

Class 9 · 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. Who wrote the Indian national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana'?

- (A) Kazi Nazrul Islam (B) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(C) Rabindranath Tagore (D) Sarojini Naidu

Q2. What is the currency of the United States of America?

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

Q3. What is the national sport-related honour of India given for lifetime achievement in sport called?

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

Q4. Which is the highest civilian award of India?

- (A) Padma Shri (B) Bharat Ratna
(C) Arjuna Award (D) Param Vir Chakra

Q5. Which is the longest river in India?

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

Q6. Which is the national river of India?

- (A) The Kaveri (B) The Yamuna
(C) The Ganga (D) The Brahmaputra

Q7. The Eiffel Tower is in which city?

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

Q8. Which state is known as the Land of Five Rivers?

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

Q9. How many days are there in a leap year?

- (A) 364 (B) 365 (C) 366 (D) 367

Q10. Which Indian city is famous for the Taj Mahal?

- (A) Jaipur (B) Agra (C) Delhi (D) Lucknow

- Q11. Who was the first Prime Minister of India?
(A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Rajendra Prasad
(C) Sardar Patel (D) Mahatma Gandhi
- Q12. Who was the first Indian to travel into space?
(A) Rakesh Sharma (B) Sunita Williams
(C) Vikram Sarabhai (D) Kalpana Chawla
- Q13. Which is the largest ocean in the world?
(A) The Arctic Ocean (B) The Pacific Ocean
(C) The Indian Ocean (D) The Atlantic Ocean
- Q14. How many players are there in a basketball team on the court?
(A) Five (B) Seven (C) Eleven (D) Six
- Q15. Which festival is known as the festival of lights?
(A) Christmas (B) Eid (C) Holi (D) Diwali
- Q16. Which is the largest country in the world by area?
(A) Russia (B) China (C) India (D) Canada
- Q17. Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on which date?
(A) 5 September (B) 2 October (C) 15 August (D) 14 November
- Q18. Which is the deepest ocean trench in the world?
(A) The Puerto Rico Trench (B) The Mariana Trench
(C) The Sunda Trench (D) The Java Trench
- Q19. What is in the centre of the Indian national flag?
(A) A tiger (B) The Ashoka Chakra
(C) A star (D) A lotus
- Q20. Who was the first woman Prime Minister of India?
(A) Pratibha Patil (B) Indira Gandhi
(C) Sarojini Naidu (D) Sucheta Kriplani
- Q21. Children's Day in India is celebrated on which date?
(A) 1 June (B) 5 September (C) 26 January (D) 14 November
- Q22. Which is the smallest continent by area?
(A) Australia (B) Europe
(C) South America (D) Antarctica
- Q23. What is the capital of West Bengal?
(A) Kolkata (B) Siliguri (C) Durgapur (D) Howrah
- Q24. What is the currency of the United Kingdom?
(A) Franc (B) Dollar
(C) Pound sterling (D) Euro

Q25. What is the currency of Japan?

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

Q26. Durga Puja is the biggest festival of which state?

- (A) West Bengal (B) Kerala (C) Punjab (D) Gujarat

Q27. How many continents are there on Earth?

- (A) Five (B) Eight (C) Six (D) Seven

Q28. Which country gifted the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

- (A) Britain (B) Italy (C) Spain (D) France

Q29. Which is the highest mountain peak in the world?

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

Q30. Which festival marks the harvest season in Punjab?

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

Current Affairs

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. What does ISRO stand for?

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

Q32. At what age does an Indian citizen get the right to vote?

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

Q33. What is the lower house of the Indian Parliament called?

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

Q34. What is the head of government of an Indian state called?

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

Q35. Which organisation brings countries together to keep world peace?

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

Q36. World Environment Day is observed on which date?

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

Q37. International Yoga Day is observed on which date?

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

Q38. A "green" way to travel to school over a short distance is:

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

Q39. The Indian Parliament has how many houses?

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

Q40. Earth Day is observed on which date?

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

Life Skills

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. You break a classmate's pencil by accident. What should you do?

- (A) Say sorry and offer to replace it (B) Hide it
(C) Blame someone else (D) Say nothing

Q42. Your friend is being teased by others. What is the right thing to do?

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

Q43. Which is the healthiest choice for a daily school snack?

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

Q44. Which of these shows good teamwork?

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

Q45. You do not understand something the teacher explained. What should you do?

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. Find the next number: 2, 4, 8, 14, 22, ____

- (A) 32 (B) 34 (C) 33 (D) 30

Q47. Using each of the digits 0, 6, 5, 3 exactly once, what is the smallest 4-digit number that can be formed?

