

MAH B.P.Ed CET — Sample Paper

General Knowledge | Paper 1 of 4

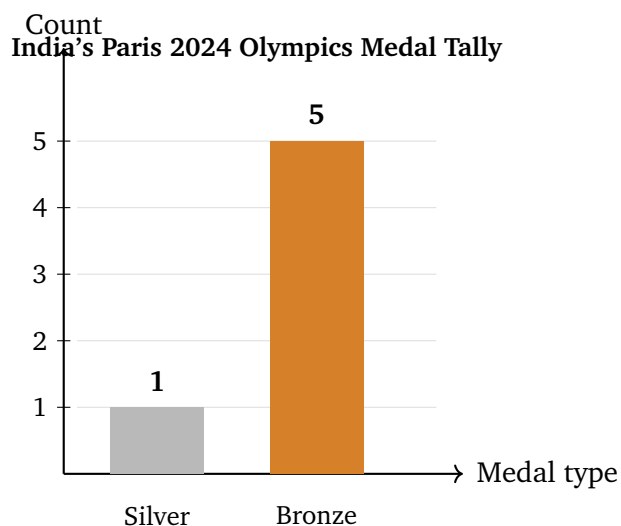
Total Questions	15
Maximum Marks	15
Duration	18 Minutes
Marking Scheme	+1 for correct answer; No negative marking
Mode	Online CBT
Question Type	Single-correct MCQ (4 options each)

Instructions

1. This paper contains **15 multiple-choice questions** each carrying **1 mark**.
2. Each question has **four options (A) to (D)**; select the single best answer.
3. **+1 mark** is awarded for every correct answer. **No negative marking**.
4. The total time allotted for this section is **18 minutes**.
5. Do not spend too much time on any one question; move on and return if time permits.
6. Click on the **QN** label of each question to jump directly to its detailed solution.

General Knowledge — Sample Paper 1 (15 Questions)

Q1. India's total medal count at the **Paris 2024 Summer Olympics** was:
(Refer to the bar chart below.)



- (A) 4 medals (1 silver, 3 bronze)
- (B) 6 medals (1 silver, 5 bronze)
- (C) 7 medals (2 silver, 5 bronze)
- (D) 5 medals (1 gold, 4 bronze)

Q2. The **2024 Summer Olympics (Games of the XXXIII Olympiad)** were hosted by which city?

- (A) Paris, France
- (B) London, United Kingdom
- (C) Tokyo, Japan
- (D) Berlin, Germany

Q3. Which badminton player received the **Arjuna Award in 2023**?

- (A) P. V. Sindhu
- (B) Saina Nehwal
- (C) Chirag Shetty
- (D) Kidambi Srikanth

Q4. Who received the **Dronacharya Award 2023** (Lifetime category) for outstanding contribution as a **wrestling coach**?

- (A) Pullela Gopichand
- (B) R. B. Ramesh
- (C) Baskaran Pillai
- (D) Mahavir Singh Phogat

Q5. The **Khelo India Youth Games 2024** were hosted by which Indian state?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Karnataka



(D) Madhya Pradesh

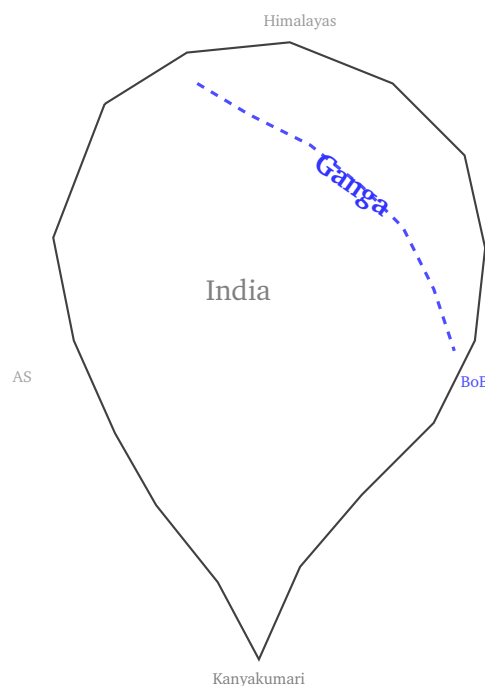
Q6. Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees which Fundamental Right?

- (A) Right to Life and Personal Liberty
- (B) Right to Education
- (C) Right to Equality before Law
- (D) Right against Exploitation

Q7. In which year was the **Battle of Plassey** fought, marking the beginning of British rule in Bengal?

