

MAH B.P.Ed CET — Sample Paper

General Knowledge | Paper 5 of 8

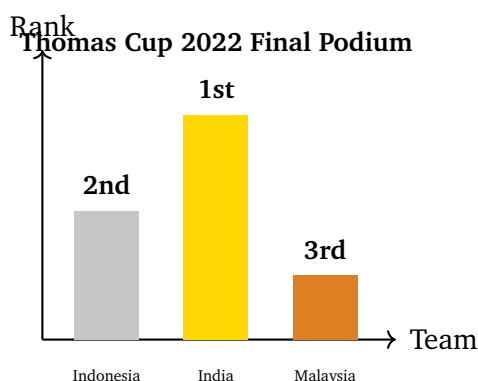
Total Questions	15
Maximum Marks	15
Duration	18 Minutes
Marking Scheme	+1 for correct answer; No negative marking
Mode	Online CBT
Question Type	Single-correct MCQ (4 options each)

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 5 (15 Questions)

- Q1.** India won the **Thomas Cup** (Badminton World Men's Team Championship) for the **first time** in 2022. In which city was the tournament held? (See the podium bar chart below.)



(A) Bangkok, Thailand

- (B) Copenhagen, Denmark
- (C) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- (D) Jakarta, Indonesia

Q2. Who won the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023** held in South Africa?

- (A) India
- (B) Australia
- (C) England
- (D) New Zealand

Q3. Shooter **Manu Bhaker** became the first Indian woman to win how many **Olympic medals at a single Games** (Paris 2024)?

- (A) 1 medal
- (B) 3 medals
- (C) 2 medals
- (D) No medal

Q4. India won the **SAFF Football Championship 2023**. In which city was the tournament hosted?

- (A) Kathmandu, Nepal
- (B) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (C) Lahore, Pakistan
- (D) Bengaluru, India

Q5. Who became the **Chief Minister of Maharashtra** following the November 2024 state assembly election results?

- (A) Devendra Fadnavis
- (B) Eknath Shinde
- (C) Ajit Pawar

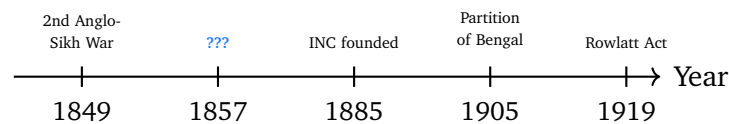


(D) Uddhav Thackeray

Q6. Article 44 of the Indian Constitution directs the State to endeavour to secure:

- (A) Minimum wages for agricultural workers
- (B) A Uniform Civil Code for all citizens
- (C) National old-age pension for senior citizens
- (D) Free legal aid for economically weaker sections

Q7. In which year was the **First War of Indian Independence** fought? (The timeline below shows key 19th-century events.)



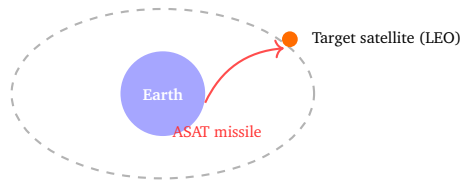
- (A) 1849
- (B) 1885
- (C) 1857
- (D) 1905

Q8. What is the **highest peak** in Maharashtra, located in the Sahyadri (Western Ghats) range?

- (A) Harishchandragad (1,424 m)
- (B) Rajgad (1,376 m)
- (C) Sinhagad (1,312 m)
- (D) Kalsubai (1,646 m)

Q9. India conducted its **Anti-Satellite (ASAT)** missile test, codenamed '**Mission Shakti**', successfully destroying a Low-Earth Orbit satellite. This test took place in: (See the schematic orbit diagram below.)





Mission Shakti — schematic

- (A) 2019
- (B) 2021
- (C) 2023
- (D) 2017

Q10. Who won the **inaugural ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2021**, defeating India at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton?

- (A) India
- (B) New Zealand
- (C) England
- (D) Australia

Q11. **Sania Mirza**, who retired from professional tennis in 2023, achieved the world No. 1 ranking in:

- (A) Women's singles
- (B) Mixed doubles only
- (C) Women's doubles
- (D) Both singles and doubles simultaneously

Q12. Sachin Tendulkar holds the world record for:

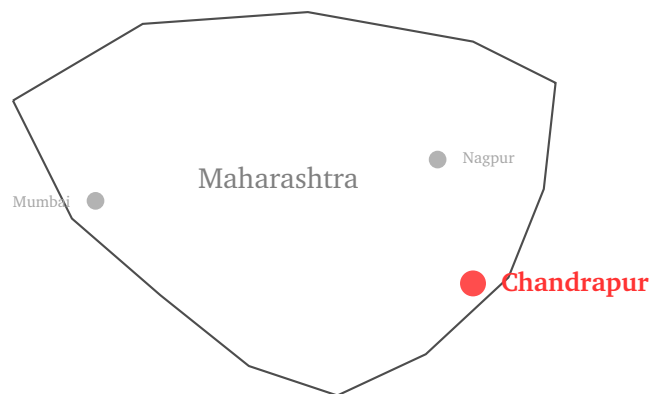
- (A) Most wickets taken by a part-time bowler in Test cricket
- (B) Most sixes hit in international cricket
- (C) Most consecutive ODI innings without a duck
- (D) Most centuries in international cricket (100 — Tests + ODIs combined)



Q13. 'Hindi Diwas' (Hindi Day) is observed every year on which date?

