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# PREFACE

In the realm of defense and security, where valor and unwavering commitment stand as the cornerstones of safeguarding a nation, the Agniveer Sena - General Duty (GD) examination holds a unique and revered position.

The Government had launched Agnipath scheme on June 15, 2022 to recruit both male and female aspirants into 'below the officer's rank' cadre of the three services for a period of four years as Agniveers. Candidates between the age group of 17.5 to 21 years are eligible to apply for the scheme.

In 2022, 2.5 Lacs students appeared for Agniveer Sena—General Duty (GD) exam, this presents an excellent chance for individuals with aspirations to serve the nation by joining the Armed Forces, the opportunity you get from the Indian Army is just limitless, which helps in enhancing your personality traits.

The Agniveer Sena (GD) - Chapter-Wise book has been meticulously curated to serve as an essential tool in your quest to succeed in the Apnipath Scheme and aims to make aspirants exam-ready, boost their confidence and help them achieve better results in the examination.

Some Benefits of studying from Oswaal Agniveer Sena (GD) – Chapter-wise Question bank is:

1. **Concept Clarity** with easy to grasp theory complemented with Solved Examples
2. **Extensive Practice** with more than 1200 new Questions based on latest exam pattern and Two Sample Question Papers.
3. **Crisp Revision** with Mind Maps offering bite-sized and just-in-time revision tool
4. **Expert Tips** helps you get expert knowledge, master & crack Agniveer Sena (GD) in first attempt.
5. **Exam insights** with Chapter-wise weightage Analysis, empowering students to be 100% exam ready.
6. **Quick & Easy Techniques** the book offers Shortcuts & easy to follow Tips and Tricks to help readers solve exam questions efficiently.

May your dreams take flight, and may your journey be as rewarding as it is challenging. Here's to those who dare to dream and to the Agniveer's, where the sky is not the limit but the beginning of a new adventure.

Onward, to the skies!





# Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind

**01**

Three things that make you special

**02**

Three people you are grateful for and why

**03**

Three simple things you are grateful for

**04**

A challenging experience that made you stronger

**05**

Three ways to inject gratitude into a current challenge

**06**

Describe the last time you did something nice for someone

**07**

A fear you have overcome

**08**

Three activities you enjoy most and why

**09**

What made you smile today?

**10**

Three things you love about your family

**11**

What is your favorite place, and why?

**12**

Three things you love most about yourself

**13**

The last time you were overcome with joy

**14**

A risk you are grateful you took and why

**15**

Three everyday items you are grateful for

**16**

Three songs that bring you joy

**17**

What skill do you have that you are grateful for and why?

**18**

One luxury you are thankful for

**19**

Describe a rejection you are grateful for

**20**

Three things about your body you are grateful for

**21**

What are you most grateful for in your daily life?

**22**

Three things you are grateful for about where you live

**23**

Three items in your home you are grateful for

**24**

Say thank you to someone

**25**

Something in nature you are grateful for

**26**

A person in your past you are grateful for

**27**

Something at school you're grateful for

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Describe the last time you laughed so hard you cried

**29**

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**30**

Three things you want to manifest



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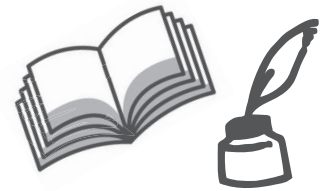
# POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

An affirmation is a positive statement or phrase that individuals repeat to themselves with the intention of fostering a positive mindset, self-confidence, or personal development. The practice involves affirming desired beliefs or qualities, often in the present tense, to reinforce a positive self-image and encourage a more optimistic outlook.

**“ EMBRACE YOUR UNIQUENESS, NOURISH SELF-CARE, AND PRESS FORWARD RELENTLESSLY. TO ACHIEVE FLIGHT, UNLOAD THE BAGGAGE THAT SLOWS YOUR ASCENT.”**



I strongly trust in my vision and work diligently towards making it a reality.



I am capable of learning and growing everyday.



I embrace my mistakes, learn from them and use them to fuel my growth & resilience.

I am not defined by grades & test scores. My true worth lies in my character, compassion and positive impact I have on others.



I celebrate my quirks, for they make me beautifully unique.



My voice matters and I believe in the power of my words to shape the world around me.



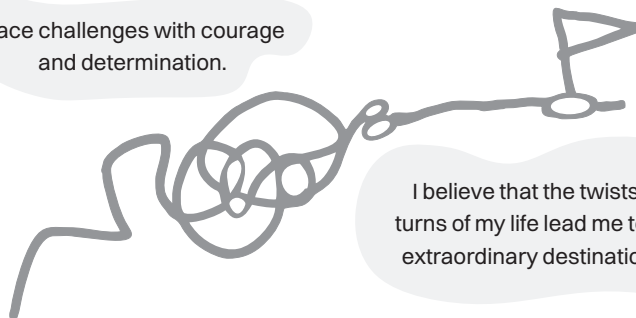
I am not the product of circumstances, I am the product of my own choices.



I face challenges with courage and determination.



I celebrate the achievements of others without diminishing my journey.



I believe that the twists & turns of my life lead me to an extraordinary destinations.



# Tips to Crack Agniveer Sena - General Duty (GD) in the First Attempt

The Indian Army conducts the Agniveer Sena (GD) exam for recruitment of below officer rank cadre, The Agnipath Scheme was inducted recently and is one of the National Level Examinations in India. Cracking the Agniveer Sena (GD) exam in the first attempt, given the difficulty level, is tricky but attainable if done diligently and smartly. Here are some tips that you must follow by heart to crack the exam in the very first attempt:

## 1 Think Right

Calming yourself and thinking positive is the first and the best course of action that one is required to take. Think and believe that the exam goal is achievable if worked upon smartly.

## 2 Start studying from the beginning

All the aspirants are aware of how vast, comprehensive and detailed the syllabus of the Agniveer Sena (GD) exam is. To crack the exam in the first attempt you have to start preparing for the exam from the beginning of your 10th class. It is only then that you will be able to complete the entire syllabus. Following this approach will also allow you plenty of time to revise.

## 3 Respect the syllabus and arrange the materials accordingly

While preparing for the Agniveer Sena (GD) exam nothing can be labelled as less important. Questions can come from the most unexpected topic too. Laying down your whole syllabus in front of you will help you to decide on the study material you require.

## 4 Get the right tools and study material

Gathering and preparing from the appropriate study material is something you cannot be ignorant towards. You can refer to Oswaal Books Agniveer Sena (GD) Chapter-wise Question Bank to enhance your preparation. This reference book is on the lines of the current syllabus and can be entrusted upon before the examination.

## 5 Schedule total time for each subject

Creating a schedule which gives due time to all the subjects is a must. Giving proper time to all the subjects daily will help you cover the syllabus on time, giving you enough time for revision.

## 6 Understand the concepts

No one can crack the Agniveer Sena (GD) exam just by mugging up all the concepts and topics. The syllabus of the exam is in-depth such that you need to understand every concept.

## 7 Practice a lot of Sample Papers

Agniveer Sena (GD) Chapter-wise Question Bank will not only help you in understanding the examination pattern, but they will also help you in figuring out the questions that come up every year and this might give you an edge over other students. You can refer to Oswaal the Agniveer Sena (GD) book as it includes all the Examination with solution, Mind Maps, etc. Referring to various sample papers might also help you in comprehending the areas which require more work.

## 8 Revise whenever you get time

Make sure you revise as much as possible. The revision will help you in keeping the concepts fresh in your mind.

## 9 Analysing your performance

While you are solving papers, make sure you keep a track of time i.e. how much time does it take to solve one section or one question? Make a report of the sections and type of questions which take minimum and maximum time.

# Agniveer Sena - General Duty (GD) Syllabus

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Abbreviations** – National and International.
- Sports** – National and International.
- Awards & Prizes** – National awards, Gallantry awards, Nobel Prizes.
- History** – Important dates & battles in Indian and World History and land marks of Indian History, national movement.
- Geography** – Solar System Space exploration, The earth principal peaks, Deserts, Rivers, Lakes and famous waterfalls, Geographical Tallest, Biggest and Longest etc.
- Terminology** – Geographical terms, Economic terms, Astronomical terms, Legal terms and Misc terms.

## UNO

Indian Armed Forces.

Indian Towns, States and Uts.

Institutions and Research Stations, International space Stations and Festivals of India and World.

Indian News Agencies and Dailies.

Continents and Sub Continents.

Inventions and Discoveries.

Environment.

The Constitution of India.

Religious communities and Principal Languages.

National and International Days.

International Organizations.

Books and Authors.

The world of Plants and animals.

Current Affairs and “Who’s Who”.

**Note:-** The above syllabus is not a comprehensive list of topics pertaining to the subject. At times questions may be asked other than the above topics but definitely within the syllabus of CBSE.

## GENERAL SCIENCE

**Human Body** – Food and nutrition, diseases and prevention, vitamins and their uses.

Question of General Science consisting of topic related to Physics, Chemistry and Biology. based on fundamentals and day to day activities.

Medical Terms.

Scientific Terms.

Scientific and Research Institutes in India.

## Contd....

**IO/Numeral Ability.** The questions will be based on the ability of the candidates of age group ranging between 16 & 20 years.

### MATHEMATICS

#### Arithmetic

Consisting of numbers, HCF, LCM, Decimal fraction, square roots, percentage, Average, Ratio and proportion, partnership, profit & loss, unitary method, time work and distance, simple interest.

#### Algebra

Basic operations and factorization, HCF and LCM, quadratic equations.

#### Geometry

Lines and angles, triangles quadrilaterals, parallelograms and circles

#### Mensuration

Area and perimeters of Squares, rectangles parallelograms and circles, volume and surface area of cube, cuboids, cone, cylinders and sphere.

**Note :** The above syllabus is not a comprehensive list of topics pertaining to the subject. At times questions may be asked other than the above topics but definitely within the syllabus of CBSE

## Scheme - Agniveer Sena: General Duty (GD)

| Ser No | Subject           | Questions | Marks | Pass Marks | Remarks                           |
|--------|-------------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a)    | General Knowledge | 15        | 30    | 32         | NCC 'C' Cert holders are exempted |
| (b)    | General Science   | 20        | 40    |            |                                   |
| (c)    | Maths             | 15        | 30    |            |                                   |

### MARKING SCHEME FOR AGNIVEER SENA (GD) 2024

- (i) There will be negative marking in the exam.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the marks assigned to the question will be deducted for every wrong answer.
- (ii) No marks will be deducted for unattempted questions.
- (iii) All attempted questions will be evaluated, even if marked for review.



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Nationality</b>   | <b>Should be an Indian Citizen</b>  |
| <b>Age Criteria</b>  | Minimum Age 17.5 years<br>Maximum Age 21 years  |
| <b>Age Relaxation</b>  | An age relaxation of 2 years is provided for the benefit of candidates.   |
| <b>Upper Age Limit (One-time Measure)</b>                    | The upper age limit is relaxed from 21 years to 23 years for Agneepath Recruitment Year 2024.   |
| <b>Education Criteria</b>                                    |   |
| <b>Post Name</b>   | <b>Qualification</b>  |
| <b>Agniveer General Duty (GD)</b>                            | Class 10th Matric with 45% Marks and a Minimum 33% in Each Subject  |
| <b>Agniveer Technical (All Arms)</b>                         | 10+2 Intermediate Exam in Science Stream with Physics, Chemistry, Maths and English with Minimum 50% Marks in Aggregate and 40% in Each Subject.  |
| <b>Agniveer Technical Aviation &amp; Ammunition Examiner</b> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>10+2/Intermediate exam pass in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Maths &amp; English from any recognized State Education Board or Central Education Board to inclusive NIOS and ITI course of minimum one year in the required field with NSQF level 4 or above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>10th/Matric pass with 50% in aggregate and min 40% in English, Maths and Science with 02 years of Tech. Training from ITI or two/three yrs. Diploma in following streams only: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mechanic Motor Veh</li> <li>(ii) Mechanic Diesel</li> <li>(iii) Electronic Mech</li> <li>(iv) Technician Power Electronic Systems</li> <li>(v) Electrician</li> <li>(vi) Fitter</li> <li>(vii) Instrument Mechanic</li> <li>(viii) Draughtsman (All types)</li> <li>(ix) Surveyor</li> <li>(x) Geo Informatics Assistant</li> <li>(xi) Information and Communication Technology System Maintenance</li> <li>(xii) Information Technology</li> <li>(xiii) Mechanic Cum Operator Electric Communication System</li> <li>(xiv) Vessel Navigator</li> <li>(xv) Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>(xvi) Electrical Engineering</li> <li>(xvii) Electronics Engineering</li> <li>(xviii) Auto Mobile Engineering</li> <li>(xix) Computer Science/Computer Engineering</li> <li>(xx) Instrumentation Technology</li> </ul> |
| <b>Agniveer Clerk / Store Keeper (Technical) All Arms</b>    | 10+2 Intermediate in Any Stream with Minimum 60% Marks Aggregate and Minimum 50% Marks in Each Subject  |
| <b>Agniveer Tradesman 10th Pass</b>                          | Class 10th High School Exam Passed in Any Recognized Board in India. Minimum 33% in Each Subject  |
| <b>Agniveer Tradesman 8th Pass</b>                           | Class 8th Eight Exam Passed in Any Recognized Board in India. Minimum 33% in Each Subject   |



# PAY and PERKS

## Indian Army Agniveer in Hand Salary

The Indian Army Agniveer in Hand Salary will vary depending on their rank and allowances. However, the basic pay for all Agniveers is Rs. 30,000 per month. In addition to their basic pay, Agniveers are also entitled to a number of allowances.

