



# Absa World Knowledge Olympiad Question Paper

Absa Wêreldkennis-Olimpiade Vraestel

Secondary schools / Sekondêre skole

Gr. 8,9,10,11,12

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Time / Tyd: 14:00 - 15:15

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTION PAPER

### STEP 1

Fill in your **QUESTION PAPER NUMBER**, which consists of **five numbers**, in the **five blocks** on the optical chart. The question paper number is printed in **red** in the top right-hand corner of the paper.

### STEP 2

Fully colour in the corresponding circle that is directly below each number so that the number inside each circle is no longer visible. Once

a circle has been coloured in, it should look like this: ●

### STEP 3

Colour in the full area of the circles of your current grade as well as the required information. Remember, in the case of question 2, only **one home language**, and at question 3, only **one source** should be coloured in.

### STEP 4

Do not begin to answer the question paper before the invigilator is satisfied that all required information on the front page of the optical chart has been filled in correctly.

### STEP 5

Turn over the optical chart and answer the questions by clearly colouring in the appropriate circles in sections 1, 2, 3. Each question has only **one** correct answer. Answers are marked positively. Marks are not subtracted for incorrect answers.

Section 1 has 25 multiple-choice questions.

Section 2 has 20 multiple-choice questions.

Section 3 has 15 multiple-choice questions.

Section 4 has 10 open questions.

Also complete the **open questions** on the optical chart, as well as the other sections required.

### STEP 6

You may keep your question paper. For own use, mark your answers on the question paper so that you can check them against the memorandum which will be forwarded to your school in due course.

## INSTRUKSIES VIR VRAESTEL

### STAP 1

Vul jou **VRAESTELNOMMER**, wat uit **vyf syfers** bestaan, in die **vyf blokkies** op die optiese kaart in. Die vraestelnommer is regs bo-aan die vraestel in **rooi** gedruk.

### STAP 2

Kleur dan die volle grootte van die sirkeltjies regonder elke toepaslike syfer deeglik in sodat die syfer nie meer sigbaar is nie. Nadat die

sirkeltjie ingekleur is, moet dit so lyk: ●

### STAP 3

Kleur jou huidige graad én die inligting se sirkeltjies in. Onthou om by vraag 2 net **een huistaal** en by vraag 3 net **een bron** in te kleur.

### STAP 4

Wag met die beantwoording van die vraestel totdat die opsieners tevrede is dat alle verlangde inligting op die voorkant van die optiese kaart korrek ingevul is.

### STAP 5

Draai nou die optiese kaart om en beantwoord die vrae deur die sirkeltjies duidelik in te kleur by afdelings 1, 2, 3. Elke vraag het slegs **een** korrekte antwoord. Antwoorde word positief nagesien. Punte word nie vir verkeerde antwoorde afgetrek nie.

Afdeling 1 het 25 meerkeusevrae.

Afdeling 2 het 20 meerkeusevrae.

Afdeling 3 het 15 meerkeusevrae.

Afdeling 4 het 10 oop vrae.

Vul ook die **oop vrae** op die optiese kaart in, asook die ander gevraagde dele.

### STAP 6

Jy behou jou vraestel. Vir jou eie gebruik, merk ook die antwoorde op jou vraestel sodat jy dit kan kontroleer as jy die memorandum later ontvang.

## QUESTION PAPER • VRAESTEL

### SECTION 1 • AFDELING 1 (25 x 1)

- Who became the executive head of Absa bank on 01.03.2009?  
Wie het op 01.03.2009 uitvoerende hoof van Absa geword?  
A Gill Marcus      B Maria Ramos      C Louis von Zeuner
- Which soft drink advertisement contains the word BRRR!?  
Watter koeldrankadvertensie bevat die woord BRRR!?  
A Pepsi      B Coca Cola      C Sprite
- What is the name of the official mascot of the 2010 World Cup soccer tournament?  
Wat is die naam van die amptelike gelukbringer van die 2010 Wêreldbeker-sokkertoernooi?  
A Umkomaas      B Suka      C Zakumi

