

Bharat Ko Jano Competition

AIMS AND CURRICULAM

Bharat, a vast country, is one of the most ancient civilizations of the world. It is the unique country with huge variations in languages, religions, cultures, agriculture, climates, natural resources and even in races spread widely from north to south and from east to west. The unity among large diversities makes it a kaleidoscope in which different colours are arranged in beautiful and harmonious patterns. Once termed as golden sparrow it was the richest country in the world. Glimpses of its wealth & natural resources attracted many foreign invaders, who not only looted its wealth but also destroyed and distorted its rich culture. They destroyed the huge collection of shastras - the treasures of knowledge. The British rulers tried to uproot the centuries old education system which had been used to import & transmit religious, moral & cultural values from generation to generation. They tried to conceal and to eliminate the tales of saints, bravery of warriors, dynasties, kings, scholars, philosophers, scientists etc from the golden pages of Bharat's glorious past. They polluted the minds of the people.

'Bharat Ko Jano' is an attempt by Bharat Vikas Parishad to acquaint the youth with their rich cultural heritage and inculcate among them true and glorious pictures of our motherland, Bharat's prestigious history and present day. This would inspire them to love their country and be proud of it.

SYLLABUS

It is not possible to prescribe a definite syllabus for the G.K. competition. But for the sake of convenience and uniformity, the questions may be set on the following topics :

1. **Religion and culture** : Gods and Goddesses, Bharatiya religion & philosophy and the books on such topics and their authors. Fine arts, performing arts, and cultural traditions.
2. **History** : Important historical events, kings, famous dynasties, battles and treaties, monuments and achievements.
3. **Politics and Constitution** : Information about the constitution of Independent Bharat, present political system, main political events etc.
4. **Geography & Economy** : Physical and political regions of Bharat, prominent rivers, mountains, climate, towns, natural resources and minerals, Industries & Trade and Economic Scenario of developing Bharat.
5. **Literature** : Important books, authors and quotations.
6. **Knowledge & Science** : Educational-Institutions & Achievement, Scientific development in Bharat and special achievements.
7. **Sports** : Games and sports, sport personnel and their achievements.
8. **Miscellaneous** : Ancient and modern personalities, honours and awards, Defence and other positive informations about Bharat.
9. **Current Affairs**.

OUTLINE AND RULES OF COMPETITION

Bharat Ko Jano (BKJ) competition is organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad at school level, branch level, prant/state level, region level and national level for junior group (i.e. from class 6 to 8) and for senior group (i.e. from class 9th to 12th) students in the following phases:

1. **Branch Level:-** Under the guidance from the Central Office and supervision of prant, the branches of Bharat Vikas Parishad organize BKJ contest in the written test format at various schools falling within the area of their working. The written test is based on very short answer type questions based on general knowledge about Bharat (i.e. India) as per the syllabus & topics mentioned on page 3 of this book. Two teams, one each from junior and senior groups, are constituted consisting of two students that stand 1st and 2nd in written test organized at their school.

The Junior level and Senior level teams from different schools are required to participate in the Branch level Quiz contest as per the schedule prescribed by the Branch of the Bharat Vikas Parishad. The teams standing first in their respective group will be eligible to participate in the Prant/State level BKJ competition.

To maintain uniformity, the question papers for school level competition will be set by the Prant/State and the written test will be held on same date throughout the Prant/State.

2. **Prant/State level competition:-** One team each from Junior and Senior groups belonging to branches under the jurisdiction of the Prant/State will participate in State Level Quiz Contest, the winner from each group (Junior & Senior) will be eligible to participate in Regional level BKJ competition.
3. **Regional Level Competition:-** The BKJ national team will organize Regional Level Contest in the different regions at the venue decided by the Central Office of BVP, tentatively in the November. The winner teams of both the groups (Junior & Senior) from all the Regions will be eligible to participate in the National level Competition.
4. **National Level:-** The winner teams of both group Junior & Senior from all the regions will be eligible to participate in the National level Competition as per the schedule issued by the central office.

GENERAL RULES

1. At all the levels, the Quiz Contest will be divided in two groups Junior & Senior. The participating teams are divided into groups of seven or eight teams depending upon total number of teams taking part in the contest. These groups will be asked questions in the Oral Quiz contest. Winners from each of these qualifying rounds will reach the final round. The teams which do not qualify through quiz contest are given another chance to reach to the final through Written test, called Wild Card entry.
2. Each qualifying round consists of topic wise quizzing based on (a) Religion & Culture, (b) History. (c) Geography & Economics

Development, (d) Sports (e) Politics & Constitution and (f) Miscellaneous round consisting on Current Affairs, National Achievements, Famous Personalities, Literature, Awards & Honours and Science & Technology. The final round may include more rounds based on Current Events, Literature and Audio-Visual Events.

3. Time given to answer each question is 20 second. 10 marks are awarded for each correct answer, No marks for wrong answer or unanswered question.
4. The wrong answered/unanswered question is passed on to another team through fastest finger first buzzer or to next team in order if buzzer is not available. 5 marks are awarded for correct answer to the passed on question. Minus five marks (-5) for wrong or unanswerd question, if taken on buzzer. No negative marks if buzzer is not available. For the time saving, the passing question on buzzer is restricted to the one or two chance only.
5. Some rounds may be taken on buzzer or on the fastest finger first basis. The team that hits the buzzer first will be given 20 seconds to answer. 10 marks are given for correct answer and minus five (-5) marks for wrong or no answer.
6. There may be Rapid Fire Round comprising of five questions to be answered in 20 seconds. 5 marks are given for each correct answer. Zero marks to be awarded for no answers or wrong answer.
7. Rapid Fire or a buzzer based small round can be used as tie breaker in case the scores are tied among two or more teams at the end of qualifying or final round.
8. The rules and structure of the contest may be changed by the National Organisers and will be conveyed to the participants before the start of the contest.
9. The decision of the National Committee/ Observer will be the final in case of any dispute.

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- Note :** 1. The competition will be based on questions about Bharat (India) only.
2. The Chapter no 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 28, 38, 39, 40 and 41 of this book, are not mandatory for Junior group. But some simple questions based on these topics, may be there in the miscellaneous rounds.
 3. Questions can be asked out of this book also.
 4. This is only a reference book. If a wrong answer of any question printed in this book, only the correct answer will be acceptable, irrespective of any mistake in the book.