| Year     | Monthly Package | In-Hand Salary | Contribution to Agniveers Corpus Fund (30%) | Contribution to Corpus fund by GoI |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1st Year | INR 30,000      | INR 21,000     | INR 9,000                                   | INR 9,000                          |
| 2nd Year | INR 33,000      | INR 23,100     | INR 9,000                                   | INR 9,000                          |
| 3rd Year | INR 36,500      | INR 25,550     | INR 10,950                                  | INR 10,950                         |
| 4th Year | INR 40,000      | INR 28,000     | INR 12,000                                  | INR 12,000                         |

## Indian Army Agniveer Annual Package

The candidates post getting featured in the Indian Army Agniveer result list will be entrusted to get a monthly customised package of INR 30 thousand for the first year. This package will grow at the rate of 10% on an annual basis. With that, the annual package for the first year is going to be INR 3.6 LPA and it will go upto INR 4.8 LPA in the fourth year.

| Year     | Customized Package (Monthly) | Annual Package |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1st Year | 30000                        | INR 3.6 LPA    |
| 2nd Year | 33000                        | INR 3.96 LPA   |
| 3rd Year | 36500                        | INR 4.38 LPA   |
| 4th Year | 40000                        | INR 4.8 LPA    |

## Indian Army Agniveer Salary Structure

As per the information handout, the tenure of the candidate selected in the Indian Army Agniveer job profile is going to be of four years. During this period, they shall be paid a customised monthly package that is going to be devoid of allowances. Go through the table below to know about the year-wise Indian Army Agniveer in-hand salary.

| Year     | Customised Package (Monthly) | In Hand Salary | Contribution to Agniveers Corpus Fund (30%) | Contribution to Corpus fund by GoI |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1st Year | 30000                        | 21000          | 9000  | 9000                               |
| 2nd Year | 33000                        | 23100          | 9000  | 9000                               |
| 3rd Year | 36500                        | 25550          | 10950                                       | 10950                              |
| 4th Year | 40000                        | 28000          | 12000                                       | 12000                              |

## Indian Army Agniveer Job Profile

Candidates who score more than the Indian Army Agniveer cut off marks shall be finally appointed as shall be asked to discharge the following duties after joining the force.

| Post                                    | Job Profile   |
|---|---|
| Agniveer Clerk / Store Keeper Technical | They have to maintain an inventory of the items available in the Army Canteen.                          |
| Agniveer (General Duty)                 | They belong to the active army group and have to work together with the team to combat enemy.           |
| Agniveer Tradesmen                      | They belong to the multi-tasking group and have to do the job as per the profile they have been posted. |
| Agniveer (Tech)                         | They are entrusted with the job of making sure that all the technical equipment is working fine.        |

# Agniveer Sena (GD) : Chapterwise Weightage Analysis

## General Knowledge

| Section          | Number of Questions Asked |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Affairs  | 2-3                       |
| Appointment      | 2                         |
| Awards & Honours | 1-2                       |
| History          | 2-3                       |
| Geography        | 2                         |
| Polity           | 2-3                       |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>15</b>                 |

## General Science

| Section      | Number of Questions Asked |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Biology      | 5-6                       |
| Physics      | 3-4                       |
| Chemistry    | 4-5                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>15</b>                 |

## Mathematics

| Section       | Number of Questions Asked |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Percentage    | 2                         |
| CI & SI       | 1                         |
| Profit & Loss | 1-2                       |
| Time & Work   | 1-2                       |
| Algebra       | 5-6                       |
| Number System | 1-2                       |
| Polygon       | -                         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>20</b>                 |

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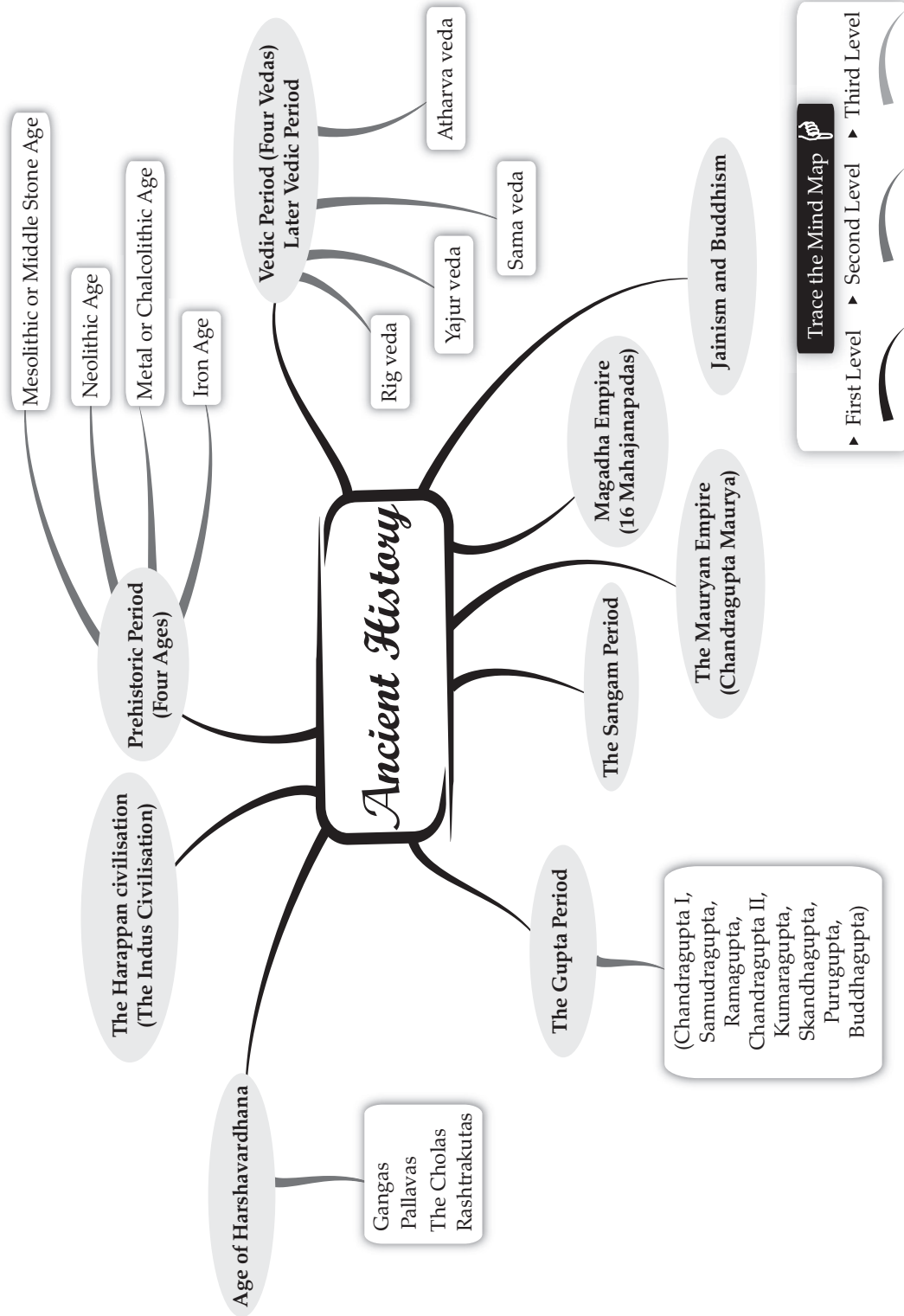
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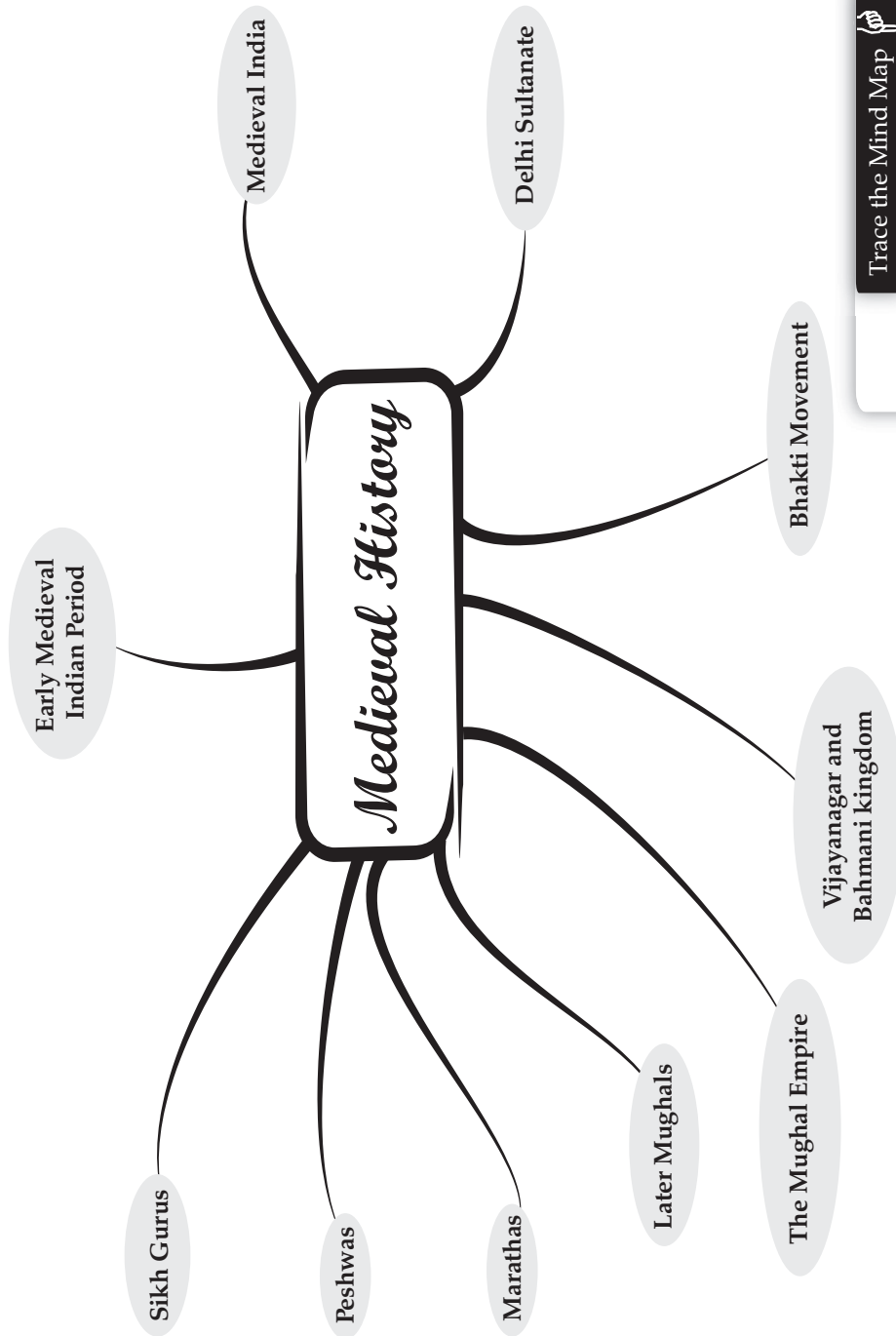
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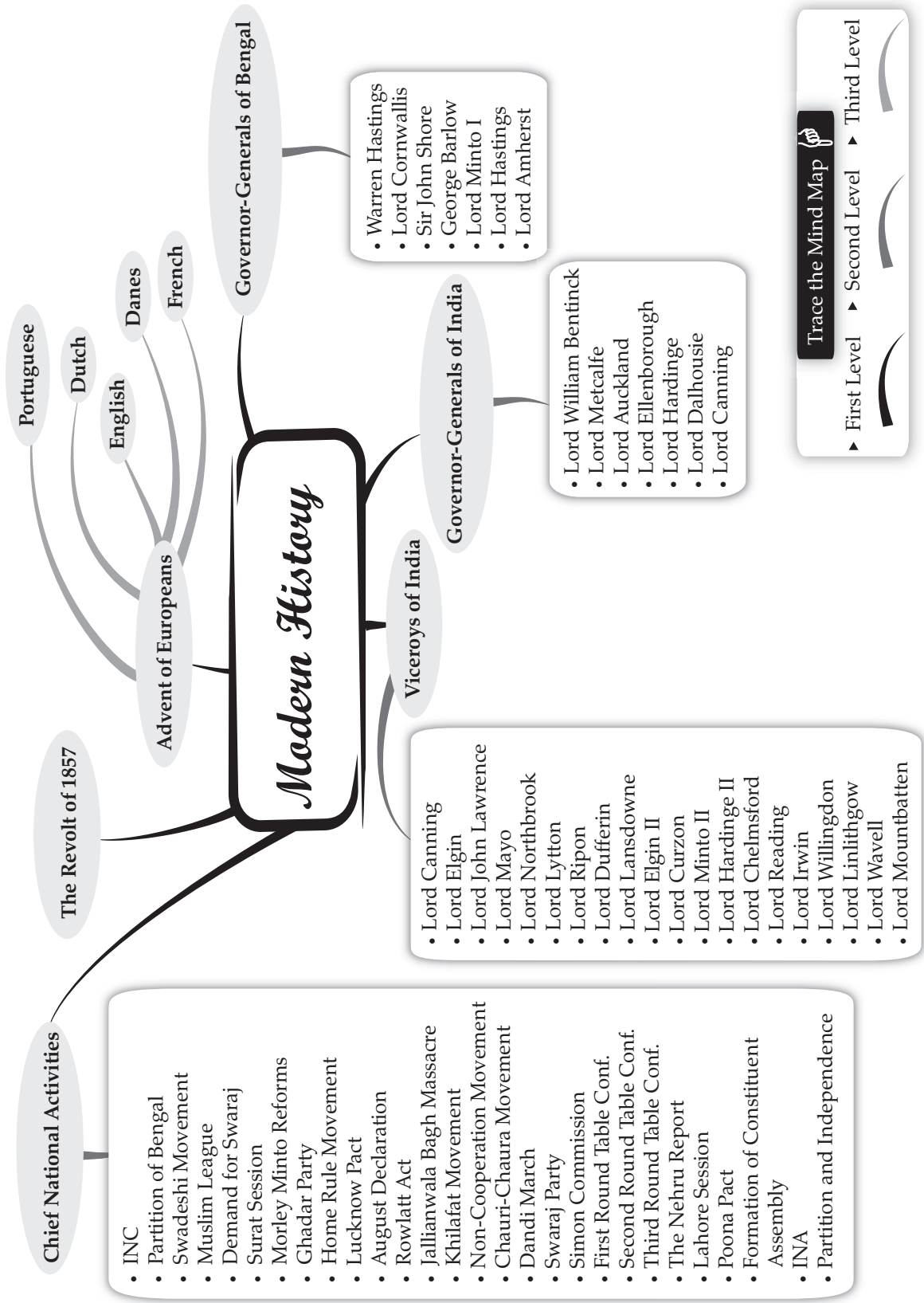
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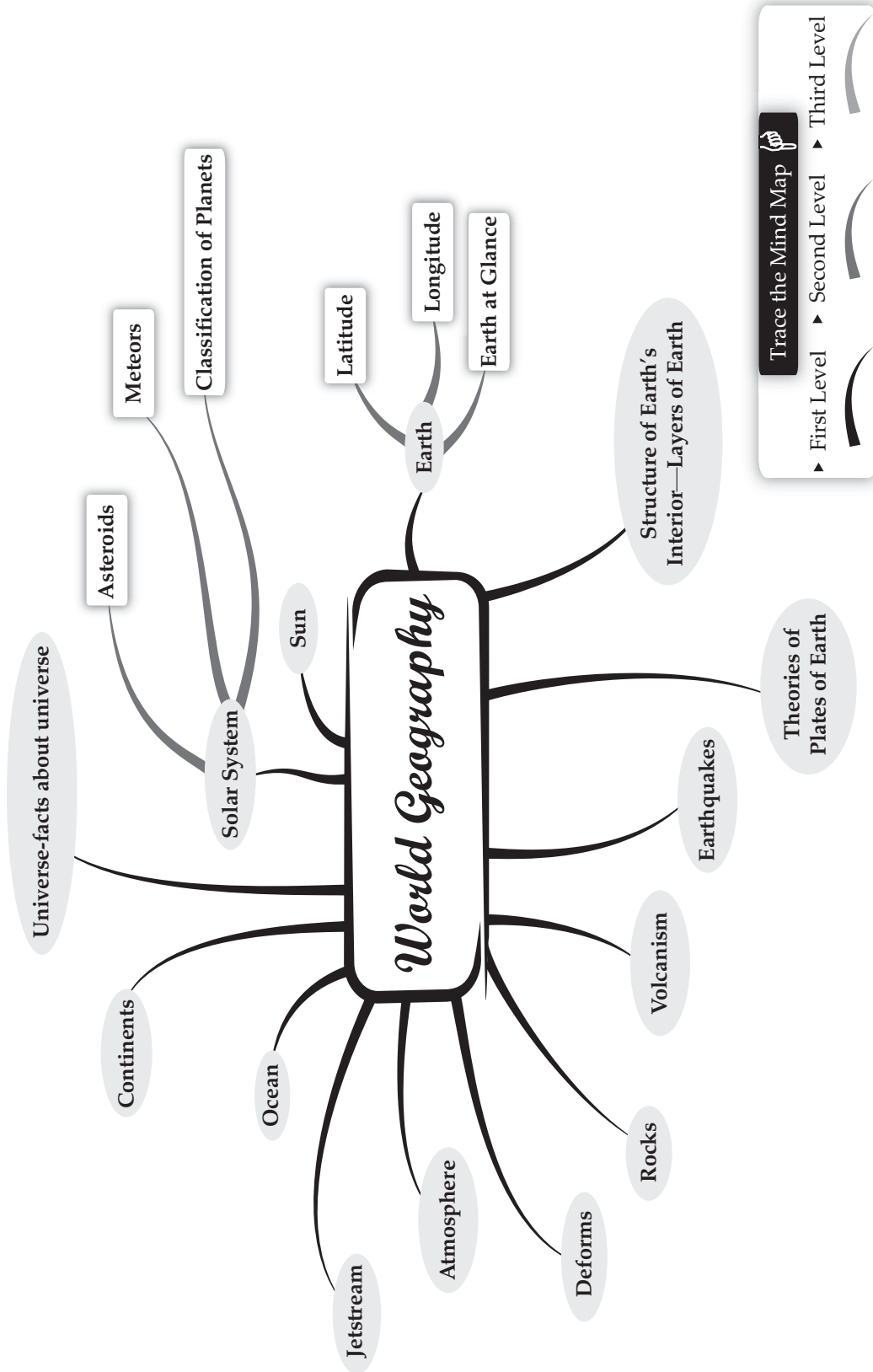


