

Class 8 · 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 sport-like game most associated with Major Dhyan Chand?

- (A) Cricket (B) Hockey (C) Tennis (D) Badminton

Q2. What is the capital of India?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Chennai (C) Kolkata (D) Mumbai

Q3. Which is the national tree of India?

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

Q4. Which city is known as the City of Joy?

- (A) Kolkata (B) Mumbai (C) Hyderabad (D) Jaipur

Q5. Which is the national aquatic animal of India?

- (A) The sea turtle (B) The Gangetic dolphin
(C) The crocodile (D) The whale shark

Q6. Which festival is known as the festival of colours?

- (A) Onam (B) Pongal (C) Diwali (D) Holi

Q7. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?

- (A) Kerala (B) Gujarat (C) Odisha (D) Tamil Nadu

Q8. Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on which date?

- (A) 2 October (B) 14 November (C) 5 September (D) 15 August

Q9. The Gateway of India is located in which city?

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

Q10. What is the national sport-related honour of India given for lifetime achievement in sport called?

- (A) Dhyan Chand Award (B) Padma Shri
(C) Ashoka Chakra (D) Bharat Ratna

Q11. Who was the first Indian to travel into space?

- (A) Sunita Williams (B) Kalpana Chawla
(C) Vikram Sarabhai (D) Rakesh Sharma

- Q12. What is the national animal of India?
(A) Tiger (B) Elephant (C) Lion (D) Peacock
- Q13. Which award is given to Indian sportspersons for outstanding performance in a year?
(A) Arjuna Award (B) Bharat Ratna
(C) Padma Vibhushan (D) Jnanpith Award
- Q14. Who is known as the Father of the Nation in India?
(A) Sardar Patel (B) Subhas Chandra Bose
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru (D) Mahatma Gandhi
- Q15. The Jnanpith Award is given for excellence in:
(A) Literature (B) Films (C) Sport (D) Science
- Q16. Which ocean lies to the south of India?
(A) The Pacific Ocean (B) The Indian Ocean
(C) The Atlantic Ocean (D) The Arctic Ocean
- Q17. Who was the first woman Prime Minister of India?
(A) Sarojini Naidu (B) Indira Gandhi
(C) Pratibha Patil (D) Sucheta Kriplani
- Q18. What is in the centre of the Indian national flag?
(A) The Ashoka Chakra (B) A tiger
(C) A lotus (D) A star
- Q19. How many players are there in a basketball team on the court?
(A) Eleven (B) Seven (C) Five (D) Six
- Q20. Who was the first Prime Minister of India?
(A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Sardar Patel
(C) Mahatma Gandhi (D) Rajendra Prasad
- Q21. The Olympic Games are normally held once in how many years?
(A) Four (B) Five (C) Two (D) Three
- Q22. Who was the first President of India?
(A) Dr S. Radhakrishnan (B) Dr Rajendra Prasad
(C) Dr B. R. Ambedkar (D) Jawaharlal Nehru
- Q23. Which state is known as the Land of Five Rivers?
(A) Punjab (B) Haryana (C) Assam (D) Bihar
- Q24. Which is the largest state of India by area?
(A) Maharashtra (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Rajasthan

Q25. Which dance form comes from Kerala?

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

Q26. Which sport is associated with Wimbledon?

- (A) Tennis (B) Hockey (C) Football (D) Cricket

Q27. The pyramids of Giza are in which country?

- (A) Iraq (B) Greece (C) Mexico (D) Egypt

Q28. Which is the longest river in India?

- (A) The Narmada (B) The Godavari (C) The Ganga (D) The Yamuna

Q29. Howrah Bridge stands over which river?

- (A) The Ganga at Patna (B) The Damodar
(C) The Hooghly (D) The Yamuna

Q30. Who is known as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution?

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore (B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Dr B. R. Ambedkar (D) Jawaharlal Nehru

Current Affairs

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Whom should we call in an emergency in India?

- (A) No one (B) Any random number
(C) The helpline number 112 (D) A friend only

Q32. What is the head of government of an Indian state called?

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

Q33. What should we wear while riding a two-wheeler?

- (A) A scarf (B) A helmet (C) A cap (D) Nothing

Q34. A "green" way to travel to school over a short distance is:

- (A) Walking or cycling (B) Going alone by car
(C) Taking a helicopter (D) Riding a motorbike alone

Q35. Which of these saves electricity at home?

- (A) Leaving the fan on all day (B) Switching off lights when not needed
(C) Using all lights at once (D) Keeping the fridge door open

Q36. Who is the head of the Government of India?

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

Q37. How should we stand when the national anthem is played?

- (A) Straight and silent (B) Running about
(C) Talking loudly (D) Sitting down

Q38. International Yoga Day is observed on which date?

- (A) 2 October (B) 5 June (C) 14 November (D) 21 June

Q39. Which of these is a sign of a good citizen?

- (A) Breaking queues (B) Following rules and helping others
(C) Littering (D) Shouting at helpers

Q40. Who is the constitutional head of the Indian State?

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

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

Q42. What should you do before crossing a road?

- (A) Run across quickly (B) Stop, look both ways and listen
(C) Cross while using a phone (D) Cross between parked cars

Q43. How can you save water at home?

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

Q44. What should you do with a plastic bottle after use?

- (A) Burn it (B) Throw it in the river
(C) Put it in the recycling bin (D) Leave it on the road

Q45. Which of these shows good teamwork?