- (A) 1764
- (B) 1526
- (C) 1757
- (D) 1849

Q8. Which is the **longest river** entirely within India? (The schematic map below highlights a major river flowing from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal.)



- (A) Godavari
- (B) Yamuna
- (C) Brahmaputra
- (D) Ganga

Q9. Who was the **first Indian citizen** to travel to outer space (1984)?

- (A) Rakesh Sharma
- (B) Kalpana Chawla
- (C) Sunita Williams
- (D) Ravish Malhotra

Q10. What is the **administrative (principal) capital** of the state of Maharashtra?

- (A) Pune
- (B) Mumbai
- (C) Nagpur
- (D) Nashik

Q11. India's final position in the **Paris 2024 Olympics official medal tally** (ranked by gold medals) was:

- (A) 50th
- (B) 60th
- (C) 71st
- (D) 80th

Q12. The **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023** — India's highest sports honour — was conferred upon:

- (A) Chirag Shetty & Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (Badminton doubles)
- (B) Neeraj Chopra & P. V. Sindhu

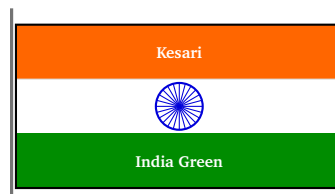


- (C) Manu Bhaker & Aman Sehrawat
- (D) P. R. Sreejesh & Swapnil Kusale

Q13. Which country won the **FIFA World Cup 2022** held in Qatar?

- (A) France
- (B) Argentina
- (C) Brazil
- (D) Germany

Q14. Who is the **President of India** as of 2024? (The national flag is shown below as a contextual cue.)



- (A) Ram Nath Kovind
- (B) Pranab Mukherjee
- (C) Droupadi Murmu
- (D) APJ Abdul Kalam

Q15. As per **2024 IMF estimates**, India ranks as the world's how-many-th largest economy by nominal GDP?

- (A) 3rd largest
- (B) 4th largest
- (C) 6th largest
- (D) 5th largest



Detailed Solutions — General Knowledge Sample Paper 1

Sol. 1.

Solution

Topic: Paris 2024 Olympics — India's Medal Tally

India won **6 medals** (1 Silver + 5 Bronze) at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics (26 July – 11 August 2024). There was **no gold medal**:

- **Silver:** Neeraj Chopra — Athletics (Javelin Throw)
- **Bronze:** Manu Bhaker — Shooting (10 m Air Pistol Women)
- **Bronze:** Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh — Shooting (10 m Air Pistol Mixed Team)
- **Bronze:** Swapnil Kusale — Shooting (50 m Rifle 3 Positions Men)
- **Bronze:** Indian Men's Hockey Team (P. R. Sreejesh's final tournament)
- **Bronze:** Aman Sehrawat — Wrestling (Freestyle 57 kg Men)

Total: 1 Silver + 5 Bronze = **6 medals**. Option (A) is wrong (too few); (C) fabricates a second silver; (D) falsely claims a gold.

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 1](#)

Sol. 2.

Solution

Topic: Paris 2024 Olympics — Host City

The **2024 Summer Olympics** were held in **Paris, France** (26 July – 11 August 2024). Paris hosted the Games for the **third time** (previously 1900 and 1924). The iconic opening ceremony took place along the River Seine. Key venues included the Stade de France, Roland Garros, and the Eiffel Tower area.

Distractors: London hosted in 2012; Tokyo in 2020 (held 2021); Berlin hosted in 1936.

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q 2](#)



Sol. 3.

Solution**Topic:** Arjuna Award 2023 — Badminton

The **Arjuna Award** is conferred annually by the Government of India to recognise outstanding achievement in sports. In **2023**, **Chirag Shetty** (badminton) was among the notable recipients. Along with partner Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty formed India's top-ranked men's doubles pair, which reached **World No. 1** in 2023 — a historic first for Indian badminton.

Note: P. V. Sindhu received the Khel Ratna in 2020; Saina Nehwal in 2010. Neither received the Arjuna Award in 2023 (they had received it in earlier years).

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q 3](#)

Sol. 4.