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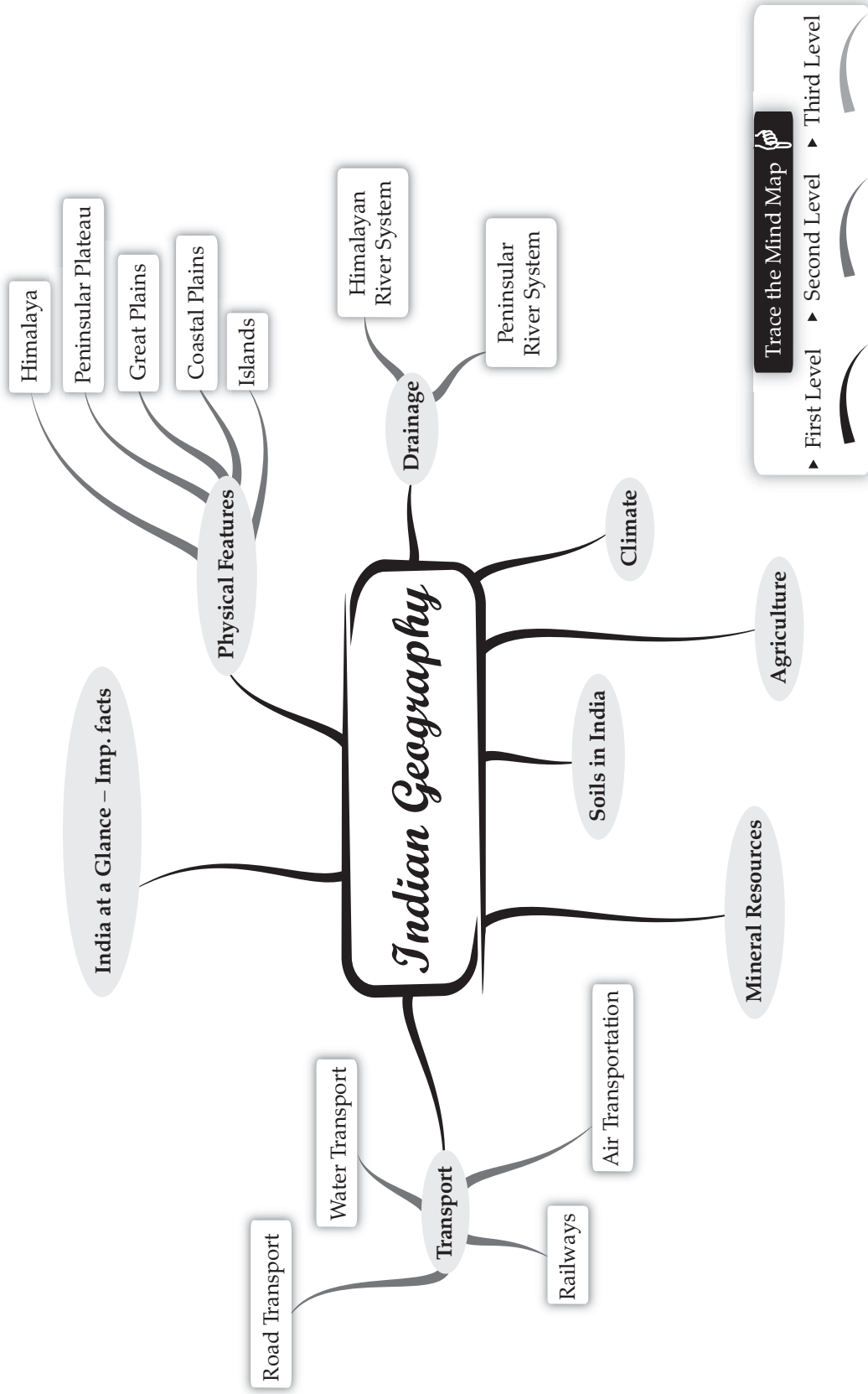






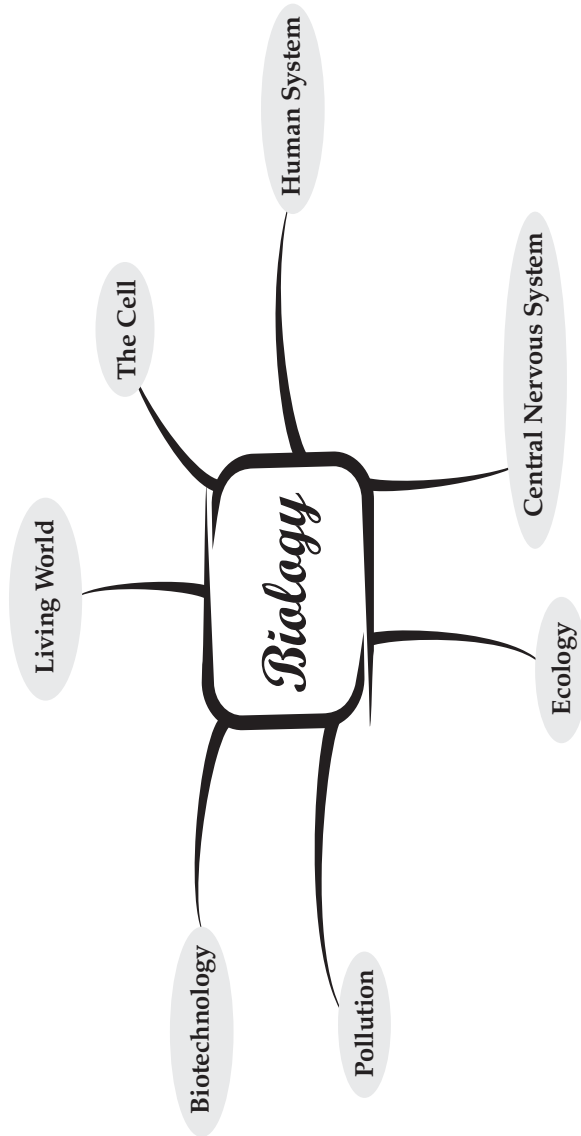
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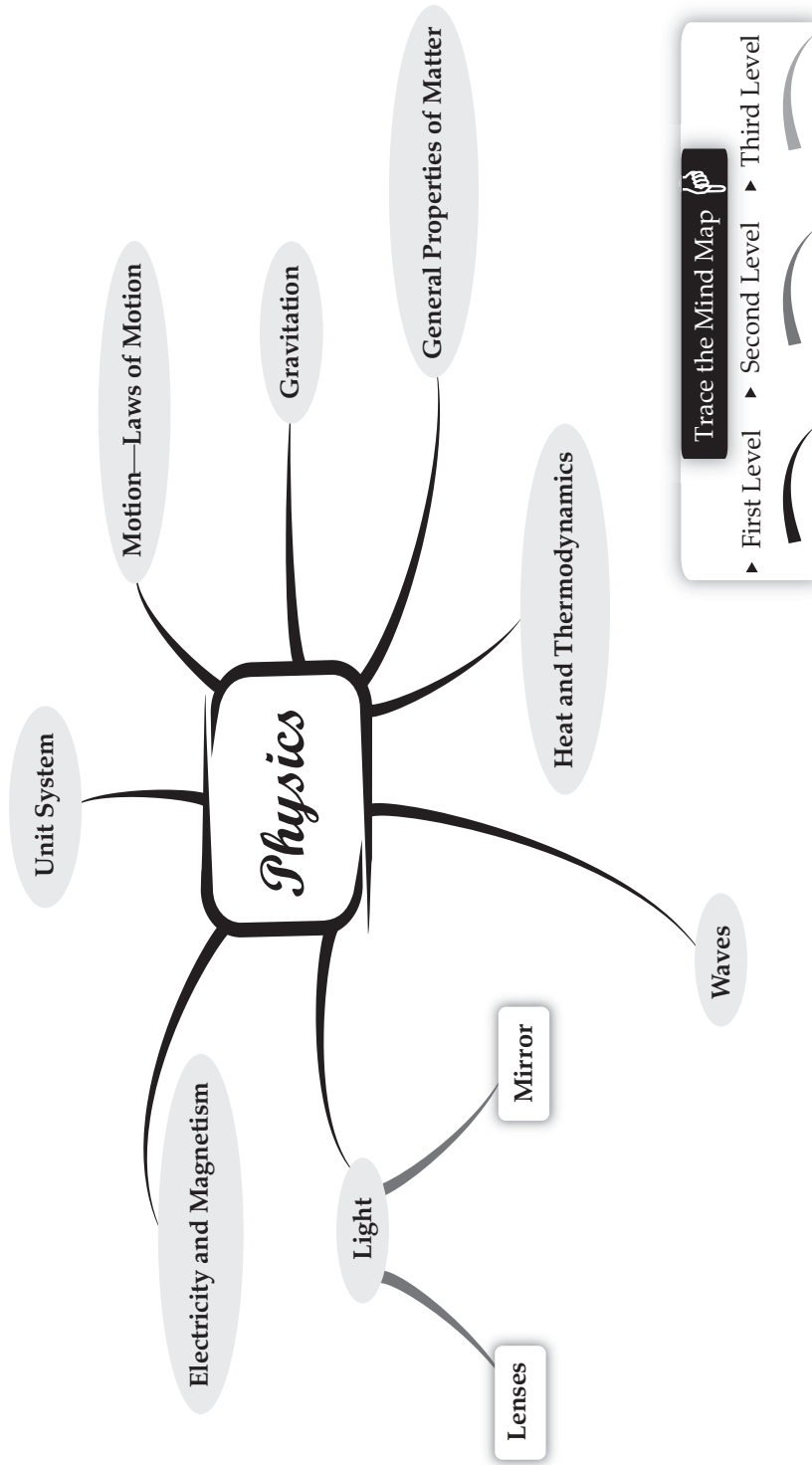
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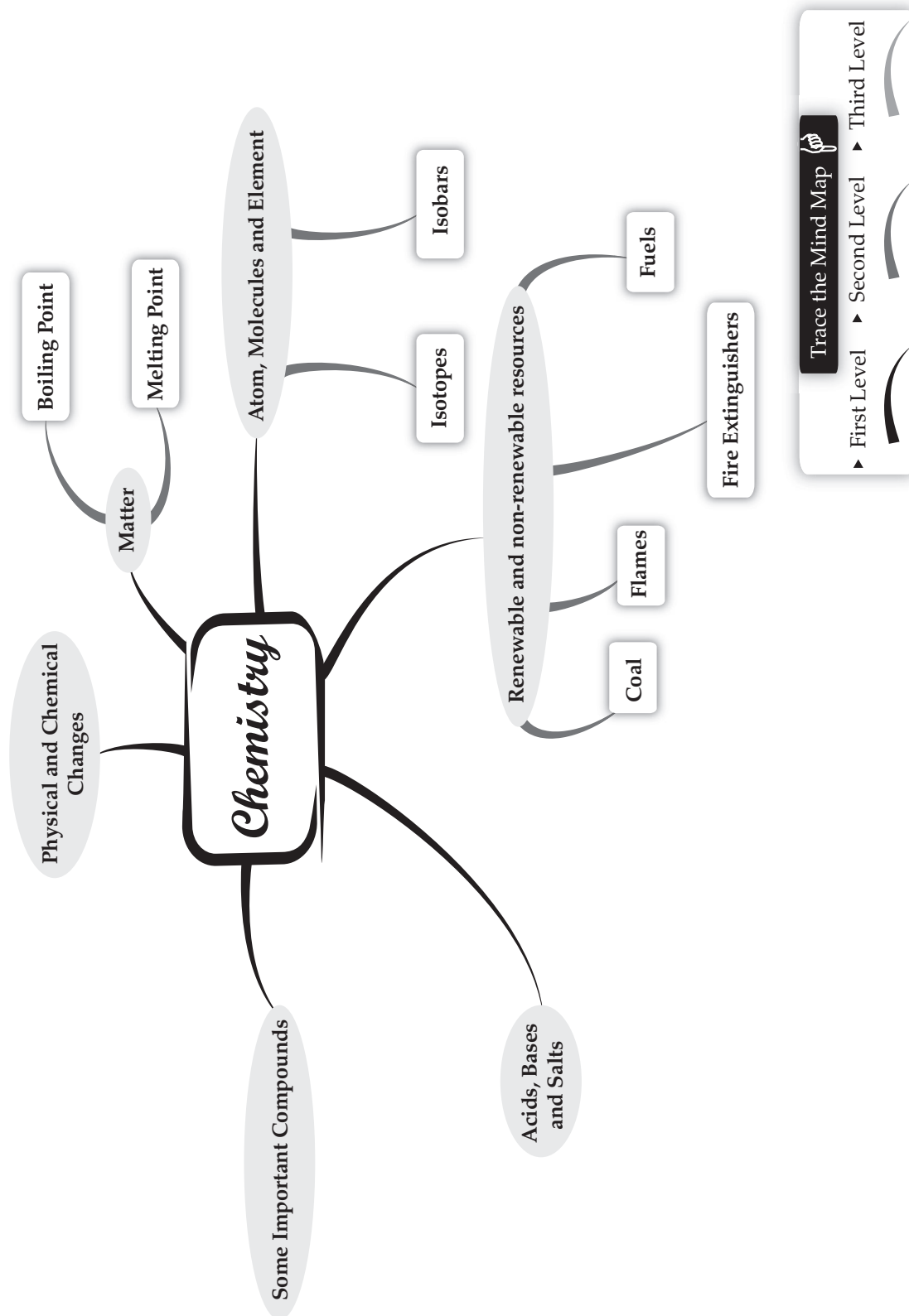


