

South Africa – Grades 1, 2 & 3 – Conquesta 2012 Olympiads – Information

General

- Conquesta Olympiads are multiple choice question papers which challenge student knowledge in the various subjects on offer (like a written quiz), and enables teachers to measure students' abilities against the national and international averages (computed from participating schools).
 - All students, regardless of their academic capabilities, should be given the opportunity to participate. The layout of our papers are set so as to encourage rather than disenchant, and are aimed at student participation and enjoyment. Grades 1, 2 & 3 students can write in pairs or groups and teachers can read all the text out aloud to them as they work through the papers. However, students are to choose their own answers and circle them on the papers.
 - The olympiads do not interfere with the school's curriculum nor the examinations.
 - Students can participate in all or any number of the Olympiads.
 - Please note that **we supply everything** by registered parcel post for tracking purposes, and there is minimal work or expense from the school's side. We provide a **typed letter to parents** for you to copy and send home with the students, so they can select subjects and collect finances. Just follow the simple **Procedures**, which will be provided. Class lists may be submitted in the place of entry forms for students writing the same subjects.
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Guarantee

- We guarantee that we are a professionally run business, dealing solely in Primary School Olympiads. Our committee members are all professionals in their respective fields, ie., in computerisation, administration, and education.
 - We guarantee that certificates will reach every participating school by end October, so that they can be included to add excitement to the year-end prize giving event as an extra achievement for students.
 - In our quest for excellence, Conquesta guarantees a full refund of entry fees, should our commitments not be met.
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Computerised Processing

- Conquesta provides a world class service. Our custom designed software takes care of efficient and accurate administration of the entire process, from the time of receiving the entries to the printing and posting of the certificates.
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Results

- EVERY participant will receive an A4 colour certificate, no matter what their results. The school also receives a certificate reflecting the average achievement, calculated from the top 10 results in each subject/grade. Accompanying the certificates is a list of students by grade, reflecting each one's percentage results for the school's record.
 - Results are recorded on certificates in categories according to the following achievements:-

Platinum	:	85% - 100%
Diamond	:	76% - 84%
Gold	:	70% - 75%
Silver	:	60% - 69%
Bronze	:	50% - 59%
Copper	:	0% - 49%
 - Only students achieving 50% and above in any subject will have the actual percentage(s) printed on their certificates, eg., Numeracy : Diamond (79%), or if less than 50%, Numeracy : Copper.
 - Certificates may be handed out at the school's year end prize giving ceremony.
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Benchmarking — National Averages (Results are shown on our website.)

- The Results List which participating schools receive together with their certificates at the end of each year, reflect the school's averages by grade and subject.
 - The national averages for the preceding year are sent out with our invitation letter in January each year.
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Top 20 Schools (Results are shown on our website.)

- Top 20 results are only calculated from the **10 highest percentages achieved in each subject/grade**, to ensure that **weaker students do NOT pull your school's results down**.
 - Each of the Top 20 schools will receive a **Certificate of Excellence** reflecting their achievement.
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Past Papers (A great coaching tool prior to students writing the Olympiads.)

- These are a wonderful aid to busy teachers and can be used as extension papers in the classroom and are sold at any time during the course of the year.
 - Past Papers cost R22,00 each, together with a handling fee of R35,00 per unlimited order (including registered parcel post or faxing within South Africa). We do not email our past papers.
 - The package for Grades 1, 2 & 3 papers includes laser printed original question papers and answer memorandums. Students must draw a circle around (a), (b), (c) or (d) on the right hand side of the questions on the question papers. (You can copy as many within your school as you like.)
 - We have taken the liberty of enclosing a past paper order form for your convenience.
 - You can order directly on line at www.conquestapastpapers.com
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Conquesta was established in South Africa in 1998 and since then we have grown from 75 to over 1300 participating schools, including 50% of all the Independent Schools in South Africa (ISASA).

We believe that the growth we've seen over the years, is due to the high standards we maintain.