



General Knowledge – Grade 9

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet. Example:- If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:- 4. a b ~~c~~ d

Example 2:- 4. a ~~b~~ ~~c~~ d

1. Who was the only woman in the world to have been 'First Lady' of two different countries?
(a) Jackie Kennedy. (b) Winnie Mandela. (c) Graça Machel. (d) Indira Gandhi.
2. How many moons does Mercury have? (a) None. (b) One. (c) Eleven. (d) Fifty-seven.
3. If you were panivorous, what food would form the bulk of your daily diet?
(a) Meat. (b) Fruit. (c) Vegetables. (d) Bread.
4. What is the strongest biological material in the natural world?
(a) Limpet teeth. (b) Spider's silk. (c) Human hair. (d) Elephant's tusk.
5. In India, which of the following are known as Brahmins?
(a) Warriors and rulers. (b) Priests and teachers. (c) Farmers and mechanics. (d) Street sweepers.
6. How many bones are there in an adult human body? (a) 200 (b) 212 (c) 204 (d) 206
7. According to the song from the film 'Peter Pan', which reptile should you never 'smile' at?
(a) Alligator. (b) Snake. (c) Crocodile. (d) Lizard.
8. What is the main metal found in pewter? (a) Lead. (b) Tin. (c) Silver. (d) Copper.
9. What is fifteen percent of two thousand? (a) 150 (b) 250 (c) 300 (d) 500
10. What does the surname 'Singh' mean when translated to English? (a) Brave. (b) Lion. (c) Ruler. (d) Trustworthy.
11. Who wrote the books on which the series 'Game of Thrones' is based?
(a) George R.R. Martin. (b) J.R.R. Tolkien. (c) Terry Pratchett. (d) Robert E. Howard.
12. In which century was William Shakespeare born? (a) 14th (b) 15th (c) 16th (d) 17th
13. Who is attributed with the famous quote 'Be the change that you wish to see in the world'?
(a) Nelson Mandela. (b) Mahatma Gandhi. (c) Mother Theresa. (d) Princess Diana.
14. The South African swimmer, Charlene Fick, became
(a) an ambassador to America. (b) a public activist in China.
(c) Princess of Monaco. (d) an analysis of idols.
15. What is 'Lady Gaga's' real name?
(a) Alecia Beth Moore. (b) Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta.
(c) Madonna Louise Ciccone. (d) Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson.
16. Which artist painted 'The Persistence of Memory' which shows melting clocks?
(a) André Breton. (b) Jean Arp. (c) Max Ernst. (d) Salvador Dali.
17. What is the most poisonous snake in the world?
(a) Yellow Bellied Sea Snake. (b) Eastern Brown Snake. (c) Inland Taipan. (d) Dubois's Sea Snake.
18. How many gold stars are there on the flag of the European Union (EU)? (a) 9 (b) 10 (c) 11 (d) 12
19. What was the name of the house elf who served the Malfoy family in 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire'? (a) Kreacher. (b) Dobby. (c) Tinky. (d) Hokey.
20. Which famous 'scientist' introduced the idea of natural selection?
(a) Jean-Bapiste Lamarck. (b) Alfred Russel Wallace.
(c) Charles Darwin. (d) Conway Zirkle.
21. Which is the hottest continent in the world?
(a) Africa. (b) Asia. (c) Australia. (d) South America.