- What is the meaning of the Sotho word *Metsi*?  
Wat beteken die Sotho-woord *Metsi*?  
A Cool drink / Koeldrank      B Milk / Melk      C Water
- How old was the Barbie doll series on 09.03.2009?  
Hoe oud was die Barbie-pop op 09.03.2009?  
A 50 years / jaar      B 55 years / jaar      C 60 years / jaar
- Which male swimmer won eight gold medals at the 2008 Olympic Games?  
Watter manswemmer het op die 2008 Olimpiese Spele agt goue medaljes gewen?  
A Larsen Jensen      B Nicolas Nilo      C Michael Phelps
- Which colour is obtained when the colours black and white are mixed?  
Watter kleur word verkry as swart en wit kleure gemeng word?  
A Green / Groen      B Grey / Gry      C Blue / Blou

8. The Nile is the longest river in the world. Which river is the second longest?  
Die Nyl is die langste rivier in die wêreld. Watter rivier is die tweede langste?  
A Congo / Kongo    B Volga    C Amazon / Amasone
9. Which word indicates the letter *B* in the international phonetic alphabet, generally used in air navigation?  
Watter woord dui die letter *B* in die internasionale fonetiese alfabet aan, wat algemeen in die lugvaart gebruik word?  
A Babe    B Bravo    C Bacchus
10. Which 2008 film, with Meryl Streep starring, brought the hit song *Dancing Queen* to everyone's attention?  
Watter rolprent met Meryl Streep in die hoofrol het in 2008 *Dancing Queen* onder almal se aandag gebring?  
A Mamma Mia    B Angel Heart    C Unfaithful
11. As at 20.03.2009, who was the president of the USA?  
Wie is tans soos op 20.03.2009, die president van die VSA?  
A Barack Obama    B John McCain    C Timothy Gaytemer
12. Which male athlete won the 100 metres sprint event in 9,69 seconds at the 2008 Olympic Games?  
Watter mansatleet het op die 2008 Olimpiese Spele die 100 meter in 9,69 sekondes gewen?  
A Richard Thompson    B Walter Dix    C Usain Bolt
13. Which South African Bank was the first bank to achieve the million user mark for Internet banking services?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse bank is die eerste bank om die miljoenkerf vir Internet-bankdienstegebruikers te haal?  
A FNB / ENB    B Absa    C Nedbank
14. In which city in South Africa is the Appeal Court seated?  
In watter stad is die Appèlhof van Suid-Afrika?  
A Bloemfontein    B Johannesburg    C Cape Town / Kaapstad
15. Which mathematical term is used to describe the shape of a cell in a beehive?  
Watter wiskundige term word gebruik om die vorm van 'n sel in 'n byekorf te beskryf?  
A Pentagon / Pentagoon    B Hexagon / Heksagoon    C Octogon / Oktogoon
16. In which ocean is the island of Mauritius to be found?  
In watter oseaan is die eiland Mauritius?  
A Pacific Ocean / Stille Oseaan    B Indian Ocean / Indiese Oseaan    C Atlantic Ocean / Atlantiese Oseaan
17. As at 20.03.2009, who was the presidential candidate of the Cope political party?  
Wie is tans, soos op 20.03.2009, die politieke party Cope se presidentskandidaat?  
A Mvume Dandala    B Mosiuoa Lekota    C Mbhazima Shilowa
18. Which gas is omitted by plants which take in carbon dioxide when placed in sunlight?  
Watter gas word afgegee deur plante wat koolsuurgas inneem as dit in sonlig geplaas word?  
A Oxygen / Suurstof    B Hydrogen / Waterstof    C Nitrogen / Stikstof
19. Which school was the first parallel medium school in South Africa?  
Watter skool was die eerste parallelmediumskool in Suid - Afrika?  
A Paul Roos    B Grey College / Grey-Kollege    C Paarl Boys High
20. Who was the 2008 Formula One racing champion?  
Wie was in 2008 die Formule Een-renjaerskampioen?  
A Fernando Alonso    B Lewis Hamilton    C Felipe Massa