- (A) 14 September
- (B) 21 February
- (C) 10 October
- (D) 24 March

Q14. The **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve**, the largest tiger reserve in Maharashtra, is located in which district? (Refer to the schematic map below.)



- (A) Nagpur
- (B) Chandrapur
- (C) Amravati
- (D) Yavatmal

Q15. Kiran Bedi made history by becoming India's first:

- (A) Woman Chief Justice of a High Court
- (B) Woman Chief Minister of a state
- (C) Woman IPS (Indian Police Service) officer
- (D) Woman Governor of a Union Territory



Detailed Solutions — General Knowledge Sample Paper 5

Sol. 1.

Solution

Topic: International Sports — Thomas Cup 2022

The **Thomas Cup 2022** (Badminton World Men's Team Championship) was held at the **Impact Arena, Bangkok, Thailand** (8–15 May 2022). India defeated Indonesia **3–0** in the final — a historic first Thomas Cup title for India in 73 years of competition. Key contributors included **Laksya Sen** (singles), **Kidambi Srikanth** (singles), and the doubles pair **Chirag Shetty & Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**.

Distractors: Copenhagen hosts the All England Badminton Championships, not Thomas Cup 2022; Kuala Lumpur has hosted past editions; Jakarta is in Indonesia (the runners-up nation) but the 2022 final was played in Bangkok.

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

Sol. 2.

Solution

Topic: International Sports — ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023

Australia won the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023** (held 10–26 February 2023 in South Africa), defeating South Africa by **19 runs** in the final played at Newlands, Cape Town. It was Australia's **sixth Women's T20 World Cup title**, confirming their dominance in the format. India was eliminated in the semi-finals. New Zealand and England did not reach the final.

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



Sol. 3.

Solution**Topic:** Paris 2024 Olympics — Manu BhakerManu Bhaker won **2 bronze medals** at the Paris 2024 Olympics:

- (a) Women's 10 m Air Pistol (individual event)
- (b) 10 m Air Pistol Mixed Team (with Sarabjot Singh)

This made her the **first Indian woman** to win multiple medals at a single Olympic Games, and only the second Indian ever (after Norman Pritchard in 1900) to win two medals at one Games. Option (B) “3 medals” is incorrect; option (D) “No medal” is factually wrong.

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

Sol. 4.

Solution**Topic:** Indian Sports — SAFF Football Championship 2023

The **SAFF Championship 2023** (South Asian Football Federation) was held in **Bengaluru, India** (21 June – 4 July 2023) at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium. India won the tournament, defeating Kuwait **9–8 on penalties** in the final (match ended 1–1 after extra time). It was India's **9th SAFF Championship title**. **Sunil Chhetri** captained India in what was a memorable homecoming campaign.

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

Sol. 5.

Solution**Topic:** Current Affairs — Maharashtra Chief Minister 2024

Devendra Fadnavis of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on **5 December 2024** after the Mahayuti alliance (BJP + Shiv Sena–Shinde faction + NCP–Ajit Pawar faction) won a decisive majority in the November 2024 Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha elections. **Eknath Shinde** became Deputy Chief Minister; **Ajit Pawar** also continued as Deputy Chief Minister. Uddhav Thackeray's Maha Vikas Aghadi suffered a heavy defeat.



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

Sol. 6.

Solution

Topic: Indian Constitution — Directive Principles (Article 44)

Article 44 falls under **Part IV** (Directive Principles of State Policy — DPSP) of the Constitution and reads:

“The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India.”

DPSPs are non-justiciable directives for governance. Comparison of nearby Articles:

- Article 43A — Worker participation in management
- Article 45 — Early-childhood care and education
- Article 39A — Free legal aid for economically weaker sections

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

Sol. 7.

Solution

Topic: Indian History — First War of Indian Independence 1857

The **First War of Indian Independence** (also called the Indian Rebellion of 1857 or, by the British, the Sepoy Mutiny) began on **10 May 1857** at Meerut. It was triggered by the introduction of the Enfield rifle cartridges allegedly greased with animal fat, which offended both Hindu and Muslim soldiers. Major centres of revolt included Delhi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Jhansi, and Bareilly. Though eventually suppressed by the British, it led directly to the **Government of India Act 1858**, which transferred power from the East India Company to the British Crown.

