



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)**

TERM 2

CLASS: X

Time Allotted: 2 hrs

10.04.2022

Max. Marks: 40

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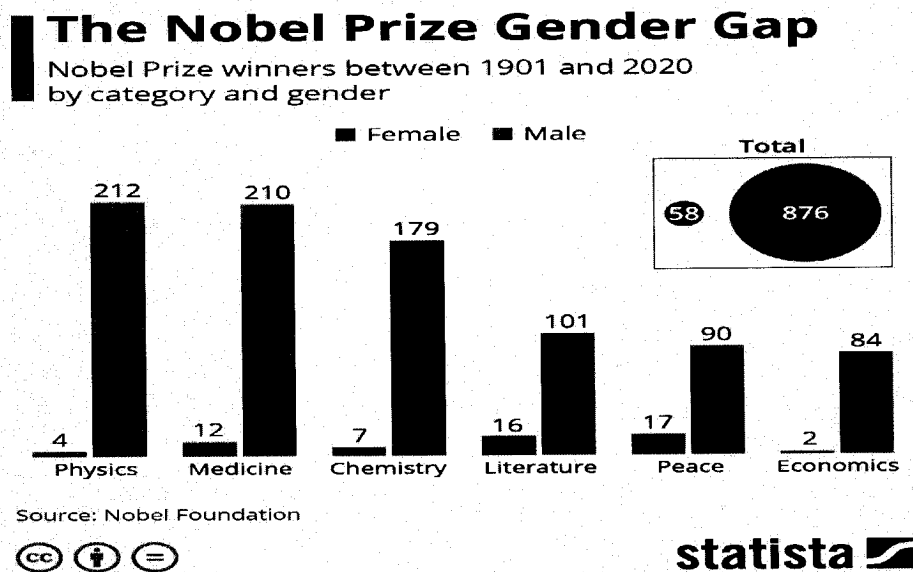
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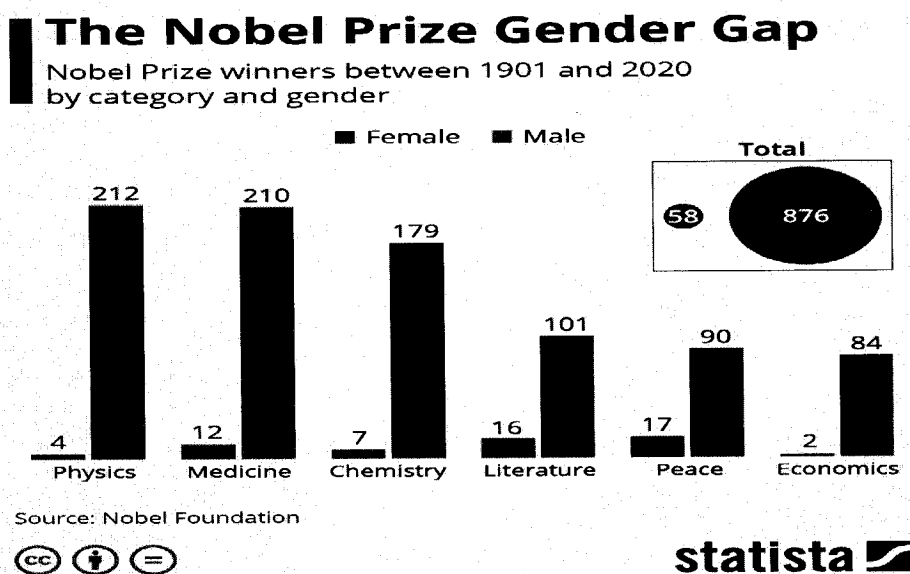
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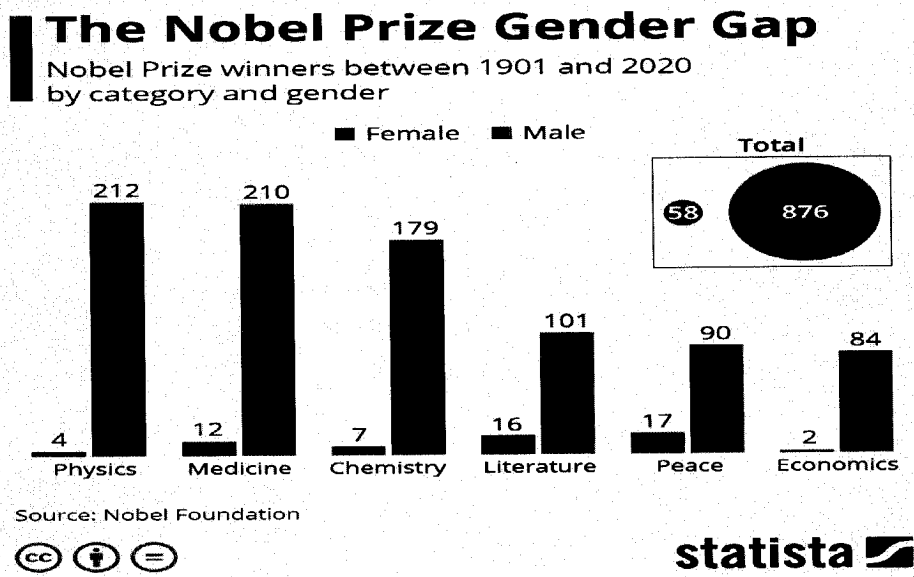
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