21. On which continent is the Nile, the longest river in the world?  
Op watter vasteland is die Nyl, die langste rivier in die wêreld?  
A North America / Noord-Amerika    B Europe / Europa    C Africa / Afrika
22. Who became president of South Africa on 25.09.2008?  
Wie is op 25.09.2008 as president van Suid-Afrika aangewys?  
A Kgalema Montlanthe    B Thandi Modise    C Baleka Mbete
23. What is the name of the teenage star of Hannah Montana fame?  
Wat is die naam van die tienerster van Hannah Montana-faam?  
A Vanessa Hudgens    B Britney Spears    C Miley Cyrus
24. Who was the first Springbok rugby player to represent South Africa in 100 test matches?  
Wie was die eerste Springbok-rugbyspeler om 100 toetse vir Suid-Afrika te speel?  
A Naas Botha    B Percy Montgomery    C Frik du Preez
25. Which South African city's name is to be found on the first Monopoly world board?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse stad se naam pryk op die eerste Monopoly-wêreldbord?  
A Johannesburg    B Pretoria    C Cape Town / Kaapstad

**SECTION 2 • AFDELING 2    (20 x 1,5)**

1. Which number is represented by the Roman figure C?  
Watter getal word deur die Romeinse syfer C verteenwoordig?  
A 50    B 100    C 200
2. Which male athlete won the long jump event at the March 2008 indoor World Championship in Valencia, Spain?  
Watter mansatleet het die verspring op die Maart 2008 binneshuise Wêreldbyeenkoms in Valencia, Spanje gewen?  
A Christopher Tomlinson    B Mohamed Salman al Khuwalidi    C Khotso Mokoena
3. Who was elected on 13.03.2009 as the new Rector of the University of the Free State?  
Wie is op 13.03.2009 as die nuwe Rektor van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat verkies?  
A Jonathan Jansen    B Herman van Schalkwyk    C Nthabiseng Ogude
4. Which ocean borders the African state of Gabon?  
Aan watter oseaan lê die Afrika-land Gaboen?  
A Indian Ocean / Indiese Oseaan    B Atlantic Ocean / Atlantiese Oseaan    C Pacific Ocean / Stille Oseaan
5. Which is the largest soccer stadium in South Africa, with a capacity of 94 000 people?  
Watter sokkerstadion in Suid-Afrika, met 'n kapasiteit van 94 000 mense, is die grootste?  
A Moses Mabhida Stadium / Stadion, Durban    B Nelson Mandela Stadium / Stadion, Port Elizabeth    C Soccer City, Soweto
6. Who was the leader of the DA (Democratic Alliance) up to May 2007?  
Wie was die leier van die DA (Demokratiese Alliansie) tot in Mei 2007?  
A Sandra Botha    B Tony Leon    C Van Zyl Slabbert
7. Who was identified as the best mayor in the world in 2008 by the International City Mayor's project?  
Wie is deur die Internasionale Stadsburgemeester-projek as die wêreld se beste burgemeester aangewys in 2008?  
A Elma Ledergerber, Switzerland    B Leopold López, Venezuela    C Helen Zille, South Africa / Suid-Afrika
8. What is the unit of length or distance of the International Unitary System?  
Wat is die eenheid van lengte of afstand van die Internasionale Stelsel van Eenhede?  
A Centimetre / Sentimeter    B Metre / Meter    C Kilometre / Kilometer