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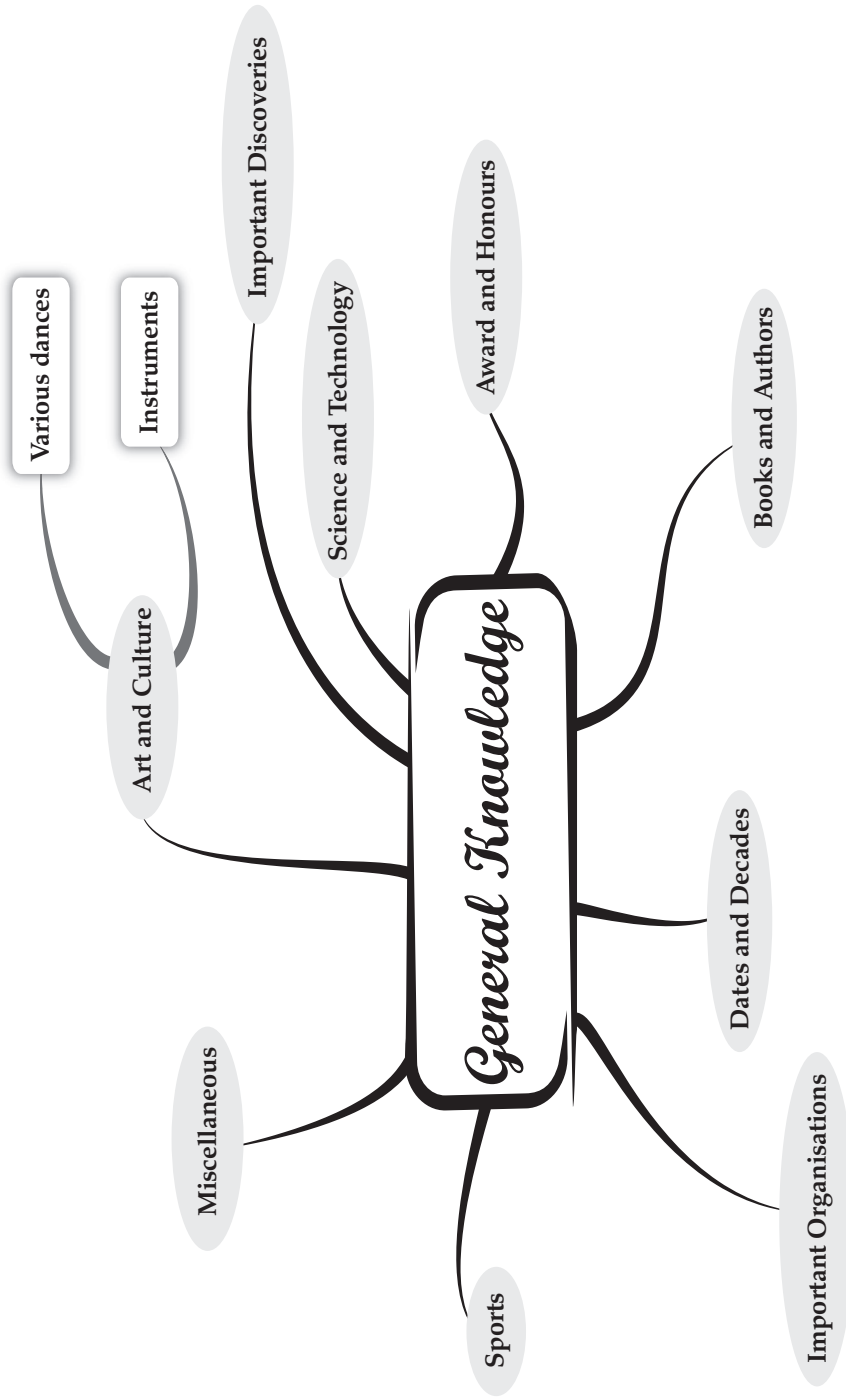




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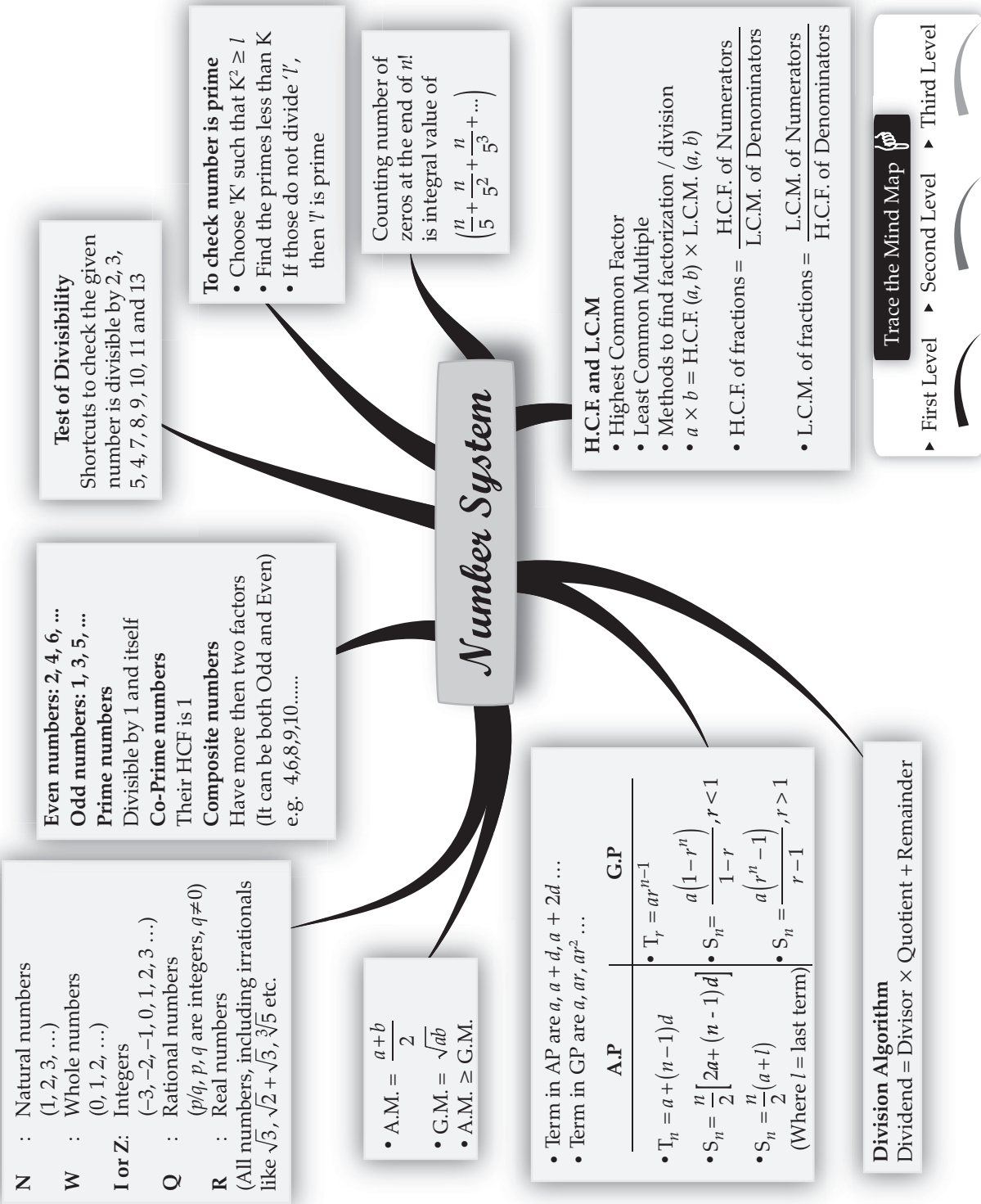


