



Preliminary Round: 2025

Name 1 :	
Name 2 :	
School Name(s) :	
Reg Number:	
Contact Numbers:	

Rules:

- Time allowed: 30 minutes
- Wait for start signal
- Questions marked with */** will resolve ties (first total stars, and if still unresolved, count of double stars)
- No negative marking
- No half marks for any question
- When the answer is a person's name, a correct surname will do, unless the full name is specifically asked for
- A wrong first name but correct surname will be considered as a wrong answer.
- Slight variations in spellings are acceptable as long as pronunciation is same.
- Mobiles, smartphones and similar gadgets must be switched off. Usage will lead to immediate disqualification
- Any attempt at malpractice will result in immediate disqualification

TOTAL

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STARS

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Total:



1	Under what professional name is rapper Sooraj Cherukat known in the music and entertainment industry?		☐
2*	What is the smallest unit of measurable movement for a computer mouse called?		☐
3	Which North African capital city derives its name from the phrase meaning "three cities," a reference to its ancient foundation comprising the historic settlements of Oea, Sabratha, and Leptis Magna?		☐
4	Which renowned painting , titled using the model's married name is famously known as La Gioconda in Italian?		☐
5	The book ' Unbreakable ' tells the true story of a person who rose from a tough life in a village to become a world-famous boxer . Whose life story is shared in this inspiring autobiography?		☐
6*	What is the name of the United States' current human spaceflight program, designed to reestablish human presence on the Moon for the first time since Apollo 17 in 1972, and named after Apollo's mythological twin?		☐
7	Which term , chosen as Oxford's Word of the Year for 2024, refers to the mental fatigue caused by excessive digital content consumption?		☐
8	Which American inventor & businessman (1847-1931) was known as "The Wizard of Menlo Park".		☐
9	What is the name of Saudi Arabia's futuristic city project , launched in 2017 as part of Vision 2030, designed to run entirely on renewable energy and redefine urban living?		☐
10*	Which nation sold Alaska to the United States in 1867 under the Alaska Treaty for \$7.2 million?		☐
11*	Which edible product , designed by Fred Baur, features a distinctive hyperbolic paraboloid shape for structural efficiency and aesthetic appeal?		☐



12**	What is the lethargic state that many reptiles, assume during cold conditions, partly analogous to hibernation, but physiological differences include that it does not depend on stored fat, but rather on reduced metabolic activity?		☐
13	Chinese explorer Admiral Zheng He led seven maritime expeditions between 1405 and 1433 to regions across Asia and East Africa. What did he famously present to the Ming emperor interpreted as a qilin , a mythical creature symbolizing good fortune.		☐
14**	Which traditional Indian footwear (<i>Image 14</i>), handcrafted by artisan communities in Maharashtra since at least the 12th century, did Italian luxury brand Prada recently spark controversy for resembling in its Rs 1.2 lakh leather sandals?		☐
15*	In the 1939 Tripuri session of the Indian national Congress, who was re-elected as President? He defeated Pattabhi Siddharamaiah who had the open support of Mahatma Gandhi.		☐
16	Which writer, lawyer and activist (<i>Image 16</i>) born in Hassan, Karnataka in 1948, became the first Kannada author to win the International Booker Prize (2025) for a short-story collection translated into English, titled Heart lamp?		☐
17	Known for its role in creating litmus dye, Roccella tinctoria is an example of which symbiotic life form ?		☐
18**	Which renowned Indian mathematician (CE 1114-1185) made significant contributions to the development of the decimal system through his works "Leelavati" and Beejaganitha", with the former being named after his daughter.		☐
19	The ancient Indian game Pachisi, often played with cowrie shells as dice, was adapted by the British in the late 19 th century into a simplified version that became a global classic. By what name do we know this modern game ?		☐
20*	In 1994, engineer Frank Canova introduced a groundbreaking device—the IBM Simon Personal		☐

	Communicator (Image 20). Though ahead of its time, its steep price tag of \$1,100 and a battery life of just one hour limited its success to around 50,000 units sold. What historical distinction does it hold in the history of technology?		
21**	Scheduled for 10–21 November 2025, the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) will convene in a city nestled at the edge of the Amazon rainforest—marking a symbolic shift toward environmental urgency. Which Brazilian city is set to host COP30 in 2025?		☐
22	What specific fear is 'Venustrophobia'.		☐
23	According to studies by NASA, which megastructure (Image 23) is said to have caused a slight shift in Earth's axis and a minuscule slowing of its rotation, adding about 0.06 microseconds to the length of a day.		☐
24	Which upcoming open-world action-adventure video game , developed by Rockstar Games and set in the fictional state of Leonida, features a female protagonist named Lucia and is scheduled for release in May 2026?		☐
25	Which chemical solution is named for its ability to dissolve the "royal metals" gold and platinum?		☐
26	Which country became the newest member of NATO on 7 th March 2024?		☐
27**	Created in 1887, what is the world's most widely spoken constructed international auxiliary language ?		☐
28*	Identify the logo (image 28)		☐
29**	Which Asian country has had the same head of state since it became independent?		☐
30**	Which Volkswagen vehicle model is named after a nomadic Berber ethnic group (image 30) in the Sahara region, known for their endurance and adaptability.		☐



Image 14



Image 16



Image 20



Image 23



Image 28



Image 30