



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 25.05.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/3N5LSEp> (The King in the Endgame)

1. According to the article, if Carlsen had played the World Championship match with Firouzja, it "would have held deeper significance for the broader public" as:

- A. Firouzja is a young Iranian French prodigy who rapidly climbed the rankings and broke 2800 at the age of 18—beating Carlsen's record to the milestone
- B. The match could have served as a battle between the last champion of the old generation of grandmasters and the first champion of the new one
- C. If he had played the match, history would likely remember Carlsen as the bridge from the old world to the new
- D. New fans and casual observers are likely to now see Carlsen as a poor sport who could not be bothered to prepare intensely for the match

Explanation : B

Refer to the lines, "In addition to heightened intrigue for Carlsen, a match with Firouzja would have held deeper significance for the broader public. It could have served as a battle between the last champion of the old generation of grandmasters and the first champion of the new one."

2. The article cites Carlsen's game against Levon Aronian during the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour to highlight:

- A. how Carlsen's spectacular move, in line with the traditional understanding of chess, helped in making the king a more active piece
- B. how AlphaZero has influenced Carlsen's game and shaped his new belief that king would be more powerful when it has room to breathe
- C. how Carlsen and other older players are forced to unlearn things ingrained in them for most of their lives if they are to beat players of the younger generation
- D. All of the above

Explanation:B

Option B is clearly true. Option A is incorrect as Carlsen's move was not "in line with the traditional understanding of chess". Option C is not mentioned/implied in the article.

3.How history remembers Carlsen, however, is a subject "perhaps best put on ice" as:

- A.Carlsen has no intention of retiring from chess
- B.Carlsen has already reached the highest pinnacle of the game and etched his name in the history books
- C.From the top that Carlsen is in, there's nowhere to go but down
- D.Carlsen will swat away whoever the next world champion will be

Explanation:A

Put on ice= postponed for a while
Option A is the correct choice.