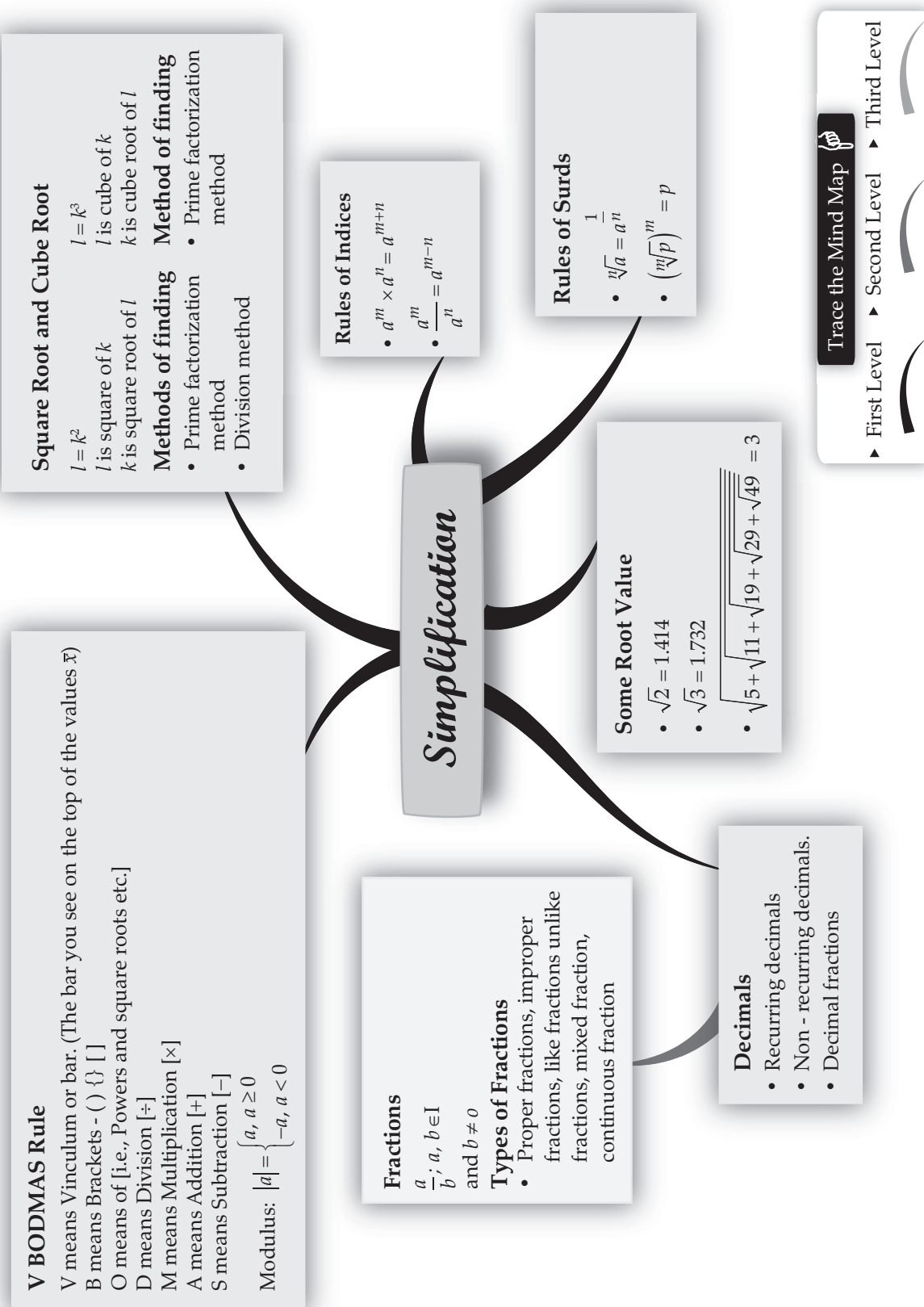


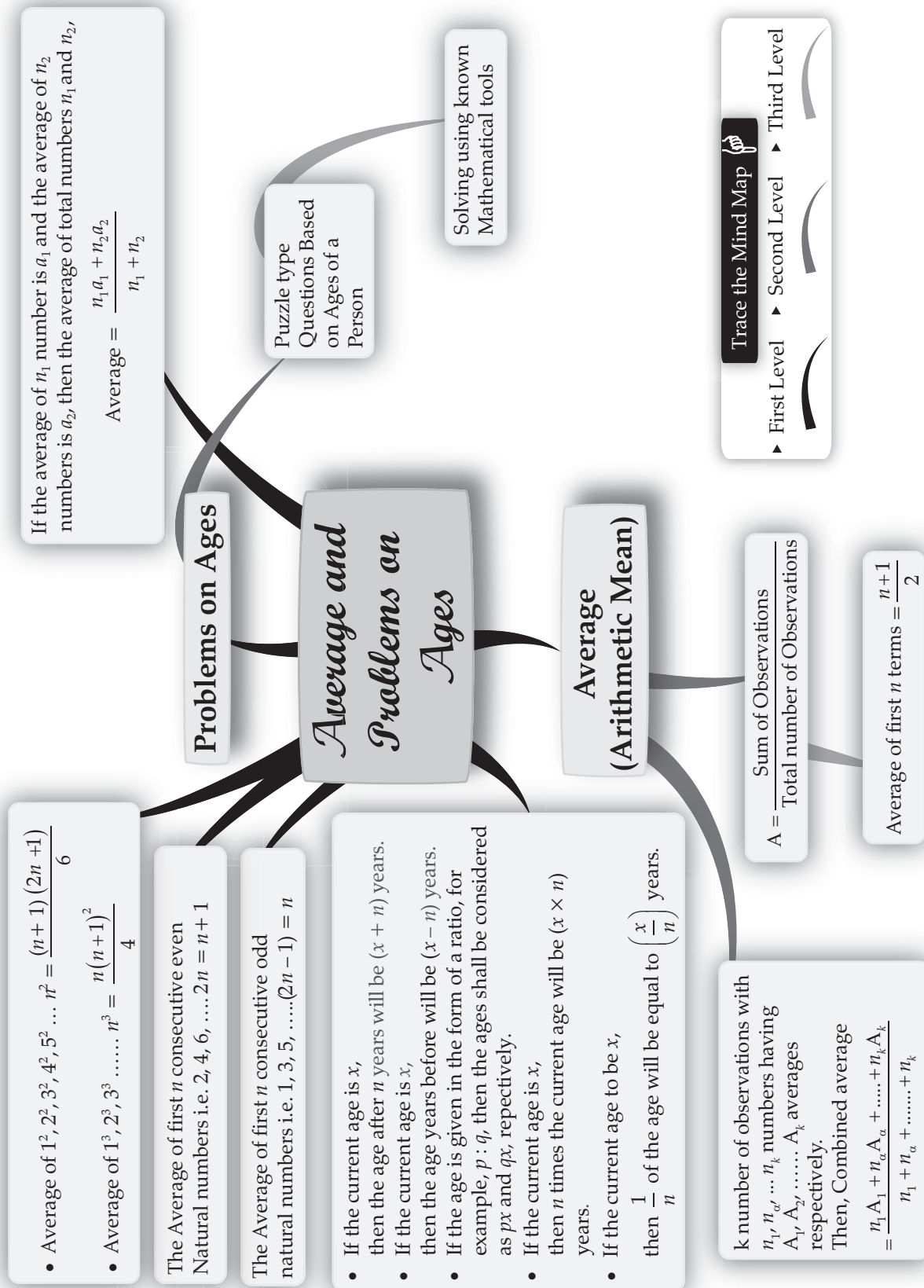
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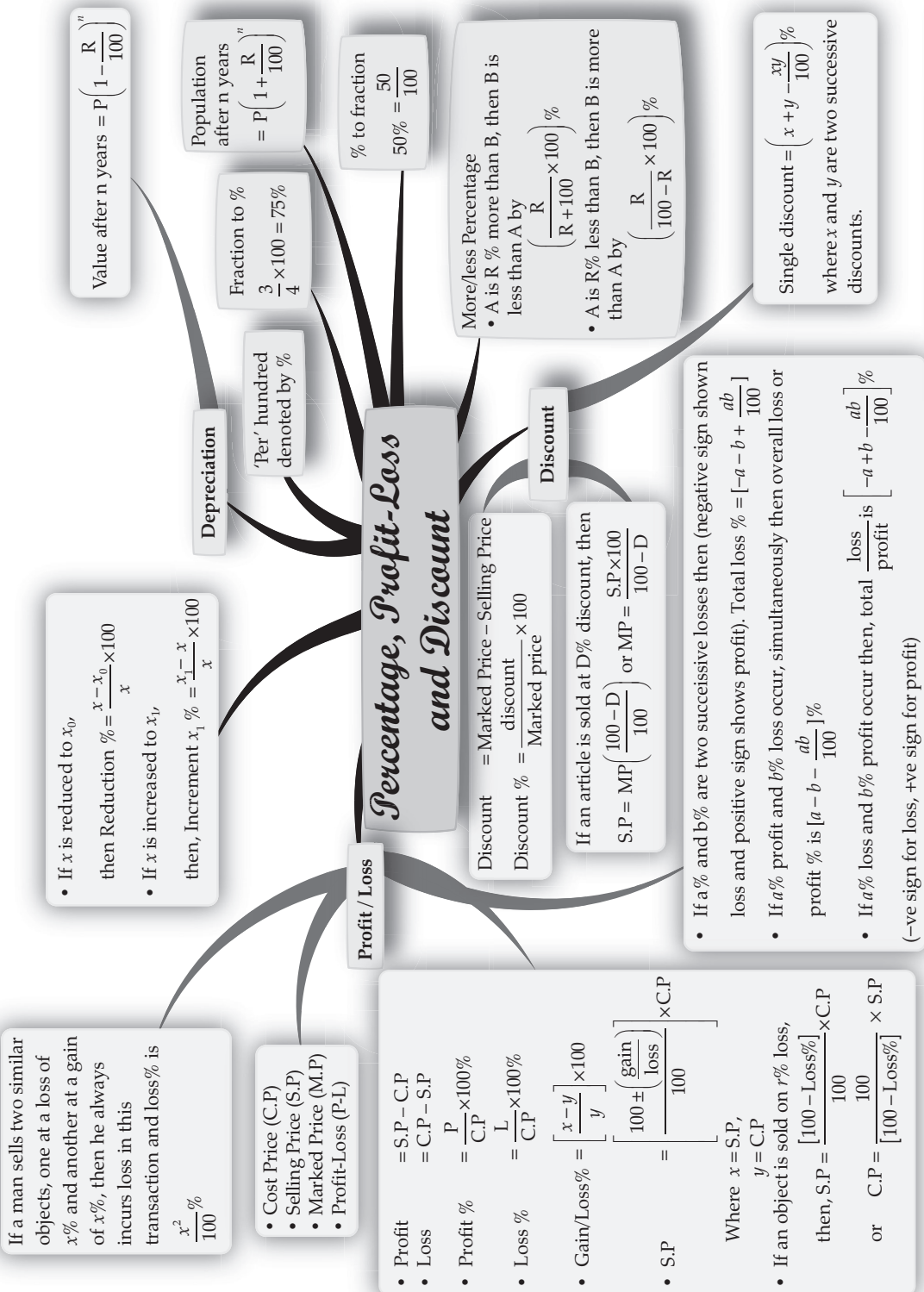
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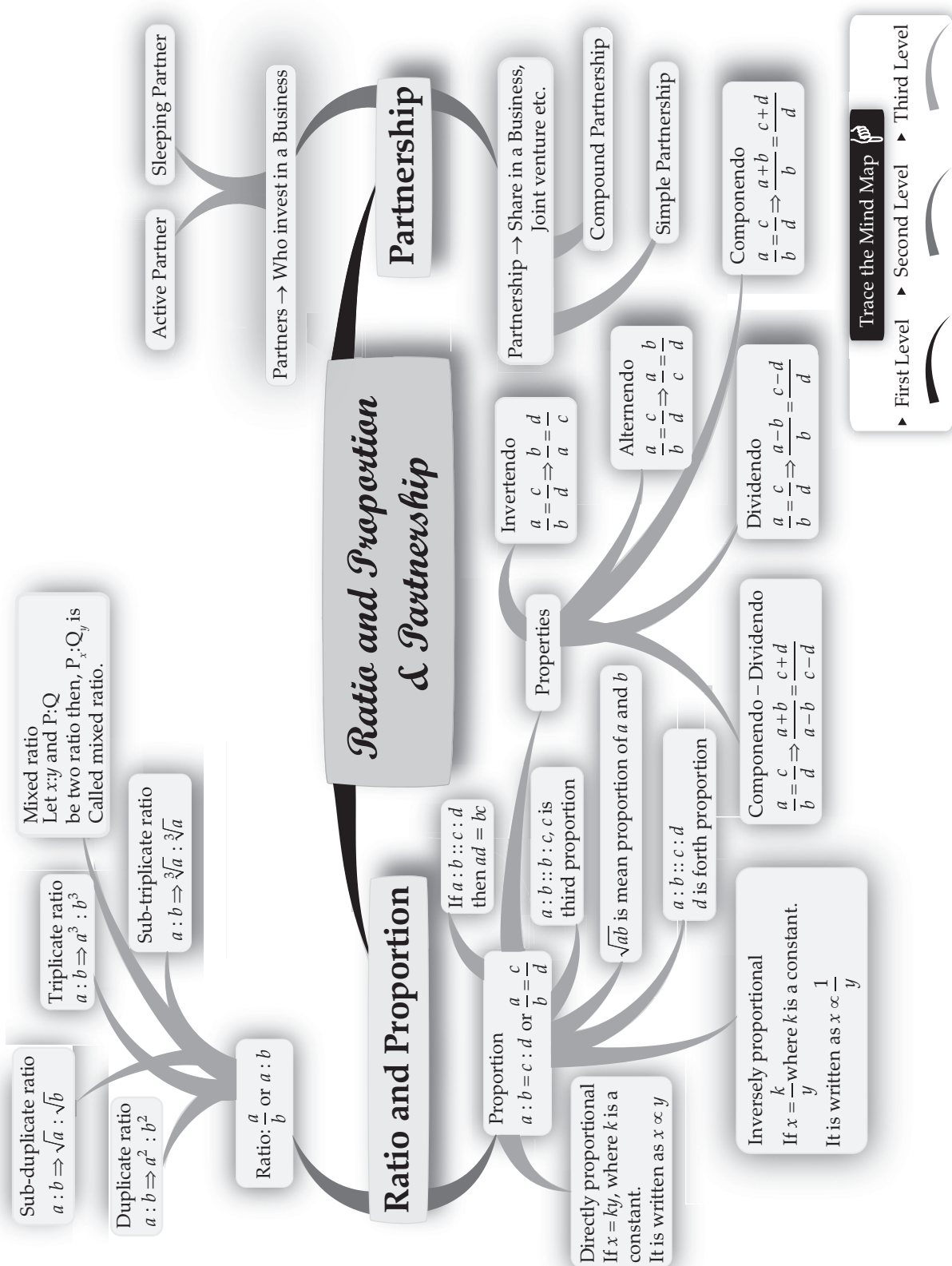




