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Class 8 · General Knowledge Olympiad

Total questions	Total marks	Time	Negative marking
50	60	60 minutes	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. Your teacher has the answers.
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General Awareness

30 questions · 1 mark each · 30 marks

Q1. Major Dhyan Chand was a famous player of which sport?

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

Q7. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?

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

Q8. Which ocean lies to the south of India?

(A) The Arctic Ocean (B) The Pacific Ocean

(C) The Indian Ocean (D) The Atlantic Ocean

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

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

Q10. Which festival is known as the festival of lights?

(A) Diwali (B) Eid (C) Christmas (D) Holi

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. On which date does India celebrate Independence Day?

(A) 14 November (B) 2 October (C) 26 January (D) 15 August

Q15. The Jnanpith Award is given for excellence in:

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

Q16. Which is the largest state of India by area?

(A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Rajasthan

(C) Maharashtra (D) Uttar Pradesh

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 President of India?

(A) Dr Rajendra Prasad (B) Jawaharlal Nehru

(C) Dr S. Radhakrishnan (D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar

Q21. The Summer Olympic Games are held once in how many years?

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

Q22. Who is known as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution?

(A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Dr B. R. Ambedkar

(C) Rabindranath Tagore (D) Jawaharlal Nehru

Q23. Which state is known as the Land of Five Rivers?

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

Q24. The Sundarbans, famous for mangrove forests and tigers, lie mainly in which state?

(A) Gujarat (B) Odisha (C) Kerala (D) West Bengal

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

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

Current Affairs

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. A government library allows boys, but not girls with the same membership, to use its reading room. Which principle is breached?

(A) Right against exploitation (B) Freedom of movement

(C) Equality before law (D) Cultural rights

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. At a polling booth, voters are forced to say their choice aloud. Which election principle is being broken?

(A) Delimitation (B) Secret ballot

(C) Adult franchise (D) Reserved constituency

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. A citizen wants a writ against a state authority for violating a legal right. Which court can issue writs within that state?

(A) District Court (B) High Court

(C) Gram Nyayalaya (D) Lok Adalat

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. Before the Union government withdraws money from the Consolidated Fund of India, whose authorisation is needed?

(A) Parliament (B) Council of Ministers

(C) Election Commission (D) Supreme Court

Q38. International Yoga Day is observed on which date?

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

Q39. A school marks the day India adopted its Constitution, not the day it came into force. Which observance is this?

(A) Republic Day (B) Constitution Day

(C) Independence Day (D) National Voters' Day

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

(A) Support your friend and tell a teacher (B) Join in the teasing

(C) Laugh quietly (D) Walk away and say nothing

Q42. Which of these shows good teamwork?

(A) Doing everything alone (B) Listening to everyone’s idea before deciding

(C) Ignoring the quietest member (D) Taking all the credit

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

(A) A packet of chips (B) A fruit

(C) A bar of chocolate (D) A fizzy drink

Q44. How can you save water at home?

(A) Wash the car every day (B) Leave the tap running

(C) Close the tap while brushing your teeth (D) Use a leaking tap without repairing it

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

(A) Politely ask the teacher to explain again (B) Stay silent and guess in the exam

(C) Tell others the teacher is wrong (D) Copy from a friend later

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. You must be 18 to vote in India. An Indian citizen whose name is on the voter list turns 18 in March. Can they vote in an election held in June of that year?

(A) Only with a parent present
(B) No, voting starts at 21
(C) Yes, because they are already 18 by then
(D) No, only after turning 19

Q47. A river rises in the Himalayas, flows east across northern India and, with the Brahmaputra, forms the world's largest delta before reaching the Bay of Bengal. Which river is it?

(A) The Narmada
(B) The Godavari
(C) The Krishna
(D) The Ganga

Q48. Which city and state pair is correctly matched?

(A) Chennai — Kerala
(B) Jaipur — Gujarat
(C) Kolkata — West Bengal
(D) Bhopal — Bihar

Q49. If Independence Day falls on a Friday, what day will Teachers' Day fall on in the same year? (15 August to 5 September)

(A) Friday
(B) Saturday
(C) Thursday
(D) Sunday

Q50. 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) Ireland
(B) India
(C) Niger
(D) Italy

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