



# Minervaa International Scholarship Examinations

## Sample Question Paper

### Class- VIII

### Subject- Sports



#### SPORTS

1. What term is used for a score of zero in tennis?  
a) Nil      b) Zero      c) Duck      d) Love
2. Which Indian city hosted the first-ever Asian Games in 1951?  
a) Mumbai      b) Delhi      c) Kolkata      d) Chennai
3. What does VAR stand for in football?  
a) Virtual Assistant Referee      b) Video Advanced Referee  
c) Video Assistant Referee      d) Verified Athletic Rule
4. Who was the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics?  
a) PV Sindhu      b) Karnam Malleswari  
c) Mary Kom      d) Saina Nehwal
5. Which of these sports originated in ancient India?  
a) Judo      b) Chess      c) Wrestling      d) Archery
6. Which country is famous for dominating Winter Olympic events?  
a) USA      b) Norway      c) Australia      d) India
7. In cricket, which number is associated with a "Nelson"?  
a) 111      b) 222      c) 333      d) 100
8. In badminton, what is the official maximum score a game can go up to?  
a) 21      b) 29      c) 30      d) Unlimited
9. Which Grand Slam tournament is played on grass courts?  
a) US Open      b) French Open      c) Australian Open      d) Wimbledon
10. Who is the youngest ever Olympic gold medalist (modern era)?  
a) Nadia Comănești      b) Marjorie Gestring      c) Simone Biles      d) Katie Ledecky
11. In Formula 1, what does DRS stand for?  
a) Drag Reduction System      b) Driver Reaction System  
c) Dynamic Racing Strategy      d) Dual Rear Suspension
12. Which of the following sports is NOT included in a decathlon?  
a) Long jump      b) Shot put      c) Swimming      d) Javelin throw
13. Which stroke in swimming is considered the slowest?  
a) Backstroke      b) Breaststroke      c) Freestyle      d) Butterfly

14. What is the maximum weight of a shot put used by men?  
a) 6 kg      b) 7.26 kg      c) 5.5 kg      d) 8 kg
15. Which of these can be disqualified for a 'false start'?  
a) Archer      b) Swimmer      c) Cyclist      d) Cricketer
16. In gymnastics, what does a 'perfect 10' represent?  
a) Points for creativity      b) Points for acrobatics  
c) Maximum possible score      d) Bonus score
17. Why is the "12th man" important in cricket though he doesn't bat or bowl?  
a) Team morale      b) Fielding only  
c) Substitute & runner      d) Substitute fielder
18. If a table tennis match score is 11-11, what is the minimum point difference needed to win?  
a) 1      b) 2      c) 3      d) 5
19. Which cricket format has a pink ball mostly used?  
a) Test match (Day-Night)      b) T20  
c) ODI      d) Ranji Trophy
20. In which sport is the "Ashes" played?  
a) Rugby      b) Cricket      c) Tennis      d) Baseball
21. Which Indian athlete is nicknamed "Dhing Express"?  
a) Hima Das      b) PV Sindhu      c) Sakshi Malik      d) Dutee Chand
22. What is the name of the shot in badminton that barely crosses the net and falls close?  
a) Smash      b) Clear      c) Drop shot      d) Drive
23. Which tennis player has won a Golden Slam (all 4 Grand Slams + Olympic gold in one year)?  
a) Serena Williams      b) Roger Federer      c) Steffi Graf      d) Rafael Nadal
24. Which Olympic event combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting?  
a) Triathlon      b) Pentathlon      c) Biathlon      d) Nordic Jumping
25. How many minutes is a standard professional rugby union match?  
a) 60      b) 70      c) 80      d) 90
26. Which position in American football is mainly responsible for passing the ball?  
a) Running Back      b) Quarterback      c) Kicker      d) Receiver
27. Which international competition awards the Ballon d'Or?  
a) Olympic Games      b) UEFA Champions League  
c) FIFA      d) La Liga
28. Why are marathon tracks not always exactly 42.195 km in city races?  
a) Due to weather      b) Due to sponsorship  
c) Due to GPS error      d) Course layout variance
29. Which sport involves a technique called "Fosbury Flop"?  
a) Long Jump      b) Triple Jump      c) Pole Vault      d) High Jump

30. In fencing, which part of the body is a valid target in "foil" category?  
a) Whole body      b) Legs only      c) Torso only      d) Head only
31. Which country hosted the 1998 FIFA World Cup?  
a) France      b) Brazil      c) Japan      d) Germany
32. Which sport features the terms "ippon", "waza-ari", and "yuko"?  
a) Taekwondo      b) Karate      c) Judo      d) Fencing
33. Which cricketer was called the "Rawalpindi Express"?  
a) Wasim Akram      b) Shoaib Akhtar      c) Waqar Younis      d) Imran Khan
34. Which sports uses the term "powerplay"?  
a) Kabaddi      b) Tennis      c) Cricket      d) Football
35. Which position in baseball throws the ball to the batter?  
a) Catcher      b) Pitcher      c) Infielder      d) Outfielder
36. Which game is played on the largest field?  
a) Baseball      b) Rugby      c) Polo      d) Football
37. Which country invented table tennis?  
a) China      b) Japan      c) England      d) Korea
38. Who was the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics in shooting?  
a) Mary Kom      b) Manu Bhaker      c) Saina Nehwal      d) Heena Sidhu
39. A basketball game ends in a tie, what is the next step?  
a) Toss-up      b) Extra quarter      c) Overtime      d) Free throw contest
40. In tennis, what comes after deuce?  
a) Win      b) Serve change      c) Advantage      d) Replay
41. What is the penalty for handball in football inside the penalty area?  
a) Free kick      b) Yellow card      c) Corner kick      d) Penalty kick
42. How many rounds are in a standard professional boxing match?  
a) 10      b) 12      c) 8      d) 15
43. In athletics, what does a false start result in?  
a) Time penalty      b) Warning      c) Disqualification      d) Restart
44. Which sport includes a move called the "ollie"?  
a) Parkour      b) Skateboarding      c) Snowboarding      d) Gymnastics
45. What is the length of an Olympic swimming pool?  
a) 25 m      b) 33.33 m      c) 50 m      d) 100 m
46. Which Indian athlete is associated with "long jump"?  
a) Dutee Chand      b) Anju Bobby George  
c) Hima Das      d) PT Usha

47. Which Indian football club won the I-League the most times?

- a) Bengaluru FC
- b) Mohun Bagan
- c) East Bengal
- d) Churchill Brothers

48. Which ball is used in squash?

- a) Hard plastic
- b) Rubber ball
- c) Leather ball
- d) Sponge ball

49. Which sport has the shortest match duration on average?

- a) Table Tennis
- b) Tennis
- c) Football
- d) Hockey

50. How many events are there in a men's decathlon?

- a) 10
  - b) 8
  - c) 12
  - d) 7
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11. a	12. c	13. b	14. b	15. b	16. c	17. d	18. b	19. a	20. b
21. a	22. c	23. c	24. c	25. c	26. b	27. c	28. d	29. d	30. c
31. a	32. c	33. b	34. c	35. b	36. c	37. c	38. b	39. c	40. c
41. d	42. b	43. c	44. b	45. c	46. b	47. b	48. b	49. a	50. a