Solution**Topic:** Dronacharya Award 2023 — Lifetime Category (Wrestling)

The **Dronacharya Award** is India's premier coaching honour, recognising coaches who have produced outstanding sportspersons or teams at prestigious international events. **Mahavir Singh Phogat** received the Dronacharya Award (Lifetime category) in 2023. He is the legendary wrestling coach who trained his daughters **Geeta Phogat** (first Indian woman to qualify for the Olympics in wrestling, 2012) and **Babita Phogat** (Commonwealth Games gold, 2014). His story was depicted in the film *Dangal* (2016).

R. B. Ramesh (chess coach) also received the Dronacharya Award in 2023 but in a different sport. Pullela Gopichand received it earlier for badminton.

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 4](#)

Sol. 5.

Solution**Topic:** Khelo India Youth Games 2024 — Host State

The **Khelo India Youth Games 2024** were hosted by **Tamil Nadu**. The event, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, aims to identify and nurture grassroots sporting talent across India. Chennai was the primary host city, with events also held across other Tamil Nadu venues. Prime Minister



Narendra Modi inaugurated the Games, underscoring the government's push to develop a strong sports culture.

Previous editions: 2023 in Guwahati (Assam); 2022 in Haryana; 2020 in Guwahati.

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 5](#)

Sol. 6.

Solution

Topic: Indian Constitution — Article 21

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution states:

*“No person shall be deprived of his **life or personal liberty** except according to procedure established by law.”*

The Supreme Court has broadly interpreted this to include rights to dignity, livelihood, health, clean environment, speedy trial, and education. *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India* (1978) was a landmark case expanding Article 21.

Quick reference table:

- Article 14 — Right to Equality
- Article 19 — Freedom of Speech & Expression
- Article 21 — **Right to Life & Personal Liberty**
- Article 21A — Right to Education (6–14 years)
- Article 23 — Right against Exploitation

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q 6](#)



Sol. 7.

Solution**Topic:** Indian History — Battle of Plassey

The **Battle of Plassey** was fought on **23 June 1757** between the British East India Company (led by Robert Clive) and the Nawab of Bengal, **Siraj ud-Daulah**, supported by French forces. The Company's decisive victory established British supremacy in Bengal and laid the foundation for colonial rule over the Indian subcontinent.

Common confusers:

- **1526** — First Battle of Panipat (Babur defeats Ibrahim Lodi)
- **1757** — **Battle of Plassey** (correct answer)
- **1764** — Battle of Buxar (Company defeats Mir Qasim, Nawab of Awadh, & Mughal Emperor)
- **1849** — Second Anglo-Sikh War / annexation of Punjab

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q 7](#)

Sol. 8.

Solution**Topic:** Indian Geography — Longest River in India

The **Ganga (Ganges)** is the longest river in India, with a total length of approximately **2,525 km**. It originates at the **Gangotri Glacier** (Uttarakhand) and flows through Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and West Bengal before emptying into the **Bay of Bengal** (forming the Sundarbans delta, shared with Bangladesh).

Comparison of major Indian rivers:

- Ganga — 2,525 km (longest within India)
- Godavari — 1,465 km (longest river entirely within the Deccan)
- Yamuna — 1,376 km (tributary of Ganga)
- Brahmaputra — total 2,900 km but only ~918 km within India

The Brahmaputra's total international length is greater, but most of its course lies outside India (Tibet and Bangladesh). Hence **Ganga** is the correct answer for "longest river in India."



Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 8](#)

Sol. 9.

Solution

Topic: Science & Technology — First Indian in Space

Rakesh Sharma became the **first Indian citizen** to travel to space on **2 April 1984** aboard the Soviet spacecraft *Soyuz T-11*. He spent ≈ 7 days, 21 hours, and 40 minutes in space aboard the *Salyut 7* space station. When Prime Minister Indira Gandhi asked him how India looked from space, he famously replied: “*Saare Jahan Se Achha.*” He holds the rank of Squadron Leader (Retd.) in the Indian Air Force.

Distractors:

- **Kalpna Chawla** — Indo-American NASA astronaut; flew 1997 & 2003 (Columbia tragedy); not an Indian citizen astronaut.
- **Sunita Williams** — American astronaut of Indian descent; not an Indian citizen.
- **Ravish Malhotra** — trained as backup for Rakesh Sharma but did not fly.

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q 9](#)

Sol. 10.

Solution

Topic: Maharashtra General Knowledge — State Capital

Mumbai is the **administrative (principal) capital** of Maharashtra — the seat of the state government, High Court, and executive offices. **Nagpur** serves as the **winter/co-capital** and hosts the winter session of the Maharashtra State Legislature (the Vidhan Sabha and Vidhan Parishad).

