



# 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



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

1. b	2. c	3. b	4. b	5. b	6. d	7. c	8. c	9. b	10. d
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