

Class 10 · General Knowledge Olympiad

Total questions 50	Total marks 60	Time 60 minutes	Negative marking None
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Each question has four options, of which only one is correct. Mark your answer on the answer sheet. The Achievers Section carries higher marks per question. The answer key with full solutions is at the end of this paper.

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General Awareness

30 questions · 1 mark each · 30 marks

Q1. Which is the national fruit of India?

- (A) Apple (B) Banana (C) Orange (D) Mango

Q2. Which country is known as the Land of the Rising Sun?

- (A) Thailand (B) Japan (C) Nepal (D) China

Q3. Who was the first woman Prime Minister of India?

- (A) Sarojini Naidu (B) Indira Gandhi
(C) Pratibha Patil (D) Sucheta Kriplani

Q4. What is the national animal of India?

- (A) Lion (B) Elephant (C) Peacock (D) Tiger

Q5. Which dance form comes from Kerala?

- (A) Odissi (B) Kathakali
(C) Bharatanatyam (D) Kathak

Q6. The Eiffel Tower is in which city?

- (A) Paris (B) Rome (C) London (D) Berlin

Q7. The Gateway of India is located in which city?

- (A) Chennai (B) Kolkata (C) Goa (D) Mumbai

Q8. Which ocean lies to the south of India?

- (A) The Arctic Ocean (B) The Pacific Ocean
(C) The Atlantic Ocean (D) The Indian Ocean

Q9. Which musical instrument did Pandit Ravi Shankar play?

- (A) The flute (B) The sitar (C) The violin (D) The tabla

Q10. Who was the first President of India?

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Dr S. Radhakrishnan
(C) Dr Rajendra Prasad (D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar

Q11. How many players are there in a football team on the field?

- (A) Eleven (B) Nine (C) Seven (D) Five

- Q12. Which is the highest mountain peak in the world?
(A) K2 (B) Mount Everest
(C) Nanda Devi (D) Kanchenjunga
- Q13. Who was the first Indian to travel into space?
(A) Kalpana Chawla (B) Vikram Sarabhai
(C) Rakesh Sharma (D) Sunita Williams
- Q14. Who is known as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution?
(A) Rabindranath Tagore (B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Mahatma Gandhi (D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar
- Q15. Which line divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?
(A) The Prime Meridian (B) The Equator
(C) The Tropic of Cancer (D) The Arctic Circle
- Q16. Which is the largest hot desert in the world?
(A) The Thar (B) The Gobi (C) The Kalahari (D) The Sahara
- Q17. The Jnanpith Award is given for excellence in:
(A) Science (B) Sport (C) Literature (D) Films
- Q18. On which date does India celebrate Republic Day?
(A) 2 October (B) 26 January (C) 5 September (D) 15 August
- Q19. What is the currency of the United Kingdom?
(A) Dollar (B) Euro
(C) Pound sterling (D) Franc
- Q20. What is the national sport-related honour of India given for lifetime achievement in sport called?
(A) Ashoka Chakra (B) Padma Shri
(C) Bharat Ratna (D) Dhyan Chand Award
- Q21. Durga Puja is the biggest festival of which state?
(A) Kerala (B) Gujarat (C) Punjab (D) West Bengal
- Q22. Which is the largest ocean in the world?
(A) The Atlantic Ocean (B) The Indian Ocean
(C) The Arctic Ocean (D) The Pacific Ocean
- Q23. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?
(A) Tamil Nadu (B) Gujarat (C) Kerala (D) Odisha
- Q24. How many players are there in a cricket team on the field?
(A) Nine (B) Ten (C) Eleven (D) Twelve
- Q25. The Olympic Games are normally held once in how many years?
(A) Five (B) Two (C) Three (D) Four

Q26. Who was the first Prime Minister of India?

- (A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) Sardar Patel (D) Jawaharlal Nehru

Q27. Which festival marks the harvest season in Punjab?

- (A) Onam (B) Pongal (C) Bihu (D) Baisakhi

Q28. Which is the largest state of India by area?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

Q29. Which is the national tree of India?

- (A) Peepal (B) Mango tree (C) Banyan (D) Neem

Q30. What is the currency of Japan?

- (A) Dollar (B) Rupee (C) Euro (D) Yen

Current Affairs

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Earth Day is observed on which date?

- (A) 5 June (B) 21 June (C) 22 April (D) 8 March

Q32. Which organisation brings countries together to keep world peace?

- (A) The Olympic Committee (B) UNESCO
(C) The United Nations (D) The Red Cross

Q33. The Indian Parliament has how many houses?

- (A) Three (B) One (C) Four (D) Two

Q34. What is the lower house of the Indian Parliament called?

- (A) Lok Sabha (B) Rajya Sabha (C) Gram Sabha (D) Vidhan Sabha

Q35. At what age does an Indian citizen get the right to vote?

- (A) 21 years (B) 18 years (C) 16 years (D) 25 years

Q36. What does ISRO stand for?

- (A) Indian Satellite and Rocket Organisation (B) Indian Space Research Organisation
(C) International Space Research Organisation (D) Indian Science Research Office

Q37. What is the head of government of an Indian state called?

- (A) The Governor (B) The President
(C) The Chief Minister (D) The Mayor

Q38. Who is the head of the Government of India?

- (A) The Prime Minister (B) The President
(C) The Chief Justice (D) The Governor

Q39. World Environment Day is observed on which date?

- (A) 1 May (B) 22 April (C) 5 June (D) 16 September

Q40. Which Indian mission was sent to study the Moon?

- (A) Chandrayaan (B) Mangalyaan (C) Gaganyaan (D) Aryabhata

Life Skills

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. You find a wallet with money in the school corridor. What should you do?