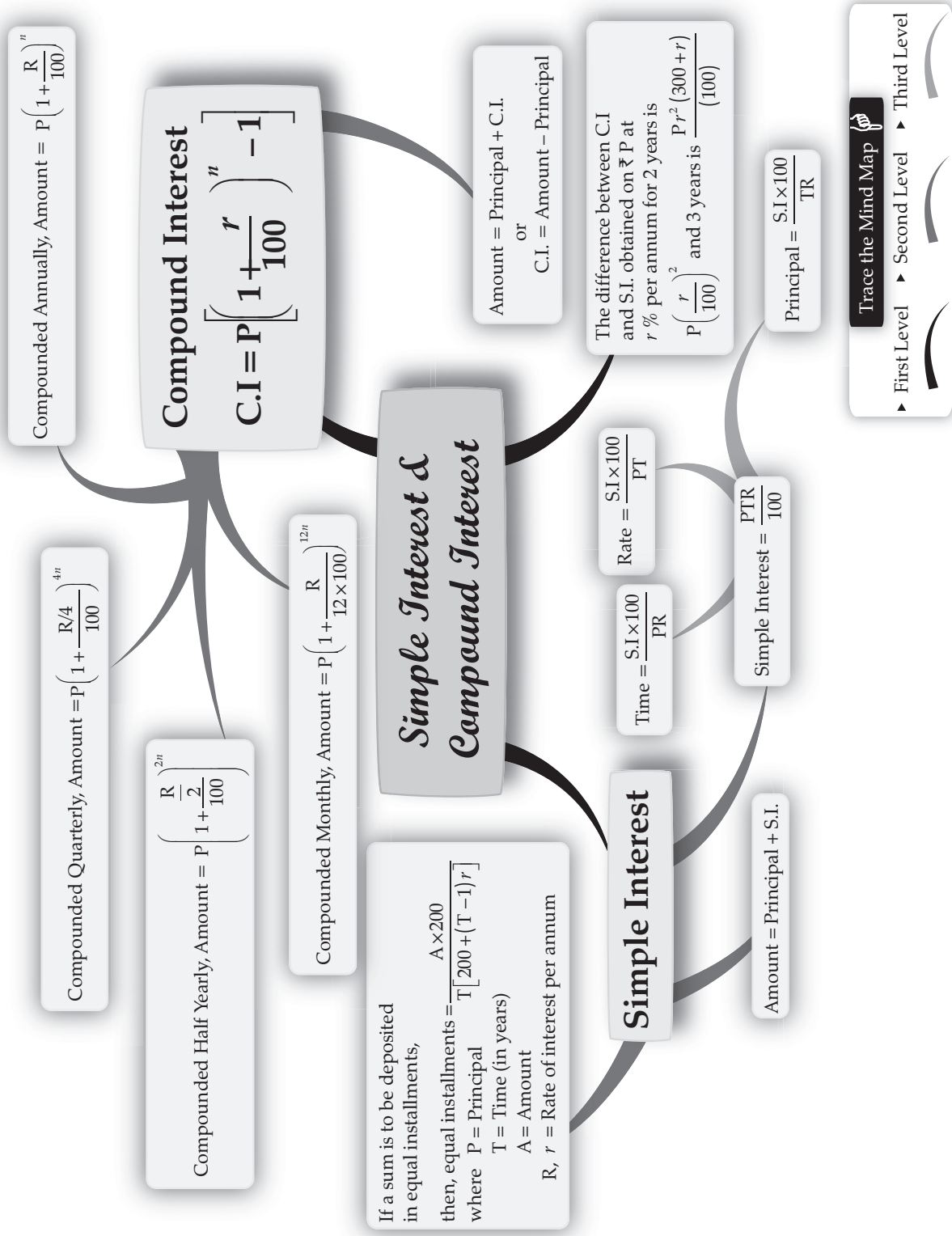


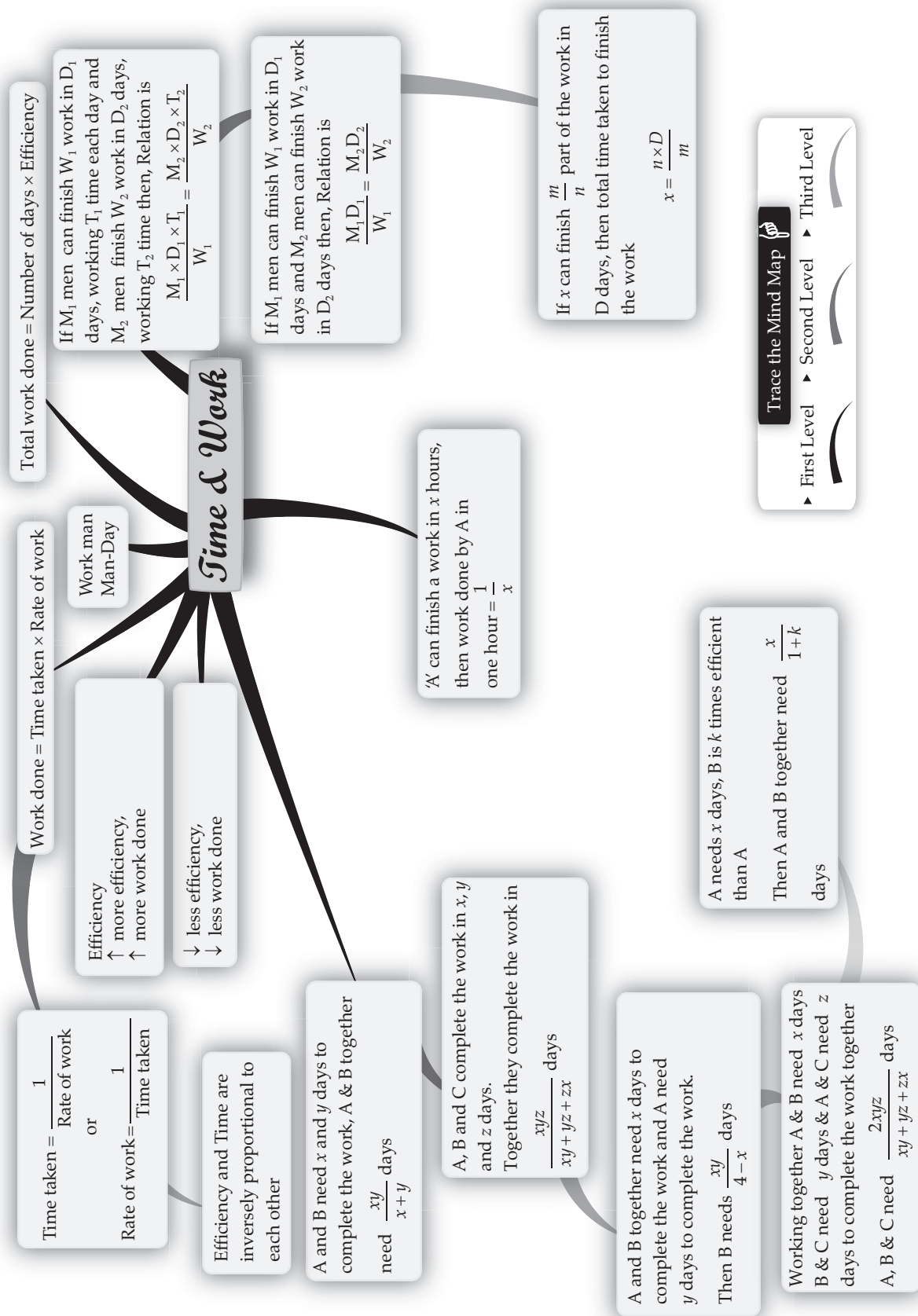
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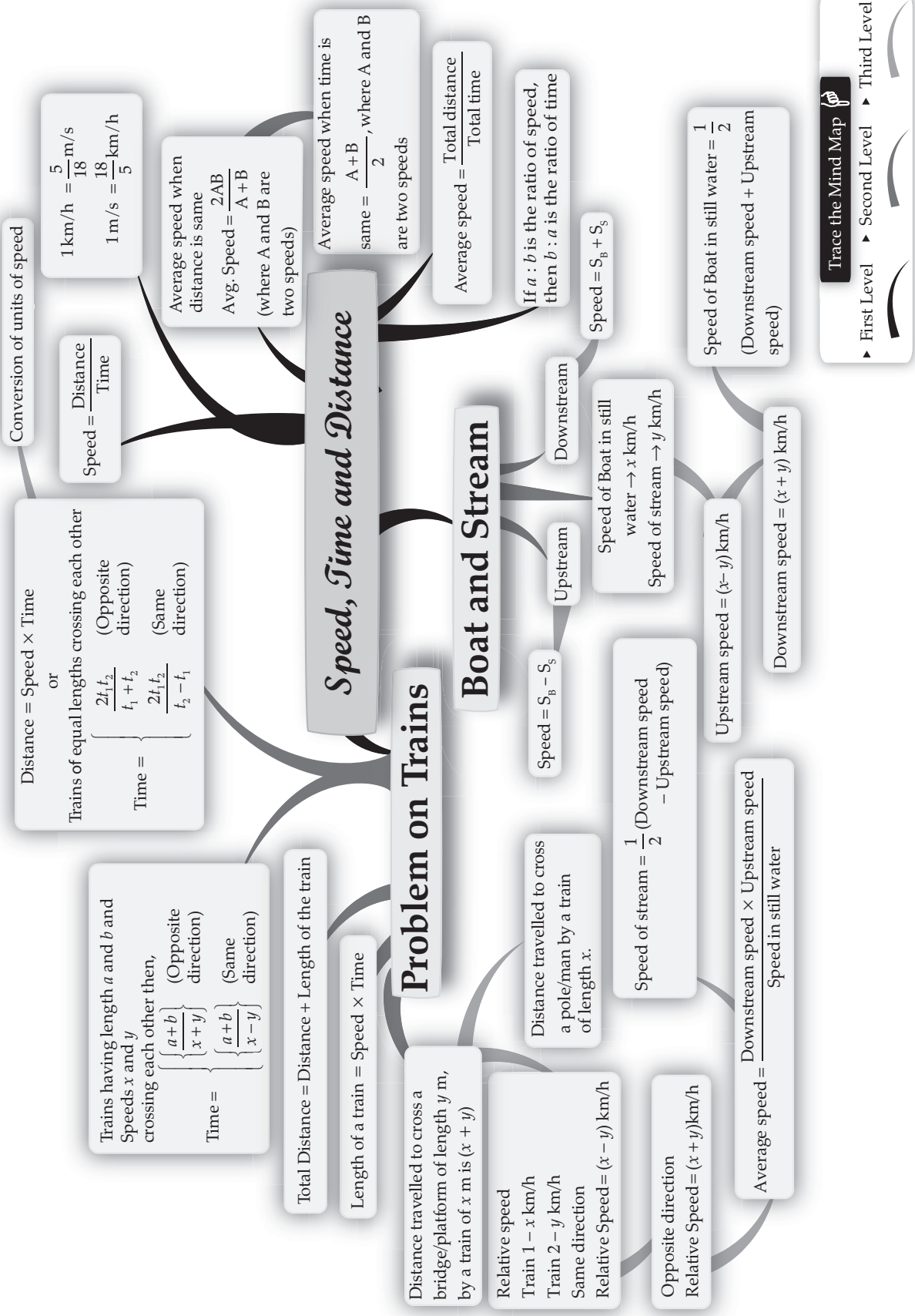
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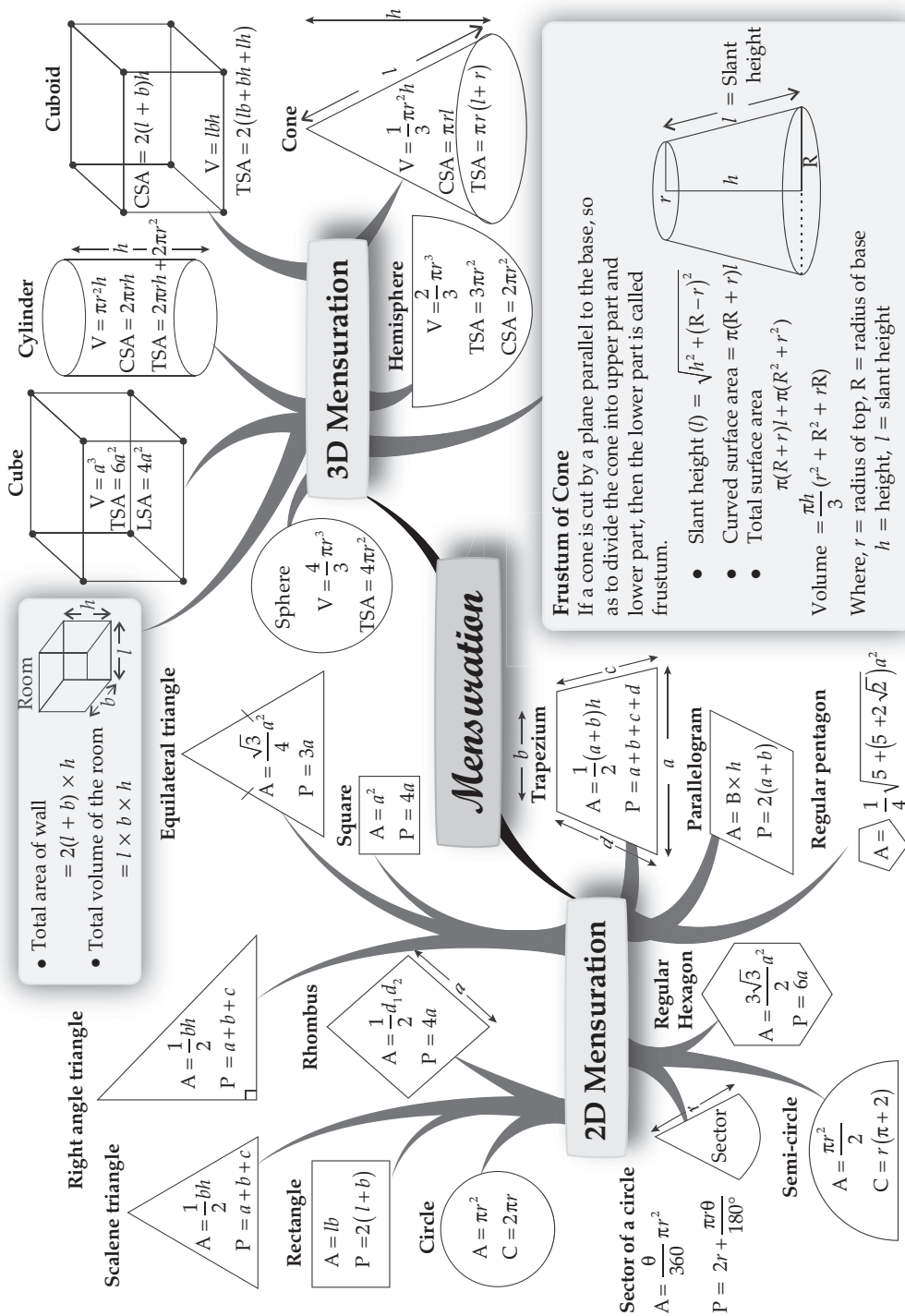