- (A) 6530 (B) 3065 (C) 0356 (D) 3056

Q48. How many numbers between 50 and 80 leave a remainder of 8 when divided by 9?

- (A) 2 (B) 5 (C) 3 (D) 4

Q49. Why is a wet cloth placed on the forehead of a person with fever?

- (A) Evaporating water cools the skin (B) The cloth blocks the fever
(C) Water makes the skin thicker (D) Water adds heat to the body

Q50. If BOOK is coded as FSSO, how is WIND coded?

- (A) SEJZ (B) EQVL (C) AMRH (D) HRMA

Answer Key

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

Solutions

- Q1. (C) Rabindranath Tagore wrote Jana Gana Mana.
- Q2. (B) The USA uses the dollar.
- Q3. (A) The Major Dhyan Chand Award honours lifetime achievement in sport.
- Q4. (B) The Bharat Ratna is India's highest civilian honour.
- Q5. (C) The Ganga is the longest river flowing within India.
- Q6. (C) The Ganga was declared the national river of India.
- Q7. (D) The Eiffel Tower stands in Paris, France.
- Q8. (B) Punjab means the land of five rivers.
- Q9. (C) A leap year has 366 days, with 29 days in February.
- Q10. (B) The Taj Mahal stands in Agra.
- Q11. (A) Jawaharlal Nehru became India's first Prime Minister in 1947.
- Q12. (A) Rakesh Sharma flew to space in 1984.
- Q13. (B) The Pacific is the largest and deepest ocean. The answer is The Pacific Ocean.
- Q14. (A) A basketball team has five players on court.
- Q15. (D) Diwali is celebrated with lamps and lights.
- Q16. (A) Russia has the largest land area.
- Q17. (A) Teachers' Day marks the birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan on 5 September.
- Q18. (B) The Mariana Trench in the Pacific is the deepest known point in the ocean.
- Q19. (B) The navy-blue Ashoka Chakra with 24 spokes sits in the white band. The answer is The Ashoka Chakra.
- Q20. (B) Indira Gandhi was India's first woman Prime Minister.
- Q21. (D) Children's Day marks Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday on 14 November.
- Q22. (A) Australia is the smallest of the seven continents.
- Q23. (A) Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal.
- Q24. (C) The UK uses the pound sterling.
- Q25. (B) The currency of Japan is the yen.
- Q26. (A) Durga Puja is the largest festival in West Bengal.
- Q27. (D) There are seven continents.
- Q28. (D) France gifted the Statue of Liberty in 1886.
- Q29. (C) Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, is the highest peak in the world.

- Q30. (C) Baisakhi is the harvest festival of Punjab.
- Q31. (D) ISRO is the Indian Space Research Organisation.
- Q32. (B) Indian citizens may vote from the age of 18. The answer is 18 years.
- Q33. (D) The Lok Sabha is the lower house, directly elected by the people.
- Q34. (B) A state government is headed by its Chief Minister. The answer is The Chief Minister.
- Q35. (C) The United Nations was formed to maintain international peace and co-operation.
- Q36. (D) World Environment Day is observed every year on 5 June.
- Q37. (D) International Yoga Day is observed on 21 June.
- Q38. (D) Walking or cycling gives out no pollution.
- Q39. (C) Parliament has two houses: the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
- Q40. (D) Earth Day is observed on 22 April.
- Q41. (A) Owning up and putting it right is honest and kind. The answer is Say sorry and offer to replace it.
- Q42. (A) Standing up for someone and telling a trusted adult stops bullying. The answer is Support your friend and tell a teacher.
- Q43. (A) Fruit gives vitamins and fibre without too much sugar or salt. The answer is A fruit.
- Q44. (D) Good teams listen to every member before deciding. The answer is Listening to everyone's idea before deciding.
- Q45. (B) Asking questions is how learning works; there is no shame in it. The answer is Politely ask the teacher to explain again.
- Q46. (A) The gaps grow 2, 4, 6, 8, so the next gap is 10 and $22 + 10 = 32$.
- Q47. (D) A 4-digit number cannot begin with 0, so the smallest possible first digit is 3. The remaining digits are then placed in increasing order: 3056.
- Q48. (C) The numbers are 53, 62, 71 — 3 of them.
- Q49. (A) As the water evaporates it takes heat from the skin, which cools the body. The answer is Evaporating water cools the skin.
- Q50. (C) Every letter moves 4 place(s) forward, so WIND becomes AMRH.

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