

# SCO INTERNATIONAL

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

## OLYMPIAD

### RULES & REGULATIONS

Official rules for students, teachers, parents, and schools

**Designed for fair, transparent, globally accessible, online-proctored General Knowledge assessment across Grades 1-12.**

- clear eligibility and registration rules for international participation
- academic integrity, proctoring and responsible current-affairs preparation
- transparent guidance for exam format, marking, reporting and recognition

Maths	Eligibility	Registration	Format	Proctoring
AI	GK Sources	Marking	Results	Schools

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### 1. Eligibility

- Open to students from Grade 1 to Grade 12 in schools, home-school pathways or equivalent grade-level preparation.
- Students from all countries, curricula and education boards may participate through individual or school-approved routes.
- A student must register under the correct grade/class for the active academic year.
- Schools may register multiple students and select a suitable official date within the published cycle window.

### 2. Exam Format

Grade Band	Assessment Emphasis
Grades 1-3	Picture-based questions, simple MCQs, matching, oral/visual readiness where applicable, basic environment and world-awareness items.
Grades 4-6	MCQs, short interpretations, map and timeline tasks, simple charts, environment and civic-awareness scenarios.
Grades 7-9	Applied GK, data interpretation, source evaluation, current affairs, global institutions, economy and environment reasoning.
Grades 10-12	Advanced multidisciplinary questions, policy reasoning, data/map analysis, contemporary issues, ethics, law, governance and research judgement.

The standard question structure may include MCQs, true/false, matching, map-based reasoning, data interpretation, short answers, and project or presentation tasks where published for the grade. SCO may adjust duration, marks and section weightage by grade and cycle.

### 3. General Knowledge Source and Current-Affairs Rules

- The syllabus uses age-appropriate world knowledge from geography, history, science, civics, economy, culture, environment, media literacy and current affairs.
- Current-affairs questions should be based on reliable, age-appropriate public information and may avoid very recent breaking events close to the exam date.
- Students should learn to verify information from trustworthy sources rather than memorising unverified social-media posts or rumours.
- For higher grades, questions may ask students to interpret a source, graph, headline, map or policy situation instead of only recalling facts.

## 4. Academic Integrity Rules

- The registered student must attempt the exam independently.
- Use of another person, unauthorized websites, messaging apps, AI tools, smart devices, books, notes or search engines during the exam is not permitted unless explicitly allowed by SCO for a specific task.
- Students must not share questions, screenshots, answers or exam content before, during or after the exam.
- Impersonation, duplicate attempts, tampering with the exam interface, or intentionally disrupting the proctoring flow may lead to cancellation or disqualification.
- Schools must help maintain a fair environment and should not provide hints, answers or unfair support during the official exam.

## 5. Proctoring and Online Exam Conduct

Stage	Expected Conduct
Before exam	Login check, device readiness, internet stability, quiet room and student identity readiness.
During exam	Stay on exam screen, avoid extra devices, avoid communication, do not open unauthorized tabs or applications.
After exam	Submit properly, wait for confirmation, do not reload or try to retake unless officially allowed.
Violation review	SCO may review proctoring events, timing patterns and submission logs before final result publication.

## 6. Marking Policy

Response Type	Marking Rule
Correct answer	Marks awarded as per question weightage.
Incorrect answer	No marks or negative marking only if published for that grade/cycle.
Unattempted question	No marks.
Applied or descriptive task	Evaluated using accuracy, reasoning, evidence, clarity and grade-appropriate depth.
Project or presentation task	Evaluated using research quality, originality, communication, citation and feasibility where applicable.

## 7. Results, Certificates and Recognition

- Results are published after review according to the official cycle publish window.
- Certificates, medals, ranks and awards are issued according to SCO policy and final published results.
- Where proctoring or identity review is pending, results may be held until verification is complete.
- SCO may correct clerical, technical or data-entry errors before final certificate issuance.

## 8. School Responsibilities

- Register students correctly and communicate official date, login and exam instructions to parents and students.
- Prepare students through ethical learning, maps, current-affairs discussions, source verification and practice tasks.
- Ensure a fair, calm and device-ready environment for school-based participation.
- Use performance reports constructively for academic enrichment, not as a single high-stakes judgement of student ability.