

2018 WORLD KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD - HIGH SCHOOL MEMO

No	Section	Question	Options	Ans
1	Section 1	The first Grand Slam Tennis tournament of the year is played in which country?	A Australia B USA C France	A
2	Section 1	What is the name of the southern most tip of the African continent?	A Cape Agulhas B Cape Point C Cape Town	A
3	Section 1	In which country do you find the Terracotta Army?	A China B Vietnam C Italy	A
4	Section 1	What is the fear of small spaces called?	A Claustrophobia B Carcinophobia C Cynophobia	A
5	Section 1	Which South African won the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant in 2017?	A Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters B Margaret Gardiner C Anneline Kriel	A
6	Section 1	Which river forms the southern boundary between Namibia and South Africa?	A Orange River B Limpopo River C Vaal River	A
7	Section 1	What country did the USA purchase Alaska from in 1867?	A Russia B Canada C Great Britain	A
8	Section 1	Which city was Ho Chi Minh City formerly known as?	A Saigon B Manila C Hanoi	A
9	Section 1	On which date is Heritage Day celebrated?	A 1 May B 24 September C 27 April	B
10	Section 1	Which two oceans do the Panama Canal connect?	A Indian and Atlantic Ocean B Atlantic and Pacific Ocean C Pacific and Indian Ocean	B
11	Section 1	Which soccer team won the Premium Soccer League in 2016-2017?	A Mamelodi Sundowns B Bidvest WITS C Orlando Pirates	B
12	Section 1	Which environmental crisis is the city of Cape Town currently experiencing?	A Floods B Drought C Earthquake	B
13	Section 1	Which musician who recently passed away was described as “the father of South African Jazz”	A Jimmy Dludlu B Hugh Masekela C Abdullah Ibrahim	B
14	Section 1	What was the name of the of the South African Minister of Finance who presented the 2018 Budget Speech?	A Blade Mzimande B Malusi Gigaba C Pravin Gordan	B
15	Section 1	What is the highest mountain in Africa called?	A Mount Kenya B Mount Kilimanjaro C Mount Meru	B
16	Section 1	What country held the 2018 Winter Olympic Games?	A Russia B South Korea C Japan	B
17	Section 1	Which European country has a square shaped flag?	A Germany B Switzerland C Italy	B
18	Section 1	What is the largest online shop in South Africa?	A Woolworths B Takealot C Pick n Pay	B

19	Section 1	What was the score of the semi final match between Germany and Brazil during the Soccer World Cup in 2014?	A 6-0 B 7-0 C 7-1	C
20	Section 1	Who sang the hit song, "Hit me Baby One More Time?"	A Taylor Swift B Celine Deon C Britney Spears	C
21	Section 1	Where was the largest diamond in the world found?	A Kimberley B Oranjemund C Cullinan	C
22	Section 1	What is the name of the Comrades Marathon route that starts in Pietermaritzburg and ends in Durban?	A Up run B Contour run C Down run	C
23	Section 1	Which is the largest island in the world?	A New Guinea B Madagascar C Greenland	C
24	Section 1	Who is the American politician who ran against Donald Trump in the 2016 United States Electoral Elections?	A Michelle Obama B Mike Pence C Hillary Clinton	C
25	Section 1	What country lies directly to the south of Egypt?	A Chad B Libya C Sudan	C
1	Section 2	What element makes up the substance called graphite?	A Carbon B Silicon C Aluminium	A
2	Section 2	Who won the French Presidential Elections in 2017?	A Emmanuel Macron B Marine Le Pen C François Hollande	A
3	Section 2	The lightest gas is...	A Hydrogen B Helium C Nitrogen	A
4	Section 2	As at 28 February 2018, who was the Minister of Higher Education in South Africa?	A Naledi Pandor B Blade Nzimande C Hlengiwe Mkhize	A
5	Section 2	In what country did the martial art of Taekwondo originate?	A South Korea B Japan C China	A
6	Section 2	What does SOWETO stand for?	A South Western Townships B South African Western Town C South West Town	A
7	Section 2	On which day is Woman's Day celebrated in South Africa?	A 9 March B 9 August C 9 May	B
8	Section 2	As of 3 March 2018, what was the name of the powerful storm which ripped through Europe?	A White Monster B Beast from the East C Siberian Hunter	B
9	Section 2	What South African Hip-Hop artist famously "Filled up the Dome" in 2015?	A Black Coffee B Cassper Nyovest C AKA	B
10	Section 2	What is Maropeng famous for?	A The Rain Queen B Cradle of Humankind C Discovery of gold	B
11	Section 2	Which is the largest country in the world?	A China B Russia C The United States of America	B
12	Section 2	What science fiction novel written by Lauren Beukes that won the 2011 Arthur C. Clarke Award?	A Disgrace B Zoo City C Country of my Skull	B

