

NATIONAL SCHOOL OLYMPIAD

GRADE: 8

SUBJECT: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

SET:1

TOTAL QUESTIONS:50

TOTAL MARKS:60

TIME:1 HR

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Calculators, log tables and other aids are not permitted.
- (iii) The question paper has two sections:
 - (1) Multiple Choice Questions; has 45 questions, each carries 1 mark.
 - (2) Achievers Section has 5 questions, each carries 3 marks.
- (iv) There is no negative marking.
- (v) Correct options should be clearly filled in a separate Answer Sheet.

1. Who succeeded Chandragupta II, the Gupta Emperor?

- (a) Skandgupta
- (b) Kumargupta I
- (c) Chandragupta I
- (d) Vishnugupta

2. Which of the following locations contains the oldest indications of agricultural settlement on the Indian subcontinent?

- (a) Mohenjodaro
- (b) Dholavira
- (c) Mehrgarh
- (d) Lothal

3. The first empire to extensively employ elephants against its neighbours was_____.

- (a) Guptas
- (b) Maurya
- (c) Magadha
- (d) Nandas

4. Which of the following period saw the emergence of worship of composite deities?

- a) Gupta Period
- (b) Nanda Period
- (c) Mauryan Period
- (d) Pallava Period

5. Which of the following is the capital of Egypt?

- (a) Cairo
- (b) Dhaka
- (c) Panama
- (d) Pyongyang

6. The World's tallest rail bridge is_____.

- (a) Chenab Bridge
- (b) Howrah Bridge
- (c) Gomati Bridge
- (d) None of these

7. Which city has the largest metro network?

- (a) Dublin
- (c) Shanghai

- (b) Manchester
- (d) New Delhi

8. In which year first post office opened in India?

- (a) 1847
- (b) 1947
- (c) 1727
- (d) 1927

9. _____ was the first woman to cross the Atlantic on a solo flight.

- (a) Charlotte Cooper, England
- (b) Sally Ride, USA
- (c) Junko Tabei, Japan
- (d) Amelia Earhart, USA

10. _____ is the first person to reach both the North and South poles.

- (a) Robert Peary, USA
- (b) Yuri Gagarin, USSR
- (c) Arnaldo Tamayo Méndez, Cuba
- (d) Roald Amundsen, Norway

11. Who was the first human to journey into outer space?

- (a) Marco Polo
- (b) Neil Armstrong
- (c) Yuri Gagarin
- (d) Benito Mussolini

12. How many seats in the Lok Sabha are reserved for Union Territories?

- (a) 10
- (b) 15
- (c) 20
- (d) 25

13. Which one of the following types of governments must have a bicameral legislature?

- (a) Unitary System
- (b) Federal System
- (c) Parliamentary System
- (d) Presidential System

14. The Kudremukh hill station is in _____.

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Mizoram

15. Mount Etna, one of the world's most active volcanoes, is located in _____.

- (a) Philippines
- (b) Italy
- (c) Japan
- (d) Democratic Republic of Congo

16. Which of the following is also called a tableland?

- (a) Sand dune
- (b) Valley
- (c) Mountain
- (d) Plateau

17. The oldest Golf Club in the world is _____.

- (a) National Golf Club
- (b) Baltusrol Golf Club
- (c) Pine Valley Golf Club
- (d) The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews

18. Which of the following sports competitions debuted at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- 1. Rugby
- 2. Karate
- 3. Skateboarding

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 1 and 2
- (c) Only 2 and 3
- (d) Only 1 and 3

19. Who among the following made the first Film Theatre in India?

- (a) Dada Saheb Phalke
- (b) Prithviraj Kapoor
- (c) Mani Sethna
- (d) Deena Nath Ganguly

20. The official slogan of the 2024 Paris Olympics is _____.

- (a) World is Beautiful
- (b) Games for Everyone
- (c) World of Games
- (d) Games Wide Open

21. The abbreviation for Master of Philosophy is _____.

- (a) M. P.
- (b) M. Phi.
- (c) M. Phil.
- (d) M. PHY

22. "NBT" stands for _____.

- (a) National Book Trust
- (b) Nations Book Trust
- (c) National Border Treaty
- (d) Nations Book Trustee

23. What does "HTML" stand for?

- (a) Higher Test Marks Language
- (b) Hyper Text Mark Language
- (c) Higher Test Mark-up Language
- (d) Hyper Text Mark-up Language

24. Which book is not written by Rabindranath Tagore?

- (a) Chitra
- (b) Court Dancer
- (c) Chidambara
- (d) Crescent Moon

25. Name the book which opens with the line 'All children, except one, grew up'.

- (a) The Railway Children
- (b) Winnie the Poo
- (c) Jungle Book
- (d) Peter Pan

26. Who is the author of "The Golden Threshold"?

- (a) Sarojini Naidu
- (b) R. K. Narayan
- (c) Salman Rushdie
- (d) None of the above