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

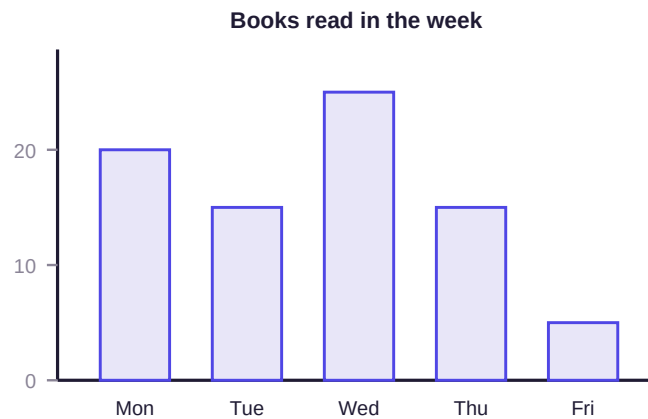
Q46. How many numbers between 60 and 85 leave a remainder of 3 when divided by 6?

- (A) 5 (B) 4 (C) 6 (D) 3

Q47. Why is it safer to switch off a computer using the Shut Down option rather than pulling out the plug?

- (A) It saves electricity only (B) It closes files properly so data is not lost
(C) It cleans the screen (D) It makes the computer faster next time

Q48. The bar graph shows the number of books read by a class on each day of one week. How many books were read in the whole week?



- (A) 90 (B) 75 (C) 80 (D) 85

Q49. A country's flag has saffron on top, white in the middle with a blue wheel, and green at the bottom. Which country is it?

- (A) Italy (B) Niger (C) India (D) Ireland

Q50. The average of 3 numbers is 17. 2 of them are 4, 34. What is the remaining number?

- (A) 17 (B) 11 (C) 13 (D) 15

Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	A	B	A	B	D	B	C	A	A
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
D	A	A	D	A	B	B	A	C	A
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
A	B	A	D	A	A	D	C	C	C
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
C	C	B	A	B	B	A	D	B	D
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
A	B	B	C	A	B	B	C	C	C

Solutions

Q1. (B) Major Dhyan Chand was a legendary Indian hockey player.

Q2. (A) New Delhi is the capital of India.

Q3. (B) The banyan is the national tree of India.

Q4. (A) Kolkata is popularly called the City of Joy.

Q5. (B) The Gangetic river dolphin is India's national aquatic animal. The answer is The Gangetic dolphin.

Q6. (D) Holi is played with colours.

Q7. (B) Gujarat has the longest coastline of any Indian state.

- Q8. (C) Teachers' Day marks the birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan on 5 September.
- Q9. (A) The Gateway of India is in Mumbai.
- Q10. (A) The Major Dhyan Chand Award honours lifetime achievement in sport.
- Q11. (D) Rakesh Sharma flew to space in 1984.
- Q12. (A) The Bengal tiger is the national animal of India.
- Q13. (A) The Arjuna Award honours outstanding sportspersons.
- Q14. (D) Mahatma Gandhi is called the Father of the Nation.
- Q15. (A) The Jnanpith Award is India's top literary honour. The answer is Literature.
- Q16. (B) The Indian Ocean lies to the south of the Indian peninsula.
- Q17. (B) Indira Gandhi was India's first woman Prime Minister.
- Q18. (A) The navy-blue Ashoka Chakra with 24 spokes sits in the white band. The answer is The Ashoka Chakra.
- Q19. (C) A basketball team has five players on court.
- Q20. (A) Jawaharlal Nehru became India's first Prime Minister in 1947.
- Q21. (A) The Olympic Games are held every four years.
- Q22. (B) Dr Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India.
- Q23. (A) Punjab means the land of five rivers.
- Q24. (D) Rajasthan has the largest area of any Indian state.
- Q25. (A) Kathakali is a classical dance of Kerala.
- Q26. (A) Wimbledon is the oldest tennis tournament in the world.
- Q27. (D) The pyramids of Giza are in Egypt.
- Q28. (C) The Ganga is the longest river flowing within India.
- Q29. (C) Howrah Bridge crosses the Hooghly river in Kolkata.
- Q30. (C) Dr B. R. Ambedkar chaired the drafting committee of the Constitution.
- Q31. (C) 112 is the single national emergency number in India. The answer is The helpline number 112.
- Q32. (C) A state government is headed by its Chief Minister. The answer is The Chief Minister.
- Q33. (B) A helmet protects the head in an accident.
- Q34. (A) Walking or cycling gives out no pollution.
- Q35. (B) Switching off what we are not using saves electricity. The answer is Switching off lights when not needed.
- Q36. (B) The President is the head of State; the Prime Minister heads the Government.
- Q37. (A) We stand straight and silent to show respect.
- Q38. (D) International Yoga Day is observed on 21 June.
- Q39. (B) A good citizen follows rules and helps others. The answer is Following rules and helping others.
- Q40. (D) The President of India is the constitutional head of State.
- Q41. (A) Returning lost property is the honest thing to do. The answer is Hand it to a teacher or the office.
- Q42. (B) Stopping and looking both ways keeps you safe. The answer is Stop, look both ways and listen.
- Q43. (B) Closing the tap while brushing saves several litres every day. The answer is Close the tap while brushing your teeth.
- Q44. (C) Recycling keeps plastic out of rivers and landfills. The answer is Put it in the recycling bin.
- Q45. (A) Good teams listen to every member before deciding. The answer is Listening to everyone's idea before deciding.
- Q46. (B) The numbers are 63, 69, 75, 81 — 4 of them.
- Q47. (B) Shutting down lets the system finish writing files; cutting power can corrupt them. The answer is It closes files properly so data is not lost.
- Q48. (C) $20 + 15 + 25 + 15 + 5 = 80$ books.

Q49. (C) That describes the Indian tricolour with the Ashoka Chakra in the white band.

Q50. (C) The 3 numbers add up to $17 \times 3 = 51$. The given numbers add up to 38, so the missing number is $51 - 38 = 13$.

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