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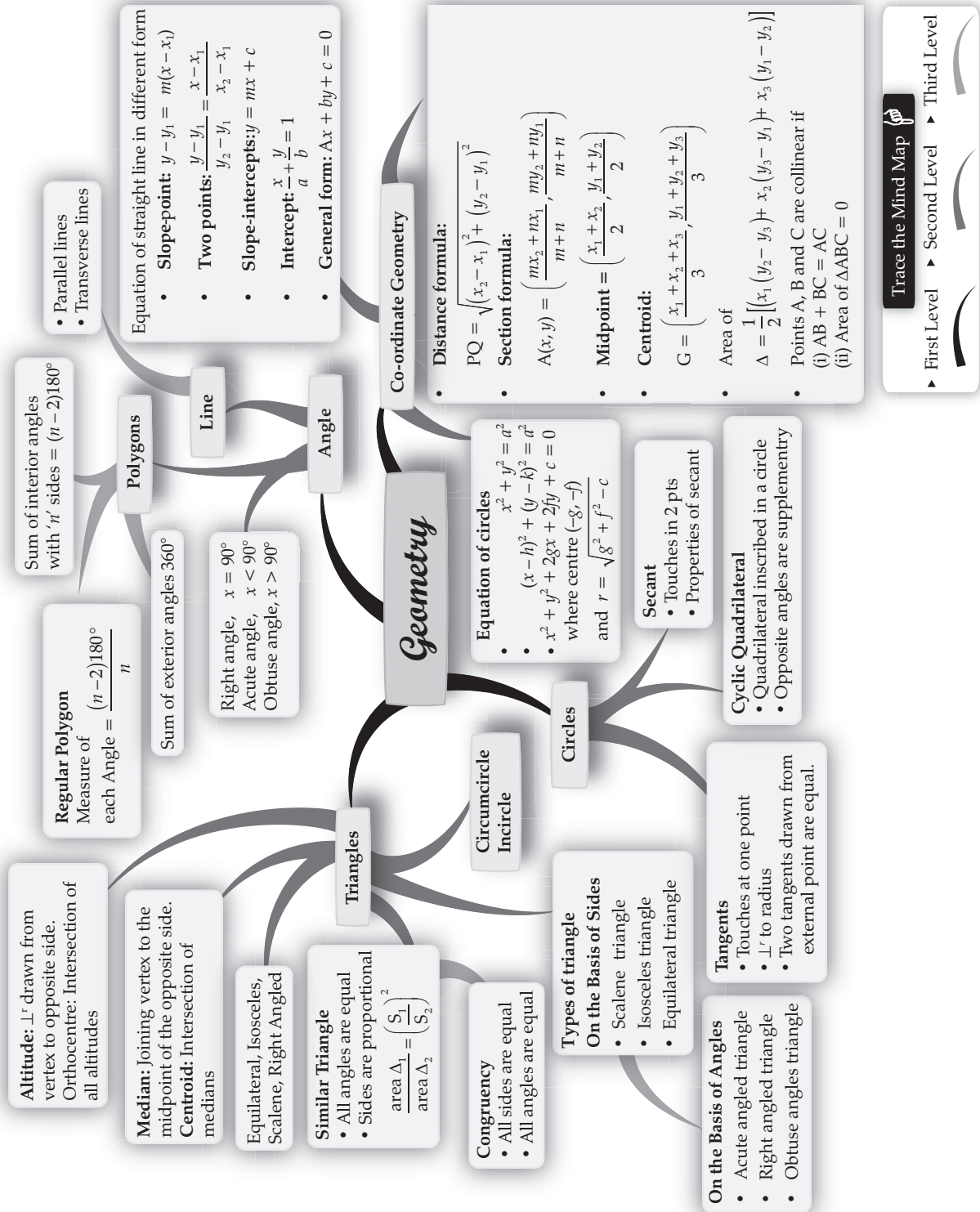
A = Area  
 P = Perimeter  
 C = Circumference

TSA = Total Surface Area  
 LSA = Lateral Surface Area  
 CSA = Curved Surface Area



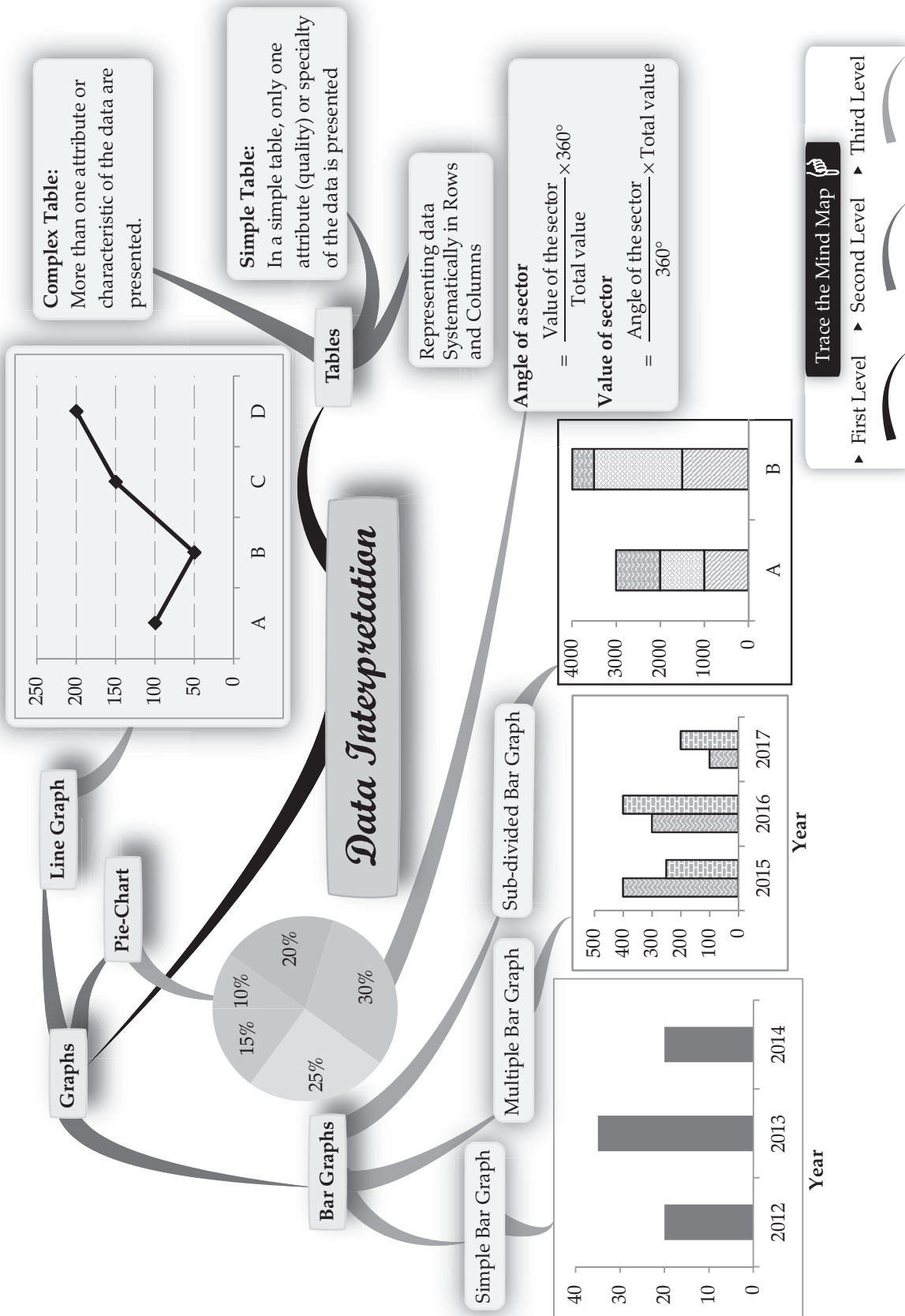
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## SECTION A: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

# Chapter

# 01

# ABBREVIATIONS

- Now a days, the use of abbreviation is very much in vogue. A short word used in place of a long name is called Abbreviation. Generally, if the name of any government scheme or any institution is long, then it can be easily remembered through abbreviation. Here a list of abbreviations and full names of national and international ring names is being given.

### Some Important Abbreviations (National)

| Abbreviations | Complete Name                                   |
|---------------|---|
| NRA           | National Recruitment Agency                     |
| RRTS          | Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System      |
| IRCTC         | Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation |
| UPSC          | Union Public Service Commission                 |
| BPSC          | Bihar Public Service Commission.                |
| NDC           | National Development Council                    |
| NITI Aayog    | National Institution for Transforming India     |
| NeGP          | The National e-Governance Plan                  |
| BARC          | Bhabha Atomic Research Centre                   |
| AEC           | Atomic Energy Commission                        |
| CIA           | Central Intelligence Agency                     |
| BCCI          | Board of Control for Cricket in India           |
| CSIR          | Council of Scientific and Industrial Research   |
| ITBP          | Indian-Tibetan Border Police                    |
| BSF           | Border Security Force                           |
| RIMC          | Rashtriya Indian Military College               |
| ACC           | Army Cadet College                              |
| IMA           | Indian Military Academy                         |
| NDA           | National Defence Academy                        |
| NOC           | No objection certificate                        |
| HAWS          | High Altitude Warfare School                    |
| OTA           | Officers Training Academy                       |
| ASPT          | Army School of Physical Training                |
| AADC          | Army Air Defence College                        |
| INDU          | Indian National Defence University              |
| NCRB          | National Crime Records Bureau                   |
| IDA           | International Development Association           |
| EVD           | Ebola Virus Disease                             |
| CISF          | Central Industrial Security Force               |

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| NSG  | National Security Guards     |
| NDC  | National Defence College     |
| RAF  | Rapid Action Force           |
| NCC  | National Cadet Corps         |
| CRPF | Central Reserve Police Force |
| TA   | Territorial Army             |

### Sports

| RGKR | The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award                |
|------|--|
| FIFA | International Federation of Association Football |
| HIL  | Hockey India League                              |
| IABF | Indian Amateur Boxing Federation                 |
| IBA  | International Badminton Federation               |
| ICC  | International Cricket Council                    |
| ODI  | One Day International                            |
| TTF  | Table Tennis Federation of India                 |
| PSD  | Pro Sport Development                            |

### International

| SAARC  | South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation                 |
|--------|--|
| WWF    | World Wildlife Fund  |
| ISO    | International Organization for Standardization                   |
| NATO   | North Atlantic Treaty Organization                               |
| OPEC   | Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries                    |
| APEC   | Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation                                |
| ADB    | Asian Development Bank   |
| ASEAN  | Association of South- East Asian Nations                         |
| CIS    | Commonwealth of Independent States                               |
| OECD   | Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development            |
| UNODC  | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime                         |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| WHO    | World Health Organization  |
| IAEA   | International Atomic Energy Agency                               |
| IDA    | International Development Association                            |
| UNEP   | United Nations Environmental Programme                           |

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| UNDP   | United Nations Developmental Programme                 |
| WTO    | World Trade Organization                               |
| IOC    | International Olympic Committee                        |
| ITU    | International Telecommunication Union                  |
| ILO    | International Labour Organization                      |
| IMF    | International Monetary                                 |
| UNICEF | United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund |

|      |  |
|------|--|
| SCO  | Shanghai Cooperation Organization                  |
| OCA  | Olympic Council of Asia                            |
| FIH  | International Hockey Federation                    |
| ASIO | Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation  |
| MSS  | Ministry of State Security                         |
| RAW  | Research and Analysis Wing                         |
| FBI  | Federal Bureau of Investigation                    |
| INCN | The International Union for Conservation of Nature |

