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# CREATIVE MINDS REQUIRE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

*Directoress Shantha Shankar talks about the benefits of montessori education and more*

Children are ready to learn from the time they are born. It is wrong to assume that education starts from the time they are ready for school. By the time they are six, 90% of their brain has grown to its full potential. Every child is unique and learns at his or her own pace and Darwin's being a non-competitive environment provides a secure place for children to flourish. As they grow older organisation skills, time management, memory skills are the added skills that they teach for children to become self learners.

Darwin Montessori was started in 2015 by Shantha Shankar. She is a certified Montessori facilitator, a passionate educator whose leadership approach is deeply rooted in the collaborative and facilitative nature of the Montessori pedagogy. The school was started in Anna Nagar in the year 2015. At Darwin's, the teachers wanted to serve their children throughout the developmental ages by constantly increasing the standards that they offered. Precisely for the same, Darwin Montessori is relocating to a bigger campus near Korattur from June 2020.

"Even though technological advancements have happened in the last few years, the human brain still develops the same way that it did thousands of years ago. We believe that there is an age for technology, but there is no place for screens in early childhood. As children need to see, touch, feel real objects," says Ms. Shantha Shankar. The common misconception



about Montessori education is that children play with toys and they have a lot of freedom and not much structure. But the truth is far from that. Every material, every child, and every feature of a montessori classroom is scientifically prepared to meet the developmental needs of a child. Children have freedom to choose, work, move, repeat, express themselves all within limits to foster self discipline. The mixed age group of children enables younger children to feel eager to follow the path taken by the older children and the older children help younger children. Thus, fostering a sense of community. Darwin Montessori strives to achieve the right balance to meet all the needs and requirements of every child.

Talking about fear of failures, Ms. Shantha says, "We don't criticize when children make mistakes but from an early age, show children that they are a part of life and we focus on teaching on how to rectify and to learn from them. Only a nurturing environment where children are not judged but constantly helped can imbibe problem solving skills."



**SHANTHA SHANKAR**  
Darwin Montessori

## Preparation tips for your 2020 board examinations

### FIRST READ THE QUESTION PAPER WELL

The first thing to do is read your paper well, understand it well. When writing the answers, you first need to understand what is being asked and how much marks it contains. The answer should be written accordingly- logically and comprehensively.

### USE THE FIRST 15 MINUTES EFFECTIVELY

You get a good 15 minutes in the beginning to read the question paper - use this time to do just that, READ. While reading, mark the questions into categories wise easy, manageable and tough. This is done to have an overall idea about the questions and make a rough plan.

### PRIORITISE YOUR ATTEMPT

Always attempt the easy questions first and then move on to the manageable ones and ensure that you complete them before taking on the difficult ones. Once you successfully attempt all the easy and manageable questions, your confidence will grow and you will be mentally ready to take on the more challenging questions.

### KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR WATCH

Keeping an eye on your watch is of course not to increase your stress. This is just to see that you are broadly adhering to the time allocation we discussed in the beginning. A minor variation is not at all a reason to worry.

### AVOID THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT A QUESTION

Thinking about the questions before you attempt them is essential; but not to such an extent that you waste a lot of time on one question. Remember, you need to just answer the question and nothing more. Any over-attempt will be a mere waste of time.

### REVISE YOUR ANSWERS

Usually the question papers are set in such a way that even after attempting all the questions, students should be left with 5-10 minutes in the end to revise their answers. Do not waste your time and revise all your answers.

### BE NEAT AND CLEAN

Write your answer in a clean and legible handwriting. Not everyone has a beautiful handwriting but anyone can write answers with proper space and punctuation and in a legible handwriting. Remember that if your answer sheet is not clean and handwriting illegible, it will be unfavorable to you. Use margin wherever necessary.