What happens during exams!

“Tick tock, mind block, pen stop” …and what?

An exam hall, for most of us, is like the battlefield. You’ve done your preparations (some of us, at least) and you’re ready for the showdown. You have no clue about the enemy’s (the question paper) strategy, but you don’t lose hope. You sit in the examination room with all the confidence you can muster (or try to, at least) and look tensely at the scary teachers when they give you the question paper. Things like ‘here it goes’ or ‘this is it’ are what you’re chanting inside.

But the fun part is, you would probably find that the intensity of pressure varies a lot from person to person within these four walls. Have a look!

**Ma’am, sheet!:** You all probably know where this is pointing at. The person who takes the first supplementary sheet is generally regarded with those curious looks which if translated go something like this: “I think you’re crazy and you’re going to take and I hate you or bhai kya likh raha hai??!” Apparently, this kind has a lot to write (because of their big font, perhaps!) Sometimes, they even ask for a sheet when there are only 5 minutes left. You would probably wonder they give exams just for the sake of signing the ‘supplementary sheet form’

**Time kya hai?:**Time is the key to success. Sure, indeed. Not 5 minutes into the exam, and somebody would go like “Ma’am, how much time is left?” Midway, they would be pestering their partners with their ‘time’ questions. They would be writing in full speed while looking at their watch and giving expressions which are extremely fun to watch!

**Head down:**Their policy is simple: We don’t know, we don’t care. They didn’t study the last night, or during the day, or the night before that or anytime, perhaps. It’s more of a courtesy for them to grace the battlefield with their wonderful presence. They’ll come, have a look at that controversial question paper, accept defeat and get ready to take a good nap. Another drill they could follow would be to write something; at least something even if it’s just baloney and then put back the pen. While everybody would be discussing the question paper later, “Bahut achi neend aayi, haan, exam bhi badiya tha” is something they would probably say.

**Haar mat maano!:** This is it. Confidence, check. Correct answers, almost check. Time management, what’s that? They start off with a lot of energy, which continues till the best part of the paper. But the end gives it away: you’re tired; you want to get it over with. You keep writing, take a sheet even in the last 5 minutes and keep saying “Ma’am, 2 more minutes!” but in the end the disaster strikes you forget the order of your sheets and tie them in an amazingly stupid order.

**Cool dude:** They believe in taking things calmly. They’re writing, they know the answers or don’t, but they’re not panicking. They breathe through this atmosphere of tension and find time to pass a smile to their friends. And what do you know, 20 minutes before the bell goes, they’re already through with this tedious task and giving a glance to their answer sheets. It’s fine if you hate them!