## EXERCISE

- SONAR stands for :
  - Sound Navigation and Ranging
  - Social Opinion for National and Regional
  - South National Area for Research
  - None of these
- Kerala stands out with consistently high HDI values over the years. HDI means :
  - Human Development Intensity
  - Human Development Interconnection
  - Human Development Index
  - Human Development Information
- OPEC stands for :
  - Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
  - Olympic promotion and estimation council
  - Open price for export commodities
  - Organization of Powerful Exporter Countries
- The full form of FIFA is:
  - Fund of International Football Association
  - Federation of Indian Football Association
  - Forum of Indian Football Association
  - Federation of International Football Association
- The common name of Interpol is ICPO, which stands for:
  - Investigation of Criminal Police Organization
  - International Crime Patrolling Organization
  - Inspection of Crime Police Operation
  - International Criminal Police Organization
- WHO Stands for?
  - World Health Organization
  - World Heavy Operation
  - World Health Operation
  - World Health Office
- RGKR is a sports award which stands for:
  - Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna
  - Rahul Gandhi Khel Ratna
  - Rahul Gandhi Kabbadi Ratna
  - Rajiv Gandhi Khemka Ratna
- The NITI Aayog serves as the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India. What is the full form of NITI Aayog.
  - National Institution for Training in India
  - National Institution for Transmission of India
  - National Institution for Transmuting India
  - National Institution for Transforming India
- The abbreviation IRCTC stands for:
  - Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation
  - Indian Railways Common and Ticket Commission
  - Indian Railways Care and Travel Corporation
  - Indian Royal Catering and Tourism Corporation
- The abbreviation UNEP stands for which international programme?
  - The United Nations Economic Program
  - The United Nations Empowerment Program
  - The United Nations Ecological Program
  - The United Nations Environment Program
- MOAB is also known as mother of all Bombs. The full form of MOAB is:
  - Massive Ordnance Air Bombs
  - Maximum Ordnance Air Blast
  - Massive Ordnance Air Base
  - Massive Ordnance Air Blast
- WBDD stands for:
  - World Blood Donor Day
  - West Bengal Development Day
  - Western Banking Development Day
  - World Bank Donation Day
- CORAS stands for:
  - Common officer for Railway Security
  - Commando Operations in Railway Security
  - Communication for Railway Security
  - Commando for Railway Security
- "Samarth" (.....) Scheme of Ministry of Textiles operational. Choose the correct alternative for Samarth.
  - Scheme for Capability Building in Textile Sector
  - Scheme for Competence Building in Textile Sector
  - Scheme for Company Building in Textile Sector
  - Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector
- Which of the following is the right expansion of UDAN?
  - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik
  - Ude Desh ka Aam Nawyuwak
  - Ude Desh ka Aam Naugjawan
  - Ude Desh ka Aam Niwashi
- Which of the following is the right expansion of NIN institute?
  - National Institute of Nutrition
  - National Institute of Nazism
  - National Institute of Narcotics
  - National Institute of Neutrons

17. FSI stands for:  
 (a) Forest Survey of India  
 (b) Foreign Survey of India  
 (c) Fun Survey of India  
 (d) Football Survey of India
18. GDP stands for:  
 (a) Gross Domestic Product  
 (b) Gross Domestic Profit  
 (c) Gross Direct Production  
 (d) Gross Depreciation in production
19. SAARC refers to which of the following international organization?  
 (a) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation  
 (b) South African Association for Regional Cooperation  
 (c) South Asian Accreditation for Regional Cooperation  
 (d) South Indian Association for Regional Cooperation
20. NCC stands for:  
 (a) National Credit Corps  
 (b) National Cadet Corps  
 (c) National Care Corps  
 (d) National Command Corps

### Answer Key

|         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (a)  | 2. (c)  | 3. (a)  | 4. (d)  | 5. (d)  | 6. (a)  | 7. (a)  | 8. (d)  | 9. (a)  | 10. (d) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (a) | 13. (d) | 14. (a) | 15. (a) | 16. (a) | 17. (a) | 18. (a) | 19. (a) | 20. (b) |

### Answers with Explanations

1. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* SONAR stands for sound navigation and ranging. It is used to measure the depth of the sea, to locate energy submarines and shipwrecks.
2. **Option (c) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* The Human Development Index (HDI) is a statistical composite index of life expectancy, education and per capita income indicators
3. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* OPEC stands for Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries which established in 1960 to set world prices by controlling oil production and also pursues member interest in trade and development.
4. **Option (d) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* FIFA stands for Federation of International Football Association. The Football World Cup is organized by FIFA. The first Football World Cup was organized in Uruguay in 1930.
5. **Option (d) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* The International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO), commonly referred to as Interpol is an intergovernmental organization that promotes international police cooperation. It was founded in 1923 as the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC), and in 1956 it was given a common name for its telegraphic address. The headquarters are located at 200, Quai Charles de Gaulle, Lyon, in central France, in the Rhone-Alpes region. Located between Paris and Marseille.
6. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* The World Health Organization (WHO) is the United Nations (UN) specialized agency for international public health. Founded on April 7, 1948, and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, is a member of the United Nations Development Group. Its predecessor, the Health Organization, was a League of Nations organization.
7. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna (RGKR) is the highest sporting honour which is officially known as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games.
8. **Option (d) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* NITI Aayog or National Institution for Transforming India Aayog is a policy think-tank of Union Government of India that replaces Planning Commission of India and aims to involve the states in economic policy-making in India. It will be providing strategic and technical advice to the Central and the State Governments.
9. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* IRCTC stands for Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation. It is an Indian Railway subsidiary established by the Ministry of Railways to manage Indian railway catering, online ticketing and tourism operations.
10. **Option (d) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* UNEP stands for The United Nations Environment Program. It is organized every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Under the leadership of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Program is organized every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June, on the occasion of World Environment Day since 1973. World Environment Day is the largest global forum for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people around the world. Sweden is hosting this event in the year 2022.
11. **Option (d) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* MOAB stands for Massive Ordnance Air Blast. It is a large-yield bomb. It was developed by Albert L. Weimorts, Jr. of the Air Force Research Laboratory for the United States military. It was first tested in 2003. It was considered as the most powerful non-nuclear weapon
12. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* The WBDD stands for World Blood Donor Day. It is held every year on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It was celebrated for the first time in 2005. It is one of the 11 official global public health campaigns recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO).

**13. Option (d) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The CORAS stands for Commando for Railway Security. It is a separate Commando Unit of Railway Protection Force (RPF). It has been carved out from motivated and willing young staff of Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF)

**14. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:* SAMARTH is a flagship skill development scheme aimed at skilling the youth for employment in the textile sector which was an initiative of the Ministry of Textile. The correct alternative for SAMARTH is Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector.

**15. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The full form of UDAN is 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik'. Regional Connectivity Scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation Scheme (UDAN) was initiated in 2016. Its goal is to make air travel affordable and improve economic development in India. It is an innovative scheme to develop the regional aviation market.

**16. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:* National Institute of Nutrition is also abbreviated as NIN. It is an Indian Public Health, Nutrition, and Translational study center. The location of NIN is Hyderabad. Beneath the Indian Coun-

cil of Medical Research, it is one of the investigation centers in India.

**17. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:* FSI stands for Forest Survey of India. It is a national organisation responsible for the assessment and monitoring of the forest resources of India regularly.

**18. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:* GDP stands for Gross Domestic Product. GDP is the total money value of all final goods and services produced within the geographical boundaries of the country during a given period of time.

**19. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is the regional inter-governmental organization and geopolitical union of states in South Asia. Its member states are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

**20. Option (b) is correct.**

*Explanation:* NCC stands for National Cadet Corps, established in 1948. Its main objective is to stimulate interest among the youth in the defense of the country to build up reserve manpower to expand armed forces.

## Olympics

- Olympics games were started in 776 BC on Mount Olympia in the Honour of Greek God. "Zeus" The modern Olympic Games were started in **Athens**, the capital of Greece on 6<sup>th</sup> **April 1896** with great efforts made by French nobleman, **Baron Pierre de Coubertin**.
- The Olympic Games are organized after every 4 years. The Olympic Flag is made up of white silk and contains five intertwined rings as the Olympic Emblem.
- The five interlaced rings are arranged in 3-2 pattern on a white background, with the blue ring to the extreme left, followed by yellow, black, green, and red, in the same order. Blue for Europe, Black for Africa, Red for Americas (North and South America). Yellow for Asia and Green for Oceania (Australia and New Zealand).
- The official Olympic Motto is Citius, Altius, Fortius, a Latin phrase meaning Faster, Higher, Stronger. 2024, Summer Olympics will be held in Paris, France.

## Commonwealth Games

- The first Commonwealth Games were held in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada.
- Since 1930, the games have been conducted every 4 years except for 1942 and 1946 due to World War II.
- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) is the organization that is responsible for the direction and control of the commonwealth Games.
- There are currently 53 members in the Commonwealth of Nations.
- The 2018 Commonwealth Games (21st) were held in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Most gold medals were won by Australia. 2022 Commonwealth Games will be held in Birmingham, England.

## The Asian Games

- The Asian Games, also called the Asiad, are a multi-sport event held every 4 years among athletes from all over Asia.
- The games are regulated by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), under the organization of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The first Asian Games were held in 1991 in New Delhi, India. 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games of 2018 was held in Jakarta (Indonesia) in which India finished at eighth position. The next game is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China in 2022.

## Cricket World Cup

- The first Cricket World Cup was organized in England in June 1975.

## List of Cricket World Cup

|      |         |                            |
|------|---------|----------------------------|
| 1975 | England | West Indies beat Australia |
| 1979 | England | West Indies beat England   |

|      |                           |                            |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1983 | England                   | India beat West Indies     |
| 1987 | India                     | Australia beat England     |
| 1992 | Australia                 | Pakistan beat England      |
| 1996 | Pakistan                  | Sri Lanka beat Australia   |
| 1999 | England                   | Australia beat Pakistan    |
| 2003 | South Africa              | Australia beat India       |
| 2007 | West Indies               | Australia beat Sri Lanka   |
| 2011 | India                     | India beat Sri Lanka       |
| 2015 | Australia and New Zealand | Australia beat New Zealand |
| 2019 | England                   | England beat New Zealand   |
| 2023 | India                     | Australia beat New Zealand |

## T-20 Cricket World Cup

|      |              |                             |
|------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2007 | South Africa | India beat Pakistan         |
| 2009 | England      | Pakistan beat Sri Lanka     |
| 2010 | West Indies  | England beat Australia      |
| 2012 | Sri Lanka    | West Indies beat Sri Lanka  |
| 2014 | Bangladesh   | Sri Lanka beat India        |
| 2016 | India        | West Indies beat England    |
| 2021 | India        | Australia beats New Zealand |

- Australia won the final match against New Zealand by 8 wickets and became ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 Winner. This is the first time when the Australian cricket team won the T20 World Cup.

## IPL (Indian Premier League)

- It was initiated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). It's Headquarter is in Mumbai. The first IPL tournament was started in 2008. Seventh IPL Tournament held in Bangalore, Kolkata Knight Riders defeated King XI Punjab.

## Football World Cup

- The Football World Cup is organized by FIFA (Federation of International Football Association).
- The headquarters of FIFA is located in Zurich, Switzerland.
- The World Cup is called 'Jules Rimet Cup' named after the name of FIFA President Jules Rimet.
- The first Football World Cup was organized in Uruguay in 1930.
- In 1912 and 1946, the Football World Cup was not played because of the World War II.

## Hockey World Cup

- The Hockey World Cup is organized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) once in four years. The headquarters of FIH is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.



- The first Hockey World Cup was organized in Barcelona (Spain) was 1971 and the winner was Pakistan.
- Women's Hockey World Cup is being held since 1974.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> Women's Hockey World Cup in 2014, was held in The Hague, Netherlands. The Netherlands won the tournament for a record seventh time after defeating Australia. The 14<sup>th</sup> Women's Hockey World Cup of 2018, was held in London, England.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Men's Hockey World Cup 2018, was held at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, India. Belgium became champion defeating Netherland.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> Men's Hockey World Cup 2023, will be held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and in Rourkela, Odisha

#### National Sports of Some Countries

| Country   | National Sport        |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Australia | Cricket               |
| Canada    | Lacrosse (Ice Hockey) |
| China     | Table Tennis          |
| England   | Cricket               |
| India     | Hockey                |
| Japan     | Sumo                  |
| Malaysia  | Badminton             |
| Scotland  | Rugby/Football        |
| Spain     | Bull Fighting         |
| USA       | Baseball              |

#### Nickname of Players

| Player           | Nickname              |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Major Dhyanchand | Hockey ka Jadugar     |
| Milkha Singh     | Flying Sikh           |
| PT Usha          | Payyoli Express       |
| PT Usha          | Golden Girl           |
| Shoaib Akhtar    | Rawalpindi Express    |
| Rahul Dravid     | The Wall              |
| Harbhajan Singh  | Bhaji, The Turbanator |

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Javagal Srinath  | Mysore Express |
| Paes and Bhupati | Indian Express |

#### Important Sports Terms

| Sport          | Terms   |
|----------------|---|
| Basketball     | Dunk, Front count, Lay-up, Held ball, Pivot, Rebound, Steal                                 |
| Cricket        | Bye, Draw, Googly, Topspin, Overthrow, Duck, Hitwicket, Cut, Pull, FullToss                 |
| Football       | Bend dribble, Dissent, Dummy, Feint, Freekick, Header, Red card, Throwins                   |
| Hockey         | Bully, Striking, Circle, Post back  |
| Chess          | Castle, Diagonals, Files, Pawns, Pieces, Promote, Gambit, Pawn                              |
| Boxing         | Jab, laying on Knock, Second out rabbit punch, Uppercut                                     |
| Badminton      | Lab, Let, Drive, Drop, Love   |
| Polo           | Chukker, Bunker   |
| Baseball       | Diamond, Homerun, Putout, Strike, Anti-rubber   |
| Rifle Shooting | Target, Muzzle full, Bullseye   |
| Wrestling      | Hold Sager, Rebutts, Hal, Nelson, Free Style  |
| Golf           | Fore some, Stymie, T, put a hole, Caddy, Niblick, Iron, The green, Bunker                   |
| Billiards      | Jigger, Pot, Breast pot, Inoff, Cans, Bolting, Long, Hazard, Cue                            |
| Swimming       | Breast Stroke, Twist, Butterfly, Crawl, Springboard   |
| Volley Ball    | Antennae, Attackhit, Libero, Service, Setup, Blocking, Dribbling                            |
| Lawn Tennis    | Advantage, Ace, Dence, Volley, Foot Fault, Smash, Grand-Slam, Slice, Love                   |
| Table Tