



Minervaa International Scholarship Examinations

Sample Question Paper

Class- IX

Subject- Sports



SPORTS

1. Why is synthetic turf used in hockey now instead of grass?
 - a) For sponsorship visibility
 - b) Better bounce and speed
 - c) Cheaper maintenance
 - d) Easy transport
2. Which of these is a unique feature of the French Open in tennis?
 - a) Played under floodlights
 - b) Grass court
 - c) Clay court
 - d) Indoor stadium
3. Which athlete famously ran a marathon barefoot and won Olympic gold?
 - a) Eliud Kipchoge
 - b) Abebe Bikila
 - c) Mo Farah
 - d) Haile Gebrselassie
4. In which situation can a cricket fielder be penalized even if he takes a clean catch?
 - a) He celebrates too early
 - b) He steps outside boundary after catch
 - c) He removes helmet before catching
 - d) He appeals to umpire
5. In chess, a pawn reaches the last row. The player chooses another queen, even though one is already on board. Is this allowed?
 - a) No
 - b) Yes
 - c) Only if promoted by white
 - d) Only in blitz games
6. Which Olympic host city once had events held in two different continents?
 - a) Beijing
 - b) Paris
 - c) Istanbul
 - d) Stockholm (Equestrian events in Australia)
7. In basketball, a player gets the ball at mid-court and takes 10 steps without dribbling, but no referee calls it. What is this situation?
 - a) Legal play
 - b) Foul
 - c) Traveling
 - d) Interference
8. In which sport does the player try to knock a wooden ball into wickets using a mallet?
 - a) Polo
 - b) Billiards
 - c) Croquet
 - d) Lawn Tennis
9. Which Indian boxer won bronze at London 2012 Olympics?
 - a) Vijender Singh
 - b) Mary Kom
 - c) Shiva Thapa
 - d) Lovlina Borgohain
10. Which of the following is not part of a decathlon?
 - a) Long jump
 - b) Javelin throw
 - c) Pole vault
 - d) Triple jump
11. Which part of the body is not used in Sepak Takraw?
 - a) Head
 - b) Hands
 - c) Foot
 - d) Knee

12. Which Olympic event is a combination of cross-country skiing and shooting?
 - a) Nordic combined
 - b) Biathlon
 - c) Pentathlon
 - d) Decathlon
 13. What is the highest break possible in snooker with a free ball?
 - a) 155
 - b) 147
 - c) 150
 - d) 160
 14. Which city will host the 2032 Olympic Games?
 - a) Doha
 - b) Los Angeles
 - c) Brisbane
 - d) Tokyo
 15. Who holds the men's world record in the 100m sprint as of 2024?
 - a) Usain Bolt
 - b) Yohan Blake
 - c) Justin Gatlin
 - d) Trayvon Bromell
 16. The famous Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" means what?
 - a) Fight, Win, Glory
 - b) Run, Jump, Win
 - c) Faster, Higher, Stronger
 - d) Speed, Strength, Skill
 17. Who was the first athlete to win 4 consecutive Olympic golds in long jump?
 - a) Bob Beamon
 - b) Carl Lewis
 - c) Jesse Owens
 - d) Mike Powell
 18. Which Indian city hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2010?
 - a) Mumbai
 - b) Kolkata
 - c) Chennai
 - d) New Delhi
 19. Which sport has the fewest number of players per team?
 - a) Volleyball
 - b) Baseball
 - c) Polo
 - d) Beach Volleyball
 20. Which martial art focuses on using an opponent's energy against them?
 - a) Taekwondo
 - b) Judo
 - c) Karate
 - d) Boxing
 21. In cricket, how is a batsman dismissed if he hits his own wicket?
 - a) LBW
 - b) Hit Wicket
 - c) Bowled
 - d) Run Out
 22. In which sport would you hear the term "scrum"?
 - a) Basketball
 - b) Volleyball
 - c) Rugby
 - d) Wrestling
 23. Which chess piece has the greatest range of movement across an empty board?
 - a) Bishop
 - b) Queen
 - c) Rook
 - d) Knight
 24. Which country won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019?
 - a) England
 - b) Germany
 - c) USA
 - d) Netherlands
 25. Which international cricket team was suspended due to political interference in 2019?
 - a) South Africa
 - b) Zimbabwe
 - c) Sri Lanka
 - d) Bangladesh
 26. Which sport uses terms like "blitz", "rookie", and "scrimmage"?
 - a) Baseball
 - b) American Football
 - c) Ice Hockey
 - d) Basketball
 27. Which cricket bowler was the first to take 10 wickets in a Test inning?
 - a) Anil Kumble
 - b) Jim Laker
 - c) Muttiah Muralitharan
 - d) Shane Warne
 28. What is the maximum number of clubs a golfer is allowed to carry?
 - a) 12
 - b) 13
 - c) 14
 - d) 15

