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TV Licence fee set to rise from the 1st of April

The Government has confirmed that from the 1^{st} of April 2020 the cost of the annual television licence fee will increase from £154.50 by £3.

Licence holders are allowed to pay in a single payment, or by weekly or monthly payments to help spread the cost.

If a licence holder chooses to pay in monthly instalments, how much extra will the new fee cost them per month?



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England reclaim Calcutta Cup and keep Six Nations title hopes alive

England won back the Calcutta Cup and kept their Six Nations title hopes alive with a turgid victory over Scotland in awful weather conditions.

The result meant Scotland fell short of a third straight Calcutta Cup, but England climb level on points with second-placed Wales, four adrift of unbeaten leaders Ireland.

England scored the only try of the game and the resulting conversion. They also scored two penalties, as did Scotland.

The table opposite shows the number of points awarded for the different scoring methods in Rugby Union.

What was the final score in the match?



Scoring Method	Points
Try	5
Conversion	2
Penalty	3

Climate change: Loss of bees driven by 'climate chaos'

"Climate chaos" has caused widespread losses of bumblebees across continents, according to scientists.



A new analysis shows the likelihood of a bee being found in any given place in Europe and North America has declined by a third since the 1970s.

But did you also know that bees are surprisingly good at numeracy?

Believe it or not, zero is an extremely hard concept to understand for humans. But our ability to grasp zero as a distinct numerical value is a vital part of modern mathematics, engineering, and technology.

Another group of scientists were surprised to find that bees could discriminate a value of one from zero with moderate ability.

But how well do YOU understand zero? Try and answer the questions below, Will you work out the correct answers, or will you get NOTHING?!

1. 9+0

2. 0×7

3. 5 ÷ 0

Two college students make a large profit by selling face masks

Two enterprising college students in Bournemouth have made a large profit from selling face masks on eBay, saying they simply 'found a



gap in the market' amid the coronavirus outbreak.

The duo paid 17p per pack of 10 masks, before going on to sell each mask to people across the UK for £8 from their respective eBay accounts.

To date, they have sold 1000 face masks. How much PROFIT have they made?