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Don't miss this final opportunity to be part of one of the world's largest academic competitions! With last year's phenomenal participation from millions of students across 99,499 schools in 72 countries, we are filled with renewed enthusiasm and high hopes for this year. Register today — the deadline is tomorrow, August 30th

If you also wish to showcase your school on an international level, and for your students to shine on a global platform, this is the right time to act!

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Register your school by visiting our official website at **SOF Online Registration System**

EXAM SCHEDULE:

<u>Click here</u> for SOF Olympiads Exam Schedule.

SAMPLE PAPERS:

ICSO | NSO | IMO | IEO | IGKO | ISSO | ICO | IHO

SOFT FORTNIGHTLY UPDATES

30th August is the last date for schools to register for the SOF Olympiads 2025-26 registrations. So, get your students ready, and don't miss out on these details.

Final Reminder: We are in the final phase of SOF registrations for the 2025–26 academic session Check Here.

Registrations for all 8 SOF Olympiad exams are open.

International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO)

International English Olympiad (IEO)

National Science Olympiad (NSO)

International Computer Science Olympiad (ICSO)

International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO)

International Social Studies Olympiad (ISSO)

International Commerce Olympiad (ICO)

International Hindi Olympiad (IHO)

- Students may contact their school coordinator for details. Teachers & Principals may contact SOF Authorities at +91 9312680855, +91 9312680857, or +91 124-4951200 to get all the details.
- SOF welcomes entries from schools, parents, and students for the "Hall of Fame". This platform showcases the outstanding and well-rounded achievements of students. Recognitions will be featured on the SOF website, Facebook page, and in this newsletter. Please send us an email with your achievements, with proof and photos to info@sofworld.org



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Insights, stories, and successes – straight from your fellow teachers.

STARS OF SOF - STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS



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Science is cooler than you think!



Real-life Kryptonite found in Serbia!:

A mineral matching the composition of Superman's fictional Kryptonite has been discovered in a Serbian mine. While it won't weaken superheroes, this real-world counterpart has sparked scientific curiosity and pop culture buzz alike.

Read more to read more!

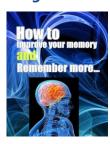
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INNOVATIONS THAT CHANGED OUR WORLD!

Ever wonder how bicycles were first made?

The Bicycle: Karl von Drais (1817)

In the early 1800s, Karl Drais truly got the world moving with his invention of the first bicycle-like machine. Before that, getting around meant tired feet or long rides on horseback. Then came Drais's two-wheeled creation and everything changed. People could travel faster, go farther, and do it on their terms. What started as a simple invention quickly became something bigger, a symbol of freedom, independence, and a new way for people everywhere to explore the world.



SOF Launches the Exclusive Community of SOF Alumni. YOUR SOF JOURNEY DESERVES TO BE CELEBRATED!

- Connect with other SOF Achievers.
- Share your experience.
- A space for growth & mentorship.
- Get invited to the Annual SOF Award.



(or share this exciting news with someone you know who is an SOF Alumni)



TEXTBOOK MEETS REAL WORLD

Teach students real-world application of concepts!

Ever tried dunking a cookie in milk only to watch it tragically crumble into the cup? What if you could find the ultimate dunkable cookie?

What's Happening: Try dipping different cookies (think: chocolate chip, Oreo, Marie) into milk and count how long they last before falling apart.

Science Behind It: This is all about capillary action, the way liquid climbs through tiny spaces in the cookie's structure. Cookies that are more porous or brittle absorb milk faster, making them break sooner. A delicious way to test structure, absorption, and material strength!



TEACHERS HELPDESK

How to Conduct an Olympiad Mock Test in Your Classroom

• Start with the Question, Not the Answer!

Encourage students to slow down and read the question carefully before jumping into solving. Ask them, "What is this question asking?" This builds critical thinking right from the start.

· Break It Down Together!

Olympiad questions can be tricky or wordy. Teach students to break them into smaller parts. Highlight keywords, note important data, and identify what's being asked in each segment. Think of it like solving a puzzle one piece at a time.