29. Which sport originated in ancient Persia and involved horseback ball games?
 - a) Polo
 - b) Show Jumping
 - c) Vaulting
 - d) Equestrian
 30. Which two countries co-hosted the 2002 FIFA World Cup?
 - a) South Korea and Japan
 - b) Brazil and Argentina
 - c) Germany and France
 - d) USA and Mexico
 31. Which country's team is nicknamed "All Blacks" in rugby?
 - a) Australia
 - b) South Africa
 - c) New Zealand
 - d) England
 32. Who was the first athlete to win 8 gold medals in a single Olympic Games?
 - a) Usain Bolt
 - b) Michael Phelps
 - c) Mark Spitz
 - d) Carl Lewis
 33. The term "Putting" is associated with which sport?
 - a) Hockey
 - b) Golf
 - c) Baseball
 - d) Polo
 34. What is the maximum break possible in a single frame of snooker?
 - a) 155
 - b) 147
 - c) 150
 - d) 160
 35. Who was the youngest Grandmaster in chess history (as of 2024)?
 - a) Bobby Fischer
 - b) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
 - c) Abhimanyu Mishra
 - d) Magnus Carlsen
 36. The 'Fosbury Flop' is associated with which sport?
 - a) Gymnastics
 - b) High Jump
 - c) Swimming
 - d) Pole Vault
 37. What is the standard number of feathers in a shuttlecock used in international badminton?
 - a) 14
 - b) 12
 - c) 16
 - d) 18
 38. What is the duration of each half in a professional field hockey match?
 - a) 45 minutes
 - b) 20 minutes
 - c) 30 minutes
 - d) 15 minutes
 39. The Stanley Cup is awarded in which sport?
 - a) Baseball
 - b) Ice Hockey
 - c) American Football
 - d) Curling
 40. Which female tennis player has won the most Grand Slam singles titles (as of 2024)?
 - a) Serena Williams
 - b) Margaret Court
 - c) Steffi Graf
 - d) Martina Navratilova
 41. Which sport features an event called "Keirin"?
 - a) Swimming
 - b) Rowing
 - c) Track Cycling
 - d) Skiing
 42. Which African nation has won the most Olympic gold medals?
 - a) Nigeria
 - b) South Africa
 - c) Ethiopia
 - d) Kenya
 43. In cricket, what is the term for scoring 100 runs in a single innings?
 - a) Half-century
 - b) Double-century
 - c) Ton
 - d) Hat-trick

44. What is the penalty for a red card in football?
 - a) 2-minute penalty
 - b) Warning only
 - c) Player substitution
 - d) Immediate ejection
45. Who holds the record for most goals in a single FIFA World Cup tournament?
 - a) Just Fontaine
 - b) Miroslav Klose
 - c) Ronaldo (Brazil)
 - d) Pelé
46. In athletics, how many laps make up a 10,000m race on a standard 400m track?
 - a) 20
 - b) 25
 - c) 30
 - d) 40
47. Which cricket stadium holds the record for the highest attendance in a single day?
 - a) Eden Gardens
 - b) Melbourne Cricket Ground
 - c) Lord's
 - d) Wankhede Stadium
48. Which sport's field is known as a "pitch" and can change direction after each quarter?
 - a) Ice Hockey
 - b) Kabaddi
 - c) Field Hockey
 - d) Lacrosse
49. Which country is famous for the martial art "Taekwondo"?
 - a) Japan
 - b) China
 - c) Korea
 - d) Thailand
50. Who was the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal?
 - a) Leander Paes
 - b) Abhinav Bindra
 - c) Rajyavardhan Rathore
 - d) Neeraj Chopra

ANSWER KEY

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