- (A) Leave it on the floor (B) Keep the money
(C) Share it with friends (D) Hand it to a teacher or the office

Q42. Which of these shows good teamwork?

- (A) Ignoring the quietest member (B) Taking all the credit
(C) Listening to everyone's idea before deciding (D) Doing everything alone

Q43. How can you save water at home?

- (A) Wash the car every day (B) Use a leaking tap without repairing it
(C) Leave the tap running (D) Close the tap while brushing your teeth

Q44. A younger child has fallen and is crying. What is the kindest response?

- (A) Walk past (B) Help the child up and call an adult
(C) Laugh at the child (D) Tell the child to be quiet

Q45. Which is the healthiest choice for a daily school snack?

- (A) A fruit (B) A packet of chips
(C) A fizzy drink (D) A bar of chocolate

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. Using each of the digits 8, 7, 0, 6 exactly once, what is the smallest 4-digit number that can be formed?

- (A) 8760 (B) 0678 (C) 6087 (D) 6078

Q47. Fish can live in a frozen pond because:

- (A) Ice sinks to the bottom (B) Ice floats on top and water below stays liquid
(C) Fish can breathe air (D) Fish stop needing oxygen in winter

Q48. How many numbers between 60 and 80 leave a remainder of 4 when divided by 9?

- (A) 3 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 1

Q49. Find the next number: 4, 6, 10, 16, 24, ____

- (A) 34 (B) 32 (C) 35 (D) 36

Q50. If BOOK is coded as CPPL, how is GATE coded?

- (A) FZSD (B) HBUF (C) FUBH (D) ICVG

Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	B	B	D	B	A	D	D	B	C

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	B	C	D	B	D	C	B	C	D
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
D	D	B	C	D	D	D	A	C	D
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
C	C	D	A	B	B	C	A	C	A
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
D	C	D	B	A	D	B	B	A	B

Solutions

- Q1. (D) The mango is the national fruit of India.
- Q2. (B) Japan is called the Land of the Rising Sun.
- Q3. (B) Indira Gandhi was India's first woman Prime Minister.
- Q4. (D) The Bengal tiger is the national animal of India.
- Q5. (B) Kathakali is a classical dance of Kerala.
- Q6. (A) The Eiffel Tower stands in Paris, France.
- Q7. (D) The Gateway of India is in Mumbai.
- Q8. (D) The Indian Ocean lies to the south of the Indian peninsula.
- Q9. (B) Pandit Ravi Shankar was a world-famous sitar player. The answer is The sitar.
- Q10. (C) Dr Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India.
- Q11. (A) A football team fields eleven players.
- Q12. (B) Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, is the highest peak in the world.
- Q13. (C) Rakesh Sharma flew to space in 1984.
- Q14. (D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar chaired the drafting committee of the Constitution.
- Q15. (B) The Equator is the 0° line of latitude.
- Q16. (D) The Sahara in Africa is the largest hot desert in the world.
- Q17. (C) The Jnanpith Award is India's top literary honour. The answer is Literature.
- Q18. (B) The Constitution of India came into force on 26 January 1950.
- Q19. (C) The UK uses the pound sterling.
- Q20. (D) The Major Dhyan Chand Award honours lifetime achievement in sport.
- Q21. (D) Durga Puja is the largest festival in West Bengal.
- Q22. (D) The Pacific is the largest and deepest ocean. The answer is The Pacific Ocean.
- Q23. (B) Gujarat has the longest coastline of any Indian state.
- Q24. (C) A cricket team fields eleven players.
- Q25. (D) The Olympic Games are held every four years.
- Q26. (D) Jawaharlal Nehru became India's first Prime Minister in 1947.
- Q27. (D) Baisakhi is the harvest festival of Punjab.
- Q28. (A) Rajasthan has the largest area of any Indian state.
- Q29. (C) The banyan is the national tree of India.
- Q30. (D) The currency of Japan is the yen.
- Q31. (C) Earth Day is observed on 22 April.

- Q32. (C) The United Nations was formed to maintain international peace and co-operation.
- Q33. (D) Parliament has two houses: the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
- Q34. (A) The Lok Sabha is the lower house, directly elected by the people.
- Q35. (B) Indian citizens may vote from the age of 18. The answer is 18 years.
- Q36. (B) ISRO is the Indian Space Research Organisation.
- Q37. (C) A state government is headed by its Chief Minister. The answer is The Chief Minister.
- Q38. (A) The President is the head of State; the Prime Minister heads the Government.
- Q39. (C) World Environment Day is observed every year on 5 June.
- Q40. (A) Chandrayaan is India's Moon mission; Mangalyaan went to Mars.
- Q41. (D) Returning lost property is the honest thing to do. The answer is Hand it to a teacher or the office.
- Q42. (C) Good teams listen to every member before deciding. The answer is Listening to everyone's idea before deciding.
- Q43. (D) Closing the tap while brushing saves several litres every day. The answer is Close the tap while brushing your teeth.
- Q44. (B) Helping and getting an adult is the caring and safe response. The answer is Help the child up and call an adult.
- Q45. (A) Fruit gives vitamins and fibre without too much sugar or salt. The answer is A fruit.
- Q46. (D) A 4-digit number cannot begin with 0, so the smallest possible first digit is 6. The remaining digits are then placed in increasing order: 6078.
- Q47. (B) Ice is less dense than water, so it floats and insulates the liquid water underneath. The answer is Ice floats on top and water below stays liquid.
- Q48. (B) The numbers are 67, 76 — 2 of them.
- Q49. (A) The gaps grow 2, 4, 6, 8, so the next gap is 10 and $24 + 10 = 34$.
- Q50. (B) Every letter moves 1 place(s) forward, so GATE becomes HBUF.

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