



## General Knowledge – Grade 8

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. Which feline is the largest of Africa's cats? (a) Cheetah. (b) Lion. (c) Leopard. (d) Caracal.
2. Who was crowned 'African President of the Year' in 2009? (a) Nelson Mandela. (b) Thabo Mbeki. (c) Jacob Zuma. (d) Cyril Ramaphosa.
3. What is the name of the deepest fresh water lake in the world? (a) Lake Baikal. (b) Caspian Sea. (c) Lake Superior. (d) Lake Tanganyika.
4. What is the largest internal organ in the human body? (a) Heart. (b) Kidney. (c) Liver. (d) Bladder.
5. What is an official language of Kazakhstan? (a) Greek. (b) Spanish. (c) English. (d) Russian.
6. What is the literal translation of 'iZulu'? (a) Heaven. (b) Warrior. (c) The People. (d) Sons of Shaka.
7. 'Blackbeard' was a famous pirate in the early 1700's. What was his real name? (a) Louis Stevenson. (b) Edward Teach. (c) Edgar Twist. (d) Bernard Theaton.
8. Who celebrates a holy day called Magha Puja? (a) Muslims. (b) Sikhs. (c) Hindus. (d) Buddhists.
9. What does UNICEF (a United Nations agency) focus on helping? (a) The environment. (b) Science. (c) Children. (d) Poor countries.
10. What is the coccyx bone better known as? (a) Ankle. (b) Elbow. (c) Tailbone. (d) Kneecap.
11. What is the unit of currency in China? (a) Ringgit. (b) Yuan. (c) Yen. (d) Baht.
12. How many languages are there in the South African National Anthem? (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7
13. Which one of these is the hottest planet? (a) Venus. (b) Mercury. (c) Saturn. (d) Jupiter.
14. Which war has caused the greatest loss of American lives? (a) World War One. (b) World War Two. (c) The American Civil War. (d) The Vietnam War.
15. Which of these fish is the most venomous? (a) Scorpionfish. (b) Lionfish. (c) Toadfish. (d) Stonefish.
16. Which continent covers the largest area? (a) Asia. (b) Africa. (c) North America. (d) South America.
17. What is the closest living relative of the hippo? (a) Warthog. (b) Rhino. (c) Whale. (d) Elephant.
18. Why are fossil fuels considered a non-renewable source? They ..... (a) take millions of years to form. (b) burn quickly. (c) are in high demand. (d) pollute the air.
19. Edward Jenner developed his vaccine after noticing that people who worked with what animal were immune to the smallpox virus? (a) Chickens. (b) Cows. (c) Pigs. (d) Horses.
20. Which one of these animals can produce sounds of up to 188 decibels? (a) Lion. (b) Elephant. (c) Blue whale. (d) Wolf.
21. What part of the human body is enclosed within the pericardium sac? (a) The stomach. (b) The pupil of the eye. (c) The womb. (d) The heart.
22. How many rings are there on the Olympic flag? (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6
23. In the nursery rhyme, how many blackbirds were baked in a pie? (a) 4 (b) 24 (c) 20 (d) 420