Maharashtra facts:

- Second most populous state in India.
- Mumbai — India’s financial capital and home to the Bombay Stock Exchange.
- Nagpur — “Orange City” of India; headquarters of RSS.



- Pune — cultural capital of Maharashtra; major educational hub.

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 10](#)

Sol. 11.

Solution

Topic: Current Affairs — India's Rank at Paris 2024 Olympics

India finished **71st** in the Paris 2024 Olympics official medal tally (ranked by gold medals first, then silver, then bronze). India's total haul was 1 Silver + 5 Bronze = 6 medals, with **no gold medal** won.

Top of the Paris 2024 tally:

- (a) USA — 40 Gold, 44 Silver, 42 Bronze = 126 total
- (b) China — 40 Gold, 27 Silver, 24 Bronze = 91 total
- (c) Great Britain — 14 Gold, 22 Silver, 29 Bronze = 65 total

India's ranking (71st) reflects the medal count; the country ranked considerably higher (top 50) in terms of the number of athletes who reached finals and quarter-finals.

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q 11](#)

Sol. 12.

Solution

Topic: Sports Awards — Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2023

The **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award** (formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna) is India's **highest civilian sports honour**, carrying a cash prize of Rs. 25 lakh. In **2023**, it was awarded jointly to:

- **Chirag Shetty** (Badminton, Men's Doubles)
- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** (Badminton, Men's Doubles)

The duo became the **first Indian men's doubles pair to reach World No. 1** ranking (July 2023) and won multiple Super 500/750 titles on the BWF World Tour.



Neeraj Chopra received the Khel Ratna in 2021 after his Tokyo Olympics gold. P. V. Sindhu received it in 2020. Manu Bhaker, Aman Sehrawat, and P. R. Sreejesh were recognised after Paris 2024, not in 2023.

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q 12](#)

Sol. 13.

Solution

Topic: International Sports — FIFA World Cup 2022

Argentina won the **FIFA World Cup 2022** held in **Qatar** (20 November – 18 December 2022). In the final at the Lusail Iconic Stadium, Argentina defeated **France** 3–3 after extra time, then **4–2 on penalties**. This was Argentina's **third FIFA World Cup title** (after 1978 in Argentina and 1986 in Mexico). **Lionel Messi** was awarded the **Golden Ball** (best player) and finally completed his collection of major trophies.

Kylian Mbappé of France won the Golden Boot (8 goals). Brazil, Germany, and France did not win; Brazil was eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 13](#)

Sol. 14.

Solution

Topic: Indian Polity — President of India 2024

Droupadi Murmu is the **15th President of India**, having assumed office on **25 July 2022**. She is:

- The **first tribal (Adivasi) person** to hold the office of President.
- The **second woman President** of India (after Pratibha Patil, 2007–2012).
- From the Santali tribal community of **Odisha**.
- Previously served as **Governor of Jharkhand** (2015–2021).

She continues in office as President in 2024.

Chronology: APJ Abdul Kalam (11th, 2002–07), Pratibha Patil (12th, 2007–12), Pranab Mukherjee (13th, 2012–17), Ram Nath Kovind (14th, 2017–22), Droupadi Murmu (15th, 2022–present).



Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q 14](#)

Sol. 15.

Solution

Topic: Current Affairs — India's GDP Rank 2024

According to **IMF World Economic Outlook 2024** data, India is the **5th largest economy** in the world by nominal GDP (approximately **USD 3.7 trillion**).

Global GDP ranking (nominal, 2024 estimate):

- (a) USA — ~USD 28.8 trillion
- (b) China — ~USD 18.5 trillion
- (c) Germany — ~USD 4.6 trillion
- (d) Japan — ~USD 4.1 trillion
- (e) **India — ~USD 3.7 trillion**
- (f) United Kingdom — ~USD 3.4 trillion

India overtook the United Kingdom to become the 5th largest economy in **2022**. It is projected to become the 3rd largest by 2027–2030 (by various forecasts).

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 15](#)



Answer Key — General Knowledge Sample Paper 1

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15 Questions | +1 per correct answer | No negative marking

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6	A	7	C	8	D	9	A	10	B
11	C	12	A	13	B	14	C	15	D

Option	Count
(A)	4
(B)	4
(C)	4
(D)	3
Total	15

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