1 3	Section 2	How many feet make up a meter?	A 2,25 B 1,56 C 3,28	C
1 4	Section 2	What is the capital city of Nigeria?	A Lagos B Kano C Abuja	C
1 5	Section 2	Which home language is most commonly spoken in the Northern Cape?	A Zulu B Sotho C Afrikaans	C
1 6	Section 2	What is the closest star system to the Solar System?	A Cassiopeia B Vega C Alpha Centauri	C
1 7	Section 2	What is the world's largest rodent?	A Elephant Shrew B Rock Hyrax (Dassie) C Capybara	C
1 8	Section 2	What South African language was used in the country of Wakanda in the movie Black Panther?	A isiZulu B seSotho C isiXhosa	C
1 9	Section 2	What movie won "Best Picture" at the 2018 Oscars?	A Dunkirk B Ladybird C The Shape of Water	C
2 0	Section 2	Which country from this list drives on the left?	A Brazil B Germany C Zambia	C
1	Section 3	What country became the world's first non-smoking nation?	A Bhutan B Germany C Switzerland	A
2	Section 3	In what year did Bafana Bafana win the African Cup of Nations?	A Never B 1996 C 2000	B
3	Section 3	What is the largest country in Africa?	A Sudan B Algeria C Democratic Republic of Congo	B
4	Section 3	What is the capital of Turkey?	A Istanbul B Ankara C Izmir	B
5	Section 3	Who won the Comrades Marathon Men's Race in 2017?	A David Gatebe B Bongmusa Mthembu C Nick Bester	B
6	Section 3	What South American countries does the Iguazu Falls border on?	A Brazil and Venezuela B Brazil and Argentina C Argentina and Chile	B
7	Section 3	In response to appointing an equal gender split Cabinet, which Prime Minister remarked, "Because it's 2015"?	A Theresa May B Justin Trudeau C Lee Nak-yeon	B
8	Section 3	At 1400m above sea level, what country has the world's highest low point?	A Switzerland B Lesotho C Nepal	B
9	Section 3	Cyrillic script is used in which country?	A India B Russia C Afghanistan	B
1 0	Section 3	What country has the most number of ancient monuments known as pyramids?	A Peru B Sudan C Egypt	B
1 1	Section 3	What weight was the world's heaviest pumpkin?	A 561kg B 819Kg C 1190kg	C

1 2	Section 3	How many different countries share a border with China?	A 10 B 20 C 14	C
1 3	Section 3	Technology company Apple was founded in what year?	A 2017 B 1988 C 1976	C
1 4	Section 3	What is the fear of dogs called?	A Dogophobia B Caninophobia C Cynophobia	C
1 5	Section 3	The South African, Pretty Yende, is well known as a / an?	A Jazz singer B Super model C Opera singer	C
1	Section 4 Open	In which city is Michelangelo's Statue of David located?	Florence	
2	Section 4 Open	How many official languages are there in South Africa?	11	
3	Section 4 Open	Who painted the famous Mona Lisa portrait?	Leonardo da Vinci	
4	Section 4 Open	Which year did South Africa have its first democratic elections?	1994	
5	Section 4 Open	Which African country was Ellen Johnson Sirleaf president of?	Liberia	
6	Section 4 Open	On which continent is the Atacama desert?	South America	
7	Section 4 Open	Which country will host the 2018 FIFA World Cup?	Russia	
8	Section 4 Open	What is the name of the largest dam in South Africa	Gariiep Dam	
9	Section 4 Open	What sport does Louis Oosthuizen play professionally?	Golf	
1 0	Section 4 Open	Who is the founder and current leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party?	Mangosuthu Buthelezi	