• Practice Rephrasing the Question!

Have students try putting the question into their own words. This helps them internalise the meaning and avoid misinterpreting complex wording. If they can explain it simply, they're already halfway there.

• Spot the Traps and Twists!

Olympiad questions often include clever distractors or unusual phrasing. Train students to look out for "trick" parts, like double negatives, extra information, or unusual patterns. Treat it like a game of spotting hidden clues.

• Use Real Examples in Class!

Work through past Olympiad questions together and talk through the interpretation process step by step. Let students hear your thinking aloud; how you identify what matters, ignore fluff, and decide your next move.

· Celebrate the Process, Not Just the Answer!

Make sure students know it's okay to make mistakes while learning. Praise their reasoning and approach, not just getting it right. This builds confidence and encourages a healthy mindset for problem-solving.



ALL YEAR LONG SOF QUIZ BIZ IS TAKING PLACE ON INSTAGRAM!

FOLLOW @sofquizbiz on Instagram and take part in daily quizzes for all subjects and all classes



Encourage your students to participate in these quizzes!



MYTH VS FACT

Myth: Chameleons change colour to blend in with their surroundings and hide from predators.

Fact: While many assume chameleons change colour to blend into their surroundings, the real reason is quite different. Most colour changes are triggered by mood, temperature, or communication. Their skin cells shift to reflect different wavelengths of light. While blending in can happen, it's secondary. Chameleons primarily use colour to signal emotions or adjust to their environment, not to hide from it.

STUDENT PREP TIPS FOR TEACHERS

How to Train Students for High-Stakes Exams

1. Make Learning Feel Like a Journey, Not a Race

Remind students (and yourself!) that preparing for Olympiads or any high-stakes exam is about growth, not just scores. Encourage curiosity, questions, and small wins. They go a long way in building confidence.

2. Break It Down, Gently

Chunk big topics into bite-sized lessons. When students see progress in manageable steps, they feel more in control and less overwhelmed. A little structure. We can bring a lot of calm.

3. Practice with Purpose, Not Pressure

Practice papers are great, but only when used as tools, not tests. Use them to spot patterns, discuss strategies, and build familiarity. Celebrate effort, not just accuracy.

4. Add breaks into the academic Routine

It's okay to pause. Encourage short breaks, creative activities, or mindfulness exercises between study sessions. A refreshed brain learns better, and your students will thank you for it.

5. Talk About the Elephant: The Exam Anxiety

Create space for honest conversations. Let students know it's normal to feel nervous and that those feelings can be managed. Sometimes, just knowing you're not alone makes all the difference.

6. Lead with Encouragement

Your belief in your students matters more than any syllabus. Keep reminding them of how far they've come, how capable they are, and that you're cheering them on every step of the way.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF



Earth has no Oxygen for 5 seconds?!

Five seconds. That's all it takes. The air vanishes, skin tingles, and the sky goes dark. No warning. No time to scream. Just gone. Sounds wild? It's real science. Curious what happens when Earth loses oxygen for just five seconds?

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VOCABULARY BOOST



What is a red herring?

A red herring refers to a clever distraction, like a magician waving one hand while hiding a card in the other. In mysteries, it's a clue that leads you the wrong way on purpose. Think you're solving the case? Nope. That suspicious butler was just bait. Gotcha

DO YOU KNOW?



An elephant tooth can weigh over 6 pounds!

An elephant's tooth can weigh over 6 pounds. These massive molars are essential for grinding tough vegetation and reflect the elephant's powerful jaw structure. Throughout their lives, elephants grow several sets of these teeth to support their large, plant-based diet.

ASTRONOMY FACT



Venus' day is longer than its year!

Venus has a very slow rotation, meaning it takes a long time to spin once on its axis compared to how quickly it moves around the Sun. Because of this, a single rotation on Venus lasts longer than the time it takes for the planet to complete one full orbit.



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