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



Sol. 8.

Solution**Topic:** Maharashtra Geography — Highest Peak

Kalsubai (altitude **1,646 m** / 5,400 ft) is the highest peak in Maharashtra and in the entire Western Ghats (Sahyadri range). It is located in the **Akola taluka of Ahmednagar district**. The peak is a popular trekking destination and has a small Kalsubai temple at the summit.

Comparison of peaks in Maharashtra:

Kalsubai	1,646 m (highest)
Harishchandragad	1,424 m
Rajgad	1,376 m
Sinhagad	1,312 m

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

Sol. 9.

Solution**Topic:** Science & Technology — Mission Shakti ASAT Test

India conducted **Mission Shakti** on **27 March 2019**, successfully destroying a Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite at an altitude of approximately 300 km using an indigenously developed ASAT (Anti-Satellite) missile. India thereby became the **4th country** in the world (after USA, Russia, and China) to demonstrate this capability. The mission was executed by **DRDO** (Defence Research and Development Organisation) and was announced personally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a live national address. The test was conducted from the Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Island launch complex in Odisha.

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

Sol. 10.

Solution**Topic:** International Cricket — ICC World Test Championship Final 2021

New Zealand won the inaugural **ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2021**, defeating India by **8 wickets** at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton (18–23 June 2021). **Kane Williamson** (49 runs) and **Ross Taylor** (47 not out) steered the successful chase of 139 runs. **Kyle Jamieson** was the standout bowler,



taking 5 wickets in the match. India's batting collapsed in both innings under overcast conditions.

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

Sol. 11.

Solution

Topic: Indian Sports — Sania Mirza Tennis Career

Sania Mirza achieved the **world No. 1 ranking in women's doubles** in April 2015 (partnering Martina Hingis), becoming the first Indian tennis player — man or woman — to reach that milestone. She also reached the No. 1 ranking in mixed doubles. She **never** achieved No. 1 in singles (her best singles ranking was around 27th). She retired from professional tennis in **February 2023** after the Dubai Championships. During her career she won **6 Grand Slam titles** — all in doubles (3 women's doubles, 3 mixed doubles).

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

Sol. 12.

Solution

Topic: Indian Cricket — Sachin Tendulkar Records

Sachin Tendulkar holds the record for the **most centuries in international cricket — 100 centuries in total**: 51 in Test matches and 49 in One-Day Internationals (ODIs). He scored his **100th international century** against Bangladesh on 16 March 2012 in Mirpur (Asia Cup). No other cricketer has ever scored 100 international centuries. He also holds records for the most runs in both Tests (15,921) and ODIs (18,426). The other options are fabricated or belong to other players.

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



Sol. 13.

Solution**Topic:** Indian Culture — Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas is observed on **14 September** every year. On this date in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in the Devanagari script as the **official language of the Union of India** (under Article 343 of the Constitution). The first official Hindi Diwas was celebrated on 14 September 1953.

Note: **World Hindi Day** (Vishwa Hindi Diwas) is different — it is observed on **10 January**. Option (B) 21 February is International Mother Language Day (UNESCO).

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

Sol. 14.

Solution**Topic:** Maharashtra Geography — Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve

The **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve** is located in **Chandrapur district**, Maharashtra. It is the **oldest and largest national park in Maharashtra**, established as a national park in **1955**. It covers an area of 625.4 sq km (core zone) and is one of India's most successful tiger reserves with a growing tiger population. Notable features include Tadoba Lake, the Andhari river, and dense teak forests. **Nagpur** is a neighbouring major city but the reserve falls administratively in Chandrapur district — a common confusion that makes option (A) a tempting distractor.

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

Sol. 15.

Solution**Topic:** Indian Polity & Society — Kiran Bedi

Kiran Bedi became India's first woman **IPS (Indian Police Service) officer** in **1972**. She served with distinction in various capacities, including as Deputy Inspector General at **Tihar Jail**, where she transformed prison conditions and earned the name '*Crane Bedi*'. She was also the first woman to serve as a **UN**



Civilian Police Adviser. Kiran Bedi later entered politics and served as the **Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry** (2016–2021) — making option (D) a tempting distractor, but option (C) correctly identifies her **primary historic first**.

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



Answer Key — General Knowledge Sample Paper 5

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

Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer
1	A	2	B	3	C	4	D	5	A
6	B	7	C	8	D	9	A	10	B
11	C	12	D	13	A	14	B	15	C

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

Click on any answer letter in the table above to jump to the detailed solution.

*For the question, click the **QN** label in the Solutions section.*

