

<u>SUBJECT: CONDUCTING NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIADS IN YOUR SCHOOL.</u> <u>Last date for registration is 31st October, 2018. Exam date is 14th December, 2018.</u>

Why study Geography?

- Studying geography can provide an individual with a holistic understanding of our planet and its systems.
- Those who study geography are better prepared to understand topics impacting our planet such as climate change, global warming, desertification, El Nino, water resource issues, among others.
- With their understanding of political geography, those who study geography are well-positioned to comprehend and explain global political issues that occur between countries, cultures, cities and their hinterlands, and between regions within countries.
- With instant global communications and media coverage of geopolitical hotspots around the world on twenty-four hour news channels and on the Internet, the world might seem like it has gotten smaller. Yet centuries-old conflict and strife remain despite huge technological developments over the past few decades.

Why Geography Olympiads?

• There is a great demand for Geographers in our country and abroad. Students learning this subject have an excellent career scope. In USA, Australia and many other countries Geography Olympiad is conducted every year, but here in India we do not have such kind of exam conducted at school level to promote Geography. Concerned about this widespread lack of Geography knowledge, **GEO GENIUS** organized Geography Olympiad to reintroduce this subject.

About GEO GENIUS

• Qualified and experienced members of **GEO GENIUS** took an initiative to investigate the geography knowledge of students of India. If was surprising that many students could not even locate India on a blank map of the world and Delhi on the blank map of India. Worse were the students between 18 years to 24 years. This result is obvious. Geography has taken a back seat to other subjects in the class room for many years. Concerned about this widespread lack of geographic knowledge, **GEO GENIUS** organized Geography Olympiad to revive the interest in the subject among the students.

The **GEO GENIUS** organized its First National Level Geography Olympiad in 2010-11 and since then every year. The Olympiad is open to students of class 2 to 4 (sub-junior category), 5 to 7 (junior category), and 8 to 10 (senior category) and is conducted in two steps. Children initially participate at their respective schools. Gold, Silver, Bronze medals and merit certificates are awarded to the winners and a certificate of participation is given to all the participants. Students selected on the basis of cut off marks are invited for National Finals. Top three rankers of each category are awarded with Laptop, Digital Cameras and Wrist Watches. Society strives to acknowledge the efforts of all the National Finalists by awarding a Trophy and Certificate.

Our endeavor will surely be successful and together we can make it true. We are looking forward towards a healthy participation from your school.

Thanking You, Yours Faithfully, Mrs. Priyanka Vishal Bagaria (National Coordinator)

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SUBJECT: CONDUCTING LEVEL 1 EXAM IN ONLINE MODE

Respected Principal, Teacher & Geography Olympiad In-Charge,

Thank you for your enrolment in the Geo-Genius National Geography Olympiad 2017-18. What we are today is only because of our association with your esteemed institution. Your support and confidence motivates us to innovate constantly and become better year on year.

There is tremendous scope for students who specialize in this subject. We have received great feedback from our students who had participated in this competition during their school days. It has helped them during the Civil services examinations; P.G & Mgmt. studies entrance tests in India & abroad. Parents of students who are associated with tourism sector have also given us sufficient encouragement and positive feedback.

We are pleased to announce that we are moving towards digitalization starting this year for 2018-19 sessions. It simply means that now your students can appear this test in online mode using a Desktop/Laptop/Tablet/Smartphone with a working internet connection.

We have been teaching our kids to save paper, save trees and this is our first step to put this teaching in to practise.

Advantages of choosing online examination over the written Pen and Paper test-

- 1. **It saves paper -** No hall ticket, No question paper and No OMR sheets. Saves paper. Saves trees. Everybody happy.
- 2. **It saves time -** School authorities would get unique codes for individual students a week before the exam date. There is no time wasted in checking/counting/distributing hall tickets, OMR sheets and questions papers to students.
- 3. **It saves more time -** No need to wait for two months for the results. Immediately after the exam students would get their result instantly. Students would get their certificates and medals quickly.
- 4. **It saves you money -** You don't need to collect and courier the answer sheets. You only need to send an email of successful completion of test and we would take care of the rest.
- 5. **It's more secure -** Every student gets a random selection from our question bank. So it's of little use to share the questions among the exam takers to give them a head start.
- 6. **It is accurate -** Computers don't make mistake in assessment. The results are accurate.

Every entrance test for higher studies is moving to online assessment mode. Choosing this would help your students who would get an exposure to the online mode of examination at a very early age which will increase their comfort level while appearing for various online entrance examinations.

What we need from you?

- 1. Ask your students to practise thoroughly in our demo environment (available few weeks prior to exam).
- 2. Please ensure adequate invigilation. If a student is seen copying from internet then please click on End test for the student. Check that the student is not clicking pictures or making note of questions on paper.
- 3. Impart moral value education to students before starting the test. They are not supposed to discuss/share questions, click pictures or write them on paper during exam. This competition is a platform to know your strength and weakness and work on them accordingly. Only 100% honesty, dedication and hard work would build your career.