9. Which group of South African musicians won their third Grammy award in 2009?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse musiekgroep het 'n derde Grammy in 2009 gewen?  
**A** Ladysmith Black Mambazo      **B** Skwatta Kamp  
**C** Soweto Gospel Choir
10. Which airport was identified as the best airport in Africa in a worldwide Skytrax poll?  
Watter lughawe is deur 'n wêreldwye Skytrax-opname as die beste lughawe in Afrika aangewys?  
**A** Cairo / Kaïro      **B** Cape Town / Kaapstad      **C** OR Tambo
11. Who was appointed Prime Minister of Zimbabwe on 12.02.2009?  
Wie is op 12.02.2009 as Eerste Minister van Zimbabwe ingehuldig?  
**A** Raila Odinga      **B** Ntsu Mokhehle      **C** Morgan Tsvangirai
12. Which South African retail group was selected in January 2009 as the International Retailer of the Year?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse winkelgroep is in Januarie 2009 aangewys as die Internasionale Kleinhandelaar van die Jaar?  
**A** Pick'n Pay      **B** Shoprite Checkers      **C** Woolworths
13. Who won the women's singles title at the 2008 Wimbledon tennis tournament?  
Wie het die vroue-enkelspeltitel op die 2008 Wimbledon-tennistoernooi gewen?  
**A** Venus Williams      **B** Maria Sharapova      **C** Ana Ivanovic
14. Which actress won the 2009 best actress Oscar award for her performance in *The Reader*?  
Watter aktrise het in 2009 'n Oscar vir die beste aktrise in die rolprent *The Reader* gewen?  
**A** Penélope Cruz      **B** Jennifer Lopez      **C** Kate Winslet
15. In which language did Enoch Sontonga write the first verse of Nkosi sikelel'i Afrika in 1897?  
In watter taal het Enoch Sontonga die eerste vers van Nkosi sikelel'i Afrika in 1897 geskryf?  
**A** isiXhosa      **B** isiZulu      **C** Sesotho
16. Who became the first black billionaire in South Africa?  
Wie het Suid-Afrika se eerste swart biljoenêr (miljardêr) geword?  
**A** Cyril Ramaposa      **B** Patrice Motsepe      **C** Tokyo Sexwale
17. To which island was Napoleon exiled after abdicating on June 22, 1815?  
Na watter eiland is Napoleon verban na sy abdikasie op 22 Junie 1815?  
**A** St Helena      **B** Elba      **C** Corsica / Korsika
18. What is the name of the Springbok rugby wing who scored four tries against the Wallabies in Johannesburg in 2008?  
Wat is die naam van die Springbokrugby-vleuel wat in 2008 vier drieë teen die Wallabies in Johannesburg gedruk het?  
**A** JP Petersen      **B** Jongi Nokwe      **C** Bryan Habana
19. Which city, with 7,6 million residents, is the largest in Africa?  
Watter stad in Afrika, met 7,6 miljoen inwoners, is die grootste?  
**A** Cairo / Kaïro      **B** Johannesburg      **C** Nairobi
20. What is the name of the supersonic passenger aeroplane jointly developed by Britain and France, which first entered service in 1976?  
Wat is die supersoniese passasiërsvliegtuig genoem wat Brittanje en Frankryk saam ontwikkel het, en in 1976 in gebruik geneem is?  
**A** Trident      **B** Airbus      **C** Concorde

