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Bharat Ko Jano Competition

CURRICULUM AND THE RULES

Bharat, a vast country, is one of the most ancient civilizations of the world. It is a 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 India'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 of Competition

- **1. Religion and culture**: Gods and Goddesses, Indian 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 India, 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 India.
- **5. Literature**: Important books, authors and quotations.
- **6. Sports**: Games and sports, sport personnels and their achievements.
- 7. Miscellaneous: Ancient and modern personalities, honours and awards, Defence and other positive information about Bharat.
- 8. Current Affairs: Since current affairs are dynamic and keep changing, only subheadings are being provided as indicative fields for guidance rather than specific questions.
- 1. Union Cabinet Ministers 2. Chief Ministers (at present) 3. Governors (at present)

- 4. Chiefs of Defence Forces 5. Major events that occurred in the last twelve months
- 6. Programs recently launched by the government 7. Indian relations with neighboring countries
- 8. Elections etc.
- Note 1. Competition- There will be questions related to India at all levels.
- 2. At all levels, there might be questions in addition to those given in this book.
- 3. If any discrepancy is found in the answer to any question in this book, then the fact which is actually true, will be valid.

The format and rules of the competition

Bharat Ko Jano competition is organised at four levels in two categories, junior category (Class 6 to 8) and senior category (Class 9 to 12).

First (branch level) - At this level, in the first phase, a written general knowledge test is conducted by the branches among the maximum number of students in different schools in their work area. In the school, a team will be formed of two students (in each of junior and senior group) who have obtained first and second ranks in the written test in their respective group. In the second phase at the branch level, separate quiz (verbal or written quiz) will be organised among the teams of junior and senior categories of all those schools in which the written examination was conducted by the branch. The winning teams of this quiz will participate as a branch team at the prant/ state level.

Second (State level) - This is an inter branch quiz competition. One team each from different branches will participate in junior and senior category, The winner teams from junior and senior category in this state level quiz will advance for the region level competition.

Third (Region level) - Region level competition is usually held in the month of November in all the ten BVP regions. At this level, under the supervision of the Central Committee of Bharat Ko Jano Project, separate quizzes are organised for both the categories among the winner teams of the states.

Fourth (National level)-The teams of both the categories who secured first place in the regional level competition in their concerned region will participate in the national level Bharat Ko Jano competition.

Question Forum / General Rules for Oral Quiz

- 1. The topics of questions at all levels of the competition are generally based on Indian culture and religion, history, geography, economy, constitution and politics, sports, national achievements in various fields, great personalities, literature and awards and national current events etc.
- 2. Each team will get 20 seconds to answer in the rounds of general subjects in the question forum. Both the participants of the team should answer by mutual consent. They will not be allowed to change their answer later. 10 marks will be given for correct answer and zero marks for wrong answer or no answer.
- 3. If a team answers the original question incorrectly or cannot answer, the other teams will get a chance on the basis of buzzer (if available). If buzzer is not available at branch prant level, then the

question will be given to the next teams sequentially. There will be 5 marks for the correct answer to the pass question and zero marks for wrong or no answer, but negative 5 (-5) marks

- 4. In the buzzer based round also, the time limit will be 20 seconds and 10 marks for correct answer and 5 marks for pass question. There will be negative 5 (-5) marks for wrong answer or no answer
- 5. If there is a rapid fire round, then 8 questions will be asked from each team in 30 seconds. There will be 5 marks for correct answer and zero marks for wrong or no answer.
- 6. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the competition, then selection should be made on the basis of best team from rapid fire round or buzzer based round with 3 or 5 questions.
- 7. All the above rules are provisional. According to the immediate circumstances or arrangement, any necessary changes in the rules, making or removing any new rules, inclusion of any new round etc. will be the right of the organisers. Participants will be notified of such changes at the start of the contest. In case of any dispute, the decision of the organisers will be final.