

### **COMPREHENSION CHECK**

#### TRUE OR FALSE

- 1. Margherita Hack was born in Rome
- 2. She didn't take her final exams because of WW2
- 3. She graduated in Maths
- 4. She was also an important writer
- 5. She was a professor and the director of the Observatory in Trieste
- 6. She loved animals a lot

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# **MARGHERITA HACK**

- ▲ Margherita Hack was an Italian astrophysicist and scientific disseminator.
- ▲ She was a writer and television personality and studied stars by analyzing the different kinds of radiation they emitted.



▲ She was born in Florence on 12 June 1922 and she died on 29 June 2013. She attended Galileo Galilei High School in Florence but she couldn't take her final exams because of the Second World War.

▲ After graduating in Physics (1945) from the University of Florence, Margherita Hack worked in Florence and then at the Merate site of the Brera Astronomical Observatory outside Milan (1954–64). She subsequently became a professor at the University of Trieste (1964–98).



- ▲ She was the first Italian woman to be the director of the Observatory in Trieste.
- ▲ Under her leadership the observatory at Trieste became one of the foremost research centres in Italy. She wrote more than 200 scientific papers over her career, as well as a number of books, and she frequently appeared on television to explain new findings in astronomy and physics.







▲ She really loved animals, for this reason she was vegetarian.