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#### **PREFACE**

The World Around Me, in nine parts, comprising assignments in General Knowledge, I.Q. Tests and Word Games, is designed for the students of pre-primary, primary and middle classes.

As a subject, General Knowledge can be immensely vast, unmanageable and burdensome. The success of a good book on General Knowledge lies in the judicious selection of the items to be learnt and their presentation. The authors have fully exploited their expertise and experience to select the essential aspects of the subject that an average child at a particular age is expected to know. All other aspects have been strictly excluded. Besides, the series has been so designed that the students are gently led to explore their environment and seek answers to questions that naturally arise in their minds. Thus, they become active participants in the process of learning and find it a creative and mentally satisfying activity.

I.Q. Tests include test items on series, figures, numerical ability and reasoning. The questions in these tests are carefully framed and graded. In addition to sharpening the intellect of the students, they will also familiarise the children with modern testing methodologies.

Word Games should project exploration of language as a very rewarding and entertaining activity. Our students will surely love them.

Books 6–8 are roughly divided into five parts: (1) our country, with emphasis on places, personalities and culture; (2) the world; (3) general science, medicine, human body and wellness; (4) sports, literature, honours and awards; and (5) general awareness. The assignments are so framed that they revise, teach as well as evaluate. A few exercises are also given in the form of puzzles. Each section ends with a review page, a page of word games, and an I.Q. Test. Finally, there are five model papers on the pattern of Kaun Banega Crorepati to evaluate learning outcome.

We welcome suggestions for the improvement of the series and will try to incorporate them in the future editions.

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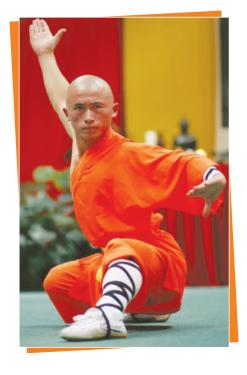
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