

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. What is the currency of the United Kingdom?

- (A) Euro (B) Franc
(C) Pound sterling (D) Dollar

Q2. Which ocean lies to the south of India?

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

Q3. The Olympic Games are normally held once in how many years?

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

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

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

Q5. The Gateway of India is located in which city?

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

Q6. What is the national animal of India?

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

Q7. Which state is known as the Land of Five Rivers?

- (A) Punjab (B) Assam (C) Haryana (D) Bihar

Q8. Which is the highest mountain peak in the world?

- (A) Kanchenjunga (B) K2
(C) Mount Everest (D) Nanda Devi

Q9. Who was the first woman Prime Minister of India?

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

Q10. The Eiffel Tower is in which city?

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

Q11. Which is the national tree of India?

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

- Q12. How many days are there in a leap year?
(A) 365 (B) 367 (C) 366 (D) 364
- Q13. Which award is given to Indian sportspersons for outstanding performance in a year?
(A) Bharat Ratna (B) Jnanpith Award
(C) Arjuna Award (D) Padma Vibhushan
- Q14. Which is the largest hot desert in the world?
(A) The Sahara (B) The Thar (C) The Gobi (D) The Kalahari
- Q15. How many players are there in a basketball team on the court?
(A) Six (B) Eleven (C) Seven (D) Five
- Q16. What is the national bird of India?
(A) Peacock (B) Parrot (C) Sparrow (D) Eagle
- Q17. Which Indian city is famous for the Taj Mahal?
(A) Lucknow (B) Delhi (C) Agra (D) Jaipur
- Q18. Who is known as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution?
(A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Dr B. R. Ambedkar
(C) Rabindranath Tagore (D) Mahatma Gandhi
- Q19. Which is the deepest ocean trench in the world?
(A) The Sunda Trench (B) The Puerto Rico Trench
(C) The Mariana Trench (D) The Java Trench
- Q20. What is the capital of India?
(A) New Delhi (B) Kolkata (C) Chennai (D) Mumbai
- Q21. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?
(A) Kerala (B) Gujarat (C) Odisha (D) Tamil Nadu
- Q22. Who was the first President of India?
(A) Dr Rajendra Prasad (B) Dr S. Radhakrishnan
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru (D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar
- Q23. How many players are there in a football team on the field?
(A) Seven (B) Five (C) Nine (D) Eleven
- Q24. What is the national sport-related honour of India given for lifetime achievement in sport called?
(A) Ashoka Chakra (B) Dhyan Chand Award
(C) Bharat Ratna (D) Padma Shri
- Q25. Which line divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?
(A) The Tropic of Cancer (B) The Prime Meridian
(C) The Equator (D) The Arctic Circle
- Q26. Which festival is known as the festival of colours?
(A) Diwali (B) Pongal (C) Holi (D) Onam

Q27. The Jnanpith Award is given for excellence in:

- (A) Films (B) Literature (C) Science (D) Sport

Q28. Children's Day in India is celebrated on which date?

- (A) 26 January (B) 5 September (C) 14 November (D) 1 June

Q29. Which is the largest island in the world?

- (A) Australia (B) Sri Lanka (C) Madagascar (D) Greenland

Q30. Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on which date?

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

Current Affairs

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. How should we stand when the national anthem is played?

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

Q32. What is the lower house of the Indian Parliament called?

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

Q33. 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

Q34. Which organisation brings countries together to keep world peace?

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

Q35. Whom should we call in an emergency in India?

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

Q36. What is the head of government of an Indian state called?

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

Q37. Which of these is a sign of a good citizen?

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

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

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

Q39. What should we wear while riding a two-wheeler?

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

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

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

Life Skills

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Your friend is being teased by others. What is the right thing to do?

- (A) Join in the teasing (B) Support your friend and tell a teacher
(C) Laugh quietly (D) Walk away and say nothing

Q42. A younger child has fallen and is crying. What is the kindest response?

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

Q43. You do not understand something the teacher explained. What should you do?

- (A) Stay silent and guess in the exam (B) Copy from a friend later
(C) Tell others the teacher is wrong (D) Politely ask the teacher to explain again

Q44. You find a wallet with money in the school corridor. What should you do?

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

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

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. 2 taps together fill a tank in 36 minutes. How long will 12 taps of the same kind take to fill it?

