

Odisha GK Questions: General Knowledge Questions and Answers

Odisha Basic Facts

1: What is the capital of Odisha?

Answer: Bhubaneswar

2: When was Odisha formed as a separate state?

Answer: 1 April 1936

3: Which language is primarily spoken in Odisha?

Answer: Odia

4: What is the state animal of Odisha?

Answer: Sambar Deer

5: What is the state bird of Odisha?

Answer: Indian Roller (Blue Jay)

6: What is the state tree of Odisha?

Answer: Sacred Fig (Peepal Tree)

7: What is the state flower of Odisha?

Answer: Ashoka Flower

8: Which city is known as the “Temple City of India”?

Answer: Bhubaneswar

9: What is the literacy rate of Odisha (approx)?

Answer: Around 73%

10: Which river is considered the lifeline of Odisha?

Answer: Mahanadi

Geography of Odisha

11: What is the largest river in Odisha?

Answer: Mahanadi

12: Which is the largest district in Odisha by area?

Answer: Mayurbhanj

13: Which is the smallest district in Odisha by area?

Answer: Jagatsinghpur

14: Which is the longest river in Odisha?

Answer: Mahanadi

15: Where is Chilika Lake located?

Answer: Between Puri, Khurda, and Ganjam districts

16: Chilika Lake is famous for which species of dolphins?

Answer: Irrawaddy Dolphins

17: Which plateau covers the western part of Odisha?

Answer: Chota Nagpur Plateau

18: What is the highest peak in Odisha?

Answer: Deomali (1672 m)

19: Which district is known as the "Rice Bowl of Odisha"?

Answer: Bargarh

20: Which river forms the Hirakud Reservoir?

Answer: Mahanadi

History of Odisha

21: Who was the first king of the Kalinga empire?

Answer: Kharavela

22: The Kalinga War took place in which year?

Answer: 261 BCE

23: Which Mauryan emperor fought the Kalinga War?

Answer: Ashoka

24: The Dhuli Peace Pagoda is associated with which event?

Answer: Ashoka's transformation after the Kalinga War

25: Who built the Konark Sun Temple?

Answer: King Narasimhadeva I

26: What is the ancient name of Odisha?

Answer: Kalinga

27: Who was the last independent ruler of Odisha before the Mughals?

Answer: Mukunda Deva

28: In which year did the British occupy Odisha?

Answer: 1803

29: Who founded the modern state of Odisha?

Answer: Madhusudan Das

30: Who is known as Utkal Gourav?

Answer: Madhusudan Das

Culture and Festivals of Odisha

31: Which is the major festival of Odisha?

Answer: Rath Yatra

32: Where is the world-famous Rath Yatra held?

Answer: Puri

33: Who is the presiding deity of Odisha?

Answer: Lord Jagannath

34: What is the dance form for which Odisha is famous?

Answer: Odissi

35: Chhau dance belongs to which region of Odisha?

Answer: Mayurbhanj

36: What is the classical music style of Odisha called?

Answer: Odissi Music

37: Which festival marks the agricultural New Year of Odisha?

Answer: Nuakhai

38: Raja Parba is celebrated to honor what?

Answer: Womanhood and fertility of the Earth

39: Which festival celebrates the first rains of monsoon?

Answer: Raja

40: Famous sand art festival is held at which Odisha beach?

Answer: Konark Beach

Temples and Monuments

41: Konark Sun Temple is shaped like what?

Answer: A giant chariot

42: Lingaraj Temple is dedicated to which deity?

Answer: Lord Shiva

43: Jagannath Temple was built by which dynasty?

Answer: Eastern Ganga Dynasty

44: The Mukteshwar Temple is famous for which architectural feature?

Answer: Its Torana (arched gateway)

45: The Rajarani Temple is known for what specialty?

Answer: Use of Rajarani red sandstone

46: Udayagiri and Khandagiri caves were built by which king?

Answer: King Kharavela

47: The famous Tara Tarini Shrine is located in which district?

Answer: Ganjam

48: Which temple is known as the "Gem of Odisha architecture"?

Answer: Mukteshwar Temple

49: Which temple features the Navagraha idols?

Answer: Konark Sun Temple

50: The Black Pagoda refers to which temple?

Answer: Konark Sun Temple

Government & Politics

51: Who was the first Chief Minister of Odisha?

Answer: Harekrushna Mahatab

52: Who is known as the longest-serving Chief Minister of Odisha?

Answer: Naveen Patnaik

53: Odisha's High Court is located in which city?