**SECTION 3 • AFDELING 3 (15 x 2)**

1. Which is the oldest university in Great Britain?  
Watter universiteit is die oudste in Groot Brittanje?  
**A** Cambridge      **B** Oxford      **C** Westminster
2. What is the nationality of the athlete Yelena Isinbayeva, who won the women's pole vault event at the 2008 Olympic Games?  
Van watter land is die atleet Yelana Isinbayeva, wat die paalspring vir vroue op die 2008 Olimpiese Spele gewen het?  
**A** Jamaica / Jamaika      **B** Finland      **C** Russia / Rusland
3. Which historical figure, whose 200th birthday was celebrated on 12.02.2009, is regarded as the father of evolution?  
Wie word as die vader van die evolusie beskou wat op 12.02.2009 sy 200ste verjaardag gedenk het?  
**A** Socrates / Sokrates      **B** Darwin      **C** Emile Rosseau
4. Which country makes up the largest part of Spain's western border?  
Watter land vorm die grootste deel van Spanje se westelike grens?  
**A** France / Frankryk      **B** The Netherlands / Nederland      **C** Portugal
5. Who was the Greek goddess of victory?  
Wie was die Griekse godin van oorwinning?  
**A** Athene      **B** Irene      **C** Nike
6. Which USA city is known as the capital city of the motor industry?  
Watter stad in die VSA word as die motorbedryf se hoofstad beskou?  
**A** Detroit      **B** Chicago      **C** New York
7. What is the name of the well-known art gallery in Paris (France) in which the Mona Lisa is exhibited?  
Wat is die naam van die bekende kunsgalery in Parys (Frankryk) waar die Mona Lisa uitgestal word?  
**A** Colosseum      **B** The / Die Louvre      **C** Versailles
8. Which South African golfer won the 2008 American Masters Golf Tournament on the Augusta course?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse gholfspeler het die 2008 Amerikaanse Meesterstoernooi op die Augusta-baan gewen?  
**A** Trevor Immelman      **B** Retief Goosen      **C** Ernie Els
9. In which Danish harbour city is the statue of Hans Christian Andersen's small mermaid a well-known landmark?  
In watter hawestad in Denemark is die standbeeld van Hans Christian Andersen se meerminnetjie 'n bekende baken?  
**A** Stockholm      **B** Copenhagen / Kopenhagen      **C** Oslo
10. Who was South Africa's first world champion professional boxer?  
Wie was Suid-Afrika se eerste wêreldkampioen in professionele boks?  
**A** Vic Toweel      **B** Gerrie Coetzee      **C** Brian Mitchell
11. In which city is the Head Office of the United Nations situated?  
In watter stad is die Verenigde Nasies se hoofkantoor?  
**A** The Hague / Den Haag      **B** London / Londen      **C** New York
12. Which celestial body was visible from the earth in 1835, 1910 and 1985?  
Watter hemelliggaam kon in 1835, 1910 en 1985 van die aarde af gesien word?  
**A** Halley's Comet      **B** Comet West      **C** Comet Holmes
13. As at 20.03.2009, who was the president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo?  
Wie is tans, soos op 20.03.2009, die president van die Demokratiese Republiek van die Kongo?  
**A** Julius Nyrere      **B** Joseph Kabila      **C** Apollo Nsibambi

14. In which city is the annual Macufe festival held?  
In watter stad word die jaarlikse Macufefees gehou?  
A Bloemfontein    B Johannesburg    C Cape Town / Kaapstad
15. As at 20.03.2009, who was the American Secretary of State?  
Wie is tans, soos op 20.03.2009, die Amerikaanse Minister van Buitelandse Sake?  
A Joseph Biden    B Robert Gates    C Hillary Clinton

4. What is the name of Elvis Presley's mansion in Memphis?  
Wat is die naam van Elvis Presley se herehuis in Memphis?
5. Besides Kenya and Tanzania, which country borders on Lake Victoria?  
Watter land grens aan die Victoriameer, naas Kenia en Tanzania?
6. What is the name of the mountain retreat of American presidents in the mountains about 95 km north of Washington DC?  
Wat is die naam van die Amerikaanse presidente se wegbreekplek in die berge sowat 95 km noord van Washington DC?
7. Which planet is the biggest in the solar system?  
Watter planeet is die grootste in die sonnestelsel?
8. Which South African male athlete won the 100 metres sprint event at the 2008 Paralympic Games?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse mans-atleet het die 100 meter naelloop op die 2008 Paralimpiese Spele gewen?
9. As at 20.03.2009, who was the leader of the ANC's youth league?  
Wie is tans, soos op 20.03.2009, leier van die ANC-jeugliga?
10. What is the name of the Headquarters of the American armed forces in Washington DC?  
Wat is die naam van die hoofkwartier van die Amerikaanse weermag in Washington DC?