- (A) 36 minutes (B) 6 minutes (C) 3 minutes (D) 9 minutes

Q47. If LAMP is coded as ODPS, how is MILK coded?

- (A) JFIH (B) NOLP (C) PLON (D) SORQ

Q48. The clock in the figure shows 8:30. What is the angle between the hour hand and the minute hand?



- (A) 90° (B) 75° (C) 60° (D) 105°

Q49. The average of 3 numbers is 27. 2 of them are 41, 28. What is the remaining number?

(A) 10

(B) 27

(C) 14

(D) 12

Q50. 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 cleans the screen

(C) It closes files properly so data is not lost

(D) It makes the computer faster next time

Answer Key

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

Solutions

Q1. (C) The UK uses the pound sterling.

Q2. (B) The Indian Ocean lies to the south of the Indian peninsula.

Q3. (A) The Olympic Games are held every four years.

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

Q5. (D) The Gateway of India is in Mumbai.

Q6. (C) The Bengal tiger is the national animal of India.

Q7. (A) Punjab means the land of five rivers.

Q8. (C) Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, is the highest peak in the world.

Q9. (B) Indira Gandhi was India's first woman Prime Minister.

Q10. (D) The Eiffel Tower stands in Paris, France.

Q11. (B) The banyan is the national tree of India.

Q12. (C) A leap year has 366 days, with 29 days in February.

Q13. (C) The Arjuna Award honours outstanding sportspersons.

Q14. (A) The Sahara in Africa is the largest hot desert in the world.

Q15. (D) A basketball team has five players on court.

Q16. (A) The Indian peacock is the national bird.

Q17. (C) The Taj Mahal stands in Agra.

Q18. (B) Dr B. R. Ambedkar chaired the drafting committee of the Constitution.

Q19. (C) The Mariana Trench in the Pacific is the deepest known point in the ocean.

Q20. (A) New Delhi is the capital of India.

- Q21. (B) Gujarat has the longest coastline of any Indian state.
- Q22. (A) Dr Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India.
- Q23. (D) A football team fields eleven players.
- Q24. (B) The Major Dhyan Chand Award honours lifetime achievement in sport.
- Q25. (C) The Equator is the 0° line of latitude.
- Q26. (C) Holi is played with colours.
- Q27. (B) The Jnanpith Award is India's top literary honour. The answer is Literature.
- Q28. (C) Children's Day marks Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday on 14 November.
- Q29. (D) Greenland is the largest island; Australia is counted as a continent.
- Q30. (A) Teachers' Day marks the birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan on 5 September.
- Q31. (C) We stand straight and silent to show respect.
- Q32. (D) The Lok Sabha is the lower house, directly elected by the people.
- Q33. (B) Switching off what we are not using saves electricity. The answer is Switching off lights when not needed.
- Q34. (B) The United Nations was formed to maintain international peace and co-operation.
- Q35. (D) 112 is the single national emergency number in India. The answer is The helpline number 112.
- Q36. (C) A state government is headed by its Chief Minister. The answer is The Chief Minister.
- Q37. (B) A good citizen follows rules and helps others. The answer is Following rules and helping others.
- Q38. (D) The President is the head of State; the Prime Minister heads the Government.
- Q39. (D) A helmet protects the head in an accident.
- Q40. (A) Chandrayaan is India's Moon mission; Mangalyaan went to Mars.
- Q41. (B) Standing up for someone and telling a trusted adult stops bullying. The answer is Support your friend and tell a teacher.
- Q42. (B) Helping and getting an adult is the caring and safe response. The answer is Help the child up and call an adult.
- Q43. (D) Asking questions is how learning works; there is no shame in it. The answer is Politely ask the teacher to explain again.
- Q44. (A) Returning lost property is the honest thing to do. The answer is Hand it to a teacher or the office.
- Q45. (D) Fruit gives vitamins and fibre without too much sugar or salt. The answer is A fruit.
- Q46. (B) One tap alone would take $2 \times 36 = 72$ minutes. With 12 taps the time is $72 / 12 = 6$ minutes.
- Q47. (C) Every letter moves 3 place(s) forward, so MILK becomes PLON.
- Q48. (B) The minute hand is at 180° from 12 and the hour hand at 255° from 12, so the angle between them is 75°.
- Q49. (D) The 3 numbers add up to $27 \times 3 = 81$. The given numbers add up to 69, so the missing number is $81 - 69 = 12$.
- Q50. (C) 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.

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