Please note that it is <u>NOT COMPULSORY</u> to choose the online mode. If a school prefers the pen and paper mode; we are completely fine. However, even if you choose pen and paper mode; please ask your teachers and students to practise in our demo environment for future preparedness.

Mrs. Priyanka Vishal Bagaria (National Coordinator)



ELIGIBILITY:

- > Students of State Board, ICSE Board, CBSE Board and International Boards. Standard II to X only.
- > Schools should register at least 50 students overall from all standards to be able to enroll for this competition.

EXAM DATE & VENUE:

- Level 1 Last date for registration is 31st Oct, 2018. Exam date is 14th Dec, 2018. Venue: School itself.
- Level 2 (National Finals for selected toppers only) April, 2019. Venue: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The level 2 format, date and venue may change at the discretion of GEO GENIUS.

EXAM PATTERN:

- ➤ Competition is made up of multiple choice questions, testing Geographical knowledge and skills. The Olympiad will be conducted every year in two steps.
- ➤ <u>Level 1</u> First, children participate in various Schools held at their respective School location throughout the country on 14th Dec, 2018. This will be a written exam with multiple choice questions.
- ➤ <u>Level 2</u> Top 50 Participants in each category with high scores from Level 1, will be invited to Mumbai for the National Finals (Level 2) to be held in April, 2019.
 - This will be a written exam with multiple choice questions followed by an audio visual round. Students have to clear the written exam round to qualify for the audio visual round.
 - Top 10 Participants in each category with high scores from this written exam will be qualified for the audio visual round.

Please note that a student/parent/teacher has to bear all the expenses of travel for National Final (Level 2) on their own.

Rewards for participating students: (Level 1 School Level)

- All 3 Medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) will be rewarded in a category subject to at least minimum 15 students participating in a single category.
- If less than 15 but more than 10 students participate then only Gold and silver medals will be rewarded.
- ➤ If less than 10 but more than 5 students participate then only Gold medal will be rewarded.
- ➤ If less than 5 students participate then no medal will be rewarded.

School Rank 1 in Category - Gold Medal + Merit Certificate
School Rank 2 in Category - Silver Medal + Merit Certificate
School Rank 3 in Category - Bronze Medal + Merit Certificate

All other participating students - Merit Certificate / Participation Certificate

Rewards for participating students: (Level 2 National Level)

National Rank 1 in Category

- Laptop + Gold Medal + National Finalist Trophy + Merit Certificate

National Rank 2 in Category

National Rank 3 in Category

- Tablet + Silver Medal + National Finalist Trophy + Merit Certificate

- Watch + Bronze Medal + National Finalist Trophy + Merit Certificate

All other participating students - National Finalist Trophy + Merit Certificate

FEES:

- Exam Fees Rs. 140 per student.
- > Preparatory Text Book (not compulsory but strongly recommended) Rs. 110.

MODE OF REMITTANCE:

DD payable in favor of "GEO GENIUS" payable at Mumbai, Maharashtra

HONORARIUM TO SCHOOLS:

> Schools can conduct the Level 1 exam in their own premises on the scheduled date and are entitled to honorarium of Rs. 20 per student towards invigilation charges, postage and other charges.



GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD SYLLABUS

The **GEO GENIUS** National Geography Olympiad Preparatory book covers the below syllabus in sufficient detail. We strongly recommend students to study this book for thorough preparations.

The questions will be related but not confined to the following categories:

SUB JUNIOR CATEGORY (Class 2, 3 and 4)

* INDIA

- ➤ Political Geography: States & Capitals
- Physical Geography: Major Mountains & Rivers
- Cultural Geography: Languages, Festivals, Dances; Landmarks

JUNIOR CATEGORY (Class 5, 6 and 7)

* General Physical Geography - Earth, Land Forms, Water bodies etc.

* INDIA

- Political Geography
- Historical Geography
- Physical Geography
- Cultural Geography
- Economic Geography

* ASIA

- ➤ Political Geography: Important countries capitals.
- Physical geography: major mountains rivers.
- Cultural geography: People, Languages, Holidays, Festivals, Dance and Sports.

SENIOR CATEGORY (Class 8, 9 and 10)

* General Physical Geography - Earth, Land Forms, Water bodies etc.

* INDIA

- Political Geography
- ➤ Historical Geography
- Physical Geography
- Cultural Geography
- Economic Geography

* WORLD

- ➤ Political Geography: Important countries capitals.
- ➤ Physical geography: major mountains rivers.
- Cultural geography: People, Languages, Holidays, Festivals, Dance and Sports.

* Current Events

^{*} Current Events



Mode of exam: Online Mode	(Tick any 1)
Pen & Paper Mode	

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

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LIST OF STUDENTS

* We request you to email us the list of students with the below details in Ms-Excel file to ibgblearningsociety@yahoo.in to avoid spelling errors in hall tickets and certificates

Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Class	Section	Preparatory Hand Book Required (Yes/No)