#### SECTION 4 • AFDELING 4

##### OPEN QUESTIONS • OOP VRAE

1. What is the full name of the fast-food product KFC?  
Wat is die volledige naam van die kitskosprodukt KFC?
2. What is the name of the school attended by Troy, Gabriella and their friends in the popular *High School Musical* movies?  
Na watter skool gaan Troy, Gabriella en hul vriende in die gewilde *High School Musical* rolprente?
3. Which South African female swimmer won five gold medals at the 2008 Paralympic Games?  
Watter Suid-Afrikaanse vroueswemmer het op die 2008 Paralimpiese Spele vyf goue medaljes gewen?

#### IMPORTANT ● BELANGRIK

- *Make absolutely sure that you have completed your optical chart correctly.*
- *If necessary, ask the invigilator for assistance.*
- *Hand in only the optical chart.*

- Maak doodseker dat jy die optiese kaart korrek ingevul het.
- Indien nodig, vra die opsiener om hulp.
- Lewer slegs die optiese kaart in.

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#### PRIZES

The cash prizes are sponsored by **ABSA**. Total prize money R27 000.  
Prizes are allocated as follows:

- Gr. 8** : first prize R 900 second prize R 800 third prize R 700  
**Gr. 9** : first prize R1 000 second prize R 900 third prize R 800  
**Gr.10** : first prize R1 100 second prize R1 000 third prize R 900  
**Gr.11** : first prize R1 200 second prize R1 100 third prize R1 000  
**Gr.12** : first prize R1 300 second prize R1 200 third prize R1 100

The schools are divided into **three categories** based on the total number of learners in gr. 8-12 combined:

- Category 1:** Large schools (650 and more learners)  
**Category 2:** Medium schools (200-649 learners)  
**Category 3:** Small schools (199 or less learners)

The **five** schools nationally in category 1 with the most entries, percentage-wise, will each receive R500  
The **five** schools nationally in category 2 with the most entries, percentage-wise, will each receive R400  
The **five** schools nationally in category 3 with the most entries, percentage-wise, will each receive R300

The contact teacher at each of the **five** winning schools with the most entries, percentage-wise, will receive the same amount as the school.

Certificates (gold, silver and bronze) from **ABSA** will be awarded to learners obtaining first, second and third places in each province from gr. 8 to 12.

Each learner that participates in the **World Knowledge Olympiad**, will receive a certificate from **ABSA**.

#### PRYSE

Die kontantpryse word deur **ABSA** geborg. Totale prysgeld R27 000.  
Verdeling van pryse is soos volg:

- Gr.8** : eerste prys R 900 tweede prys R 800 derde prys R 700  
**Gr.9** : eerste prys R1 000 tweede prys R 900 derde prys R 800  
**Gr.10** : eerste prys R1 100 tweede prys R1 000 derde prys R 900  
**Gr.11** : eerste prys R1 200 tweede prys R1 100 derde prys R1 000  
**Gr.12** : eerste prys R1 300 tweede prys R1 200 derde prys R1 100

Die skole word in **drie kategorieë** ingedeel gebaseer op die totale getal leerders in gr. 8-12 saam:

- Kategorie 1:** Groot skole (650 en meer leerders)  
**Kategorie 2:** Medium skole (200-649 leerders)  
**Kategorie 3:** Klein skole (199 of minder leerders)

Die **vyf** skole nasionaal in kategorie 1 met die meeste inskrywings, persentasiegewys, ontvang elk R500  
Die **vyf** skole nasionaal in kategorie 2 met die meeste inskrywings, persentasiegewys, ontvang elk R400  
Die **vyf** skole nasionaal in kategorie 3 met die meeste inskrywings, persentasiegewys, ontvang elk R300

Die skakelonderwyser by elkeen van die **vyf** wenskole met die meeste inskrywings, persentasiegewys, ontvang dieselfde bedrag as die betrokke skool.

Sertifikate (goud, silwer en brons) van **ABSA** word aan die eerste, tweede en derde geplaasde leerders in elke provinsie vanaf gr. 8 tot 12 toegeken.

Elke leerder wat aan die **Wêreldkennis-Olimpiade** deelneem, ontvang 'n sertifikaat van **ABSA**.