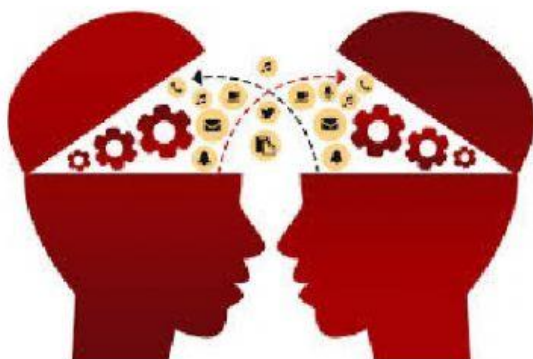


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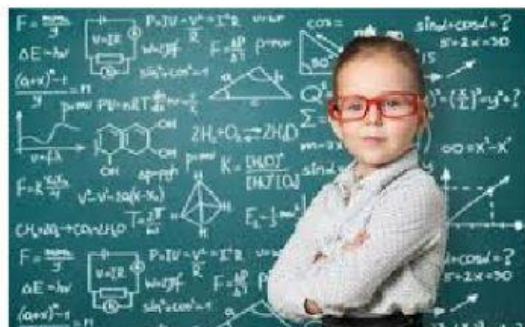


Mensa is the international society for highly intelligent people. The name of the society comes from the Latin word for a table. It was founded in 1946. People of all ages and types can be its members. To join, people do a series of timed tests at home. If they do well on these tests, they write to Mensa and take a supervised test. On the basis of the results, they are invited to join.

Mensa's 100.000 members come from the top two percent of the population. Isaac Asimov, the scientist and science fiction writer, is one of Mensa's most famous members. There is also a junior Mensa for five to eleven-year-olds.

The qualifying mark in the test is 148 points. Recently a twelve-year-old schoolboy, Oliver Jenkin, scored 177 points in the Mensa test.

Although Oliver doesn't consider himself to be a genius, his mother says he spoke his first word (hello) when he was four months old. By the time he was four he was reading books on archaeology, but his teachers thought he was backward. He tried to do badly at school because he didn't want to draw attention to himself.



However, this achievement is nothing compared with twelve-year-old Adragon Eastwood Demello, an American boy who lives in California. He scored 225 points. He spoke at seven weeks, was a brilliant chess player at two and a half, learned Greek, physics and philosophy at four, geophysics at six and was building computer-controlled robots at the age of eight. His father wants him to win the Nobel Prize by

the age of sixteen.

1. Mensa is

- A the Latin word for a society.
- B the clever people's club.
- C a society with limited membership.

2. To be invited to Mensa a person must

- A be famous.
- B be a man of genius.
- C do well on a series of special tests.

3. The minimum number of points an applicant must score in tests is

- A 148.
- B 177.
- C 225.

4. Oliver didn't get good marks at school because he

- A wanted to draw attention to himself.
- B was keen on archaeology.
- C was shy.

5. Adragon Eastwood Demello

- A wants to win the Nobel Prize.
- B is a wonder-child.
- C learned Greek at ten.