27. Complete the analogy: A Passage to India: E.M. Foster:: Asian Drama:

- (a) George Orwell
- (b) Gunnar Myrdal
- (c) Charles Darwin
- (d) Mark Twain

28. In which year Man Booker Prize was established?

- (a) 1942
- (b) 1956
- (c) 1960
- (d) 1968

29. The National Award (2022) for Best Feature Film has been bagged by _____.

- (a) Soorai Pottru
- (b) Tanhaji
- (c) Zakhm
- (d) Ayyappanum Koshiyam

30. Find the odd one out:

- (a) Lagaan
- (b) Salam Bombay
- (c) Silsila
- (d) Mother India

31. Indian Army, headed by The Chief of Army Staff is a _____ star General.

- (a) Seven (b) Six
- (c) Five (d) Four

32. Who among the following was conferred with Russia's Highest Civilian Honour in 2019?

- (a) Shri Narendra Modi
- (b) Shri Amit Shah
- (c) Shri Rajnath Singh
- (d) None of these

33. The objectives of the International Fund for Agricultural Organizations include ____.

- (a) Transparent markets for agricultural inputs technologies
- (b) Providing improved agricultural technologies
- (c) Providing secure access to land
- (d) All of the above

34. United Nations' six principal Organs include _____.

- (a) World Food Programme
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) Economic and Social Council
- (d) World Bank Group

35. UNESCO was founded on:

- (a) 11th May 1946
- (b) 16th November 1945
- (c) 10th December 1947
- (d) 20th December 1945

36. The first Indian Dr. Nagendra Singh becomes the President of the _____.

- (a) International Labour Organization
- (b) The Food and Agricultural Organization
- (c) World Health Organization
- (d) International Court of Justice

37. Who among the following invented the Microelectrode?

- (a) Amy Jackson
- (b) Ida Hyde
- (c) Shirley Ann Jackson
- (d) Robert Koch

38. Who created the first flight-controllable aircraft (airplane)?

- (a) Edinburg Brothers
- (b) Wright Sisters
- (c) Wright Brothers
- (d) Edinburg Sisters

39. What did Massachusetts-based cardiologist

Dr. Paul Zoll create in 1952?

- (a) Pace Maker
- (b) ECG
- (c) Artificial heart
- (d) Artificial heart valve

40. "The breakthrough made blood transfusions between individuals with similar blood types safe". Who among the following discovered the blood groups?

- (a) Stephanie Kwolek
- (b) Sewall Wright
- (c) Willem Einthoven
- (d) Karl Landsteiner

41. Dr. Homi Bhabha's vision led to the establishment of the _____ in 1945 with the help of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.

- (a) Central Drug Research Institute
- (b) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- (c) Textile Research Institute
- (d) National Geophysic Research Institute

42. NIF stands for _____.

- (a) Nations Innovation Foundation
- (b) National Insight Foundation
- (c) National Industrial Foundation
- (d) National Innovation Foundation

43. "Strength's Origin is in Science" is the motto Of _____.

- (a) Defence Research and Development Organization
- (b) Indian Institute of Petroleum
- (c) National Research Development Corporation
- (d) Central Scientific Industrial Organisation

44. Which among the following is rated as one of India's most esteemed academic institutions?

- (a) Indian Lac Research Institute
- (b) Indian Institute of Chemical Biology
- (c) Indian Institute of Petroleum
- (d) Indian Institute of Science

45. In which country is the headquarters of the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Japan
- (c) North Korea
- (d) USA

Achievers Section

46. Cotton "obis," sometimes known as karate belts, are around 5 cm broad. They reveal the level of expertise of the wearer. The greatest level is black.

What colour is a beginner's obi?

- (a) White
- (b) Yellow
- (c) Green
- (d) Orange

47. Which of the following deal with refugees?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) UNICEF
- (c) UNHCR
- (d) UNCTAD

48. Which of the following is/are the correct phrase for "IRS"?

Phrase 1: Indian Revenue Service

Phrase 2: Internal Revenue Service

Phrase 3: Indian Remote Sensing Satellites

- (a) Only 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2 and 3
- (c) Only 1 and 3
- (d) All the above

49. This author's first novel was 'Train to Pakistan'. The book is based on the grim, sour, and brutal reality of Indian independence. The murders of Muslims and Hindus are described in great detail in the book. Who among them is the author of "Train to Pakistan"?

- (a) Kiran Desai
- (b) Khushwant Singh
- (c) Salman Rushdie
- (d) Mario Puzo

50. "The Single Hound: Poems of a Lifetime" is the name of one of her well-known collections of poems published after her death. Identify the poet.

- (a) Emily Dickinson
 - (b) Anne Sexton
 - (c) Elizabeth Barrette Browning
 - (d) Sara Teasdale
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