



World Knowledge
— OLYMPIAD —

2019 World Knowledge Olympiad

Primary schools: Gr. 6 & 7
Secondary schools: Gr. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Monday 13 May 2019



Dear Principal and Contact Teacher,

The World Knowledge Olympiad for Secondary schools will be taking place for the 28th time this year and for Primary schools for the 24th time. The Olympiad recognises “global awareness” as a core 21st century skill in preparing students for the new global economy and attracts bright and curious young minds who are self-starters wanting to know more about the world around them.

The aim of the Olympiad is to test the general knowledge of learners from **Grades 6 to 12** and encourage them to expand it by accessing appropriate media sources. The Olympiad is open to ALL learners at South African schools so it is an opportunity to challenge your school and your learners to test their general knowledge against the rest of the country. Some teachers and learners mistakenly think only top learners may enter, but the Olympiad is open to all learners. **Grades 6 and 7 learners write the Primary schools’ paper. Grades 8 to 12 write the Secondary schools’ paper.** Please note that *Post Matrics* are not allowed to participate in the Olympiad.

1. OLYMPIAD DETAILS

Date:	Monday, 13 May 2019	Time:	14:00 to 15:15	Closing date for entries:	Friday, 5 April 2019
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2. ENTRIES

Entry fee: R25 each for 1 to 49 learners *OR* R15 each for 50 and more learners. The entry fees cover the question papers, Optical Charts, certificates, envelopes, stamps, registration, results, prize-winners and memorandum. The closing date for registrations is **Friday 5 April 2019**.

- The easiest and preferred option to register and pay is by going to www.quicket.co.za, then searching for “World Knowledge Olympiad” and following the instructions. You can choose to pay via Credit Card, EFT or Bank Transfer. You do not need to complete a separate entry form.
- Alternatively, you can email info@worldknowledgeolympiad.co.za or call 010 900 3030 to register your school. We will then send you a unique Bank Reference number for your school to pay and confirm your school’s entry.

3. PRIZES

The 10 learners in South Africa with the highest marks in each Grade, will have their names published with the results. Certificates (gold, silver and bronze) will be awarded to learners obtaining first, second and third places in South Africa from Grades 6 to 12.

- Gr. 8 to 12 First prize R1 000, second prize R600, third prize R400
- Gr. 6 & 7 First prize R700, second prize R400, third prize R200

Each learner who enters for the World Knowledge Olympiad will receive a certificate of participation. Schools entering all their learners will have their names placed on a “Hall of Fame” list and will also receive a special certificate.

4. QUESTION PAPER

The question paper consists of multiple choice questions. Answers are marked positively with no marks deducted for wrong answers. As the name of the Olympiad indicates, the subject is general knowledge. The question papers are in English and your school’s choice of Afrikaans/isiXhosa/isiZulu. Question papers will be sent to participating schools by courier. Further details and instructions will be emailed to the contact teacher at the email address provided during Quicket registration.

5. PREPARATION

The questions on current topics are drawn from a wide range of popular media sources, including newspapers, periodicals, books, radio, TV and online news portals. Past papers are available on our website www.worldknowledgeolympiad.co.za

6. RESULTS

A complete set of results as well as a memorandum for the question paper will be emailed to each school at the start of the 3rd term.

7. SPONSORS

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