Answer: Cuttack

54: How many districts are there in Odisha?

Answer: 30

55: What is the state legislative assembly called?

Answer: Odisha Vidhan Sabha

56: Who was the first Governor of Odisha?

Answer: Sir John Austen Hubback

57: When was Odisha's name changed from Orissa to Odisha?

Answer: 2011

58: Which political leader founded the Biju Janata Dal (BJD)?

Answer: Naveen Patnaik

59: Who is known as the architect of modern Odisha?

Answer: Biju Patnaik

60: Odisha sends how many MPs to Lok Sabha?

Answer: 21

Economy & Infrastructure

61: What is the main occupation of Odisha?

Answer: Agriculture

62: Which mineral is mined most in Odisha?

Answer: Iron Ore

63: Rourkela is famous for which industry?

Answer: Steel Plant (RSP)

64: Paradeep is famous for which major facility?

Answer: Major Seaport

65: Which dam is the longest in India?

Answer: Hirakud Dam

66: Hirakud Dam is built on which river?

Answer: Mahanadi

67: Where is the largest aluminum plant in Odisha located?

Answer: Angul (NALCO)

68: Which district is famous for textile handloom (Sambalpuri saree)?

Answer: Sambalpur & Bargarh

69: What is Odisha's major cash crop?

Answer: Cotton

70: Which city is known as the "Silk City of Odisha"?

Answer: Berhampur

Famous Personalities

71: Who is known as the Flying Sikh of Odisha?

Answer: Rachita Mistry

72: Sudarshan Pattnaik is famous for which art?

Answer: Sand Art

73: Who is the legendary Odissi dancer known worldwide?

Answer: Kelucharan Mohapatra

74: Who wrote the Odia novel "Chha Mana Atha Guntha"?

Answer: Fakir Mohan Senapati

75: Who is known as the "Father of Odia Language"?

Answer: Sarala Das

76: Who founded the Utkal Sammilani?

Answer: Madhusudan Das

77: The famous freedom fighter Baji Rout belonged to which district?

Answer: Dhenkanal

78: Who discovered Odisha's coastline?

Answer: Ptolemy

79: Jayee Rajguru was a freedom fighter from which region?

Answer: Khurda

80: Who is known as the “Gandhi of Odisha”?

Answer: Gopabandhu Das

Sports of Odisha

81: Which sport is Odisha famous for promoting?

Answer: Hockey

82: Which city is known as the Sports Capital of Odisha?

Answer: Bhubaneswar

83: Kalinga Stadium is located in which city?

Answer: Bhubaneswar

84: Who is Odisha’s first woman mountaineer to climb Everest?

Answer: Kalpana Dash

85: Odisha is the official sponsor of which Indian national team?

Answer: Indian Hockey Team

Wildlife & Environment

86: Simlipal National Park is located in which district?

Answer: Mayurbhanj

87: Which is the largest brackish water lake in Asia?

Answer: Chilika Lake

88: Nandankanan Zoological Park is famous for which rare species?

Answer: White Tigers

89: Bhitarkanika is famous for which animal?

Answer: Saltwater Crocodiles

90: Which bird sanctuary is located inside Chilika Lake?

Answer: Nalabana Bird Sanctuary

Art, Literature & Handicrafts

91: Pattachitra art belongs to which region?

Answer: Puri & Raghurajpur

92: What is the main theme of Pattachitra?

Answer: Stories of Lord Jagannath

93: Silver Filigree (Tarakasi) work is famous in which town?

Answer: Cuttack

94: Sambalpuri sarees are famous for which design style?

Answer: Bandha (Tie & Dye)

95: Who wrote the Odia epic “Mahabharata”?

Answer: Sarala Das

Modern Odisha & Current Affairs

96: Which airport serves as the main international airport of Odisha?

Answer: Biju Patnaik International Airport

97: Which Odisha city is known as the IT hub?

Answer: Bhubaneswar

98: Odisha hosted which global sports event in 2018 & 2023?

Answer: Men’s Hockey World Cup

99: Which Odisha district has the highest tribal population?

Answer: Mayurbhanj

100: Odisha’s famous APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Testing Center is located at?

Answer: Wheeler Island (Abdul Kalam Island)

101: What is the largest festival of Odisha tourists?

Answer: Konark Dance Festival

102: “Mission Shakti” of Odisha focuses on which group?

Answer: Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

103: Which Odisha city is declared a Smart City first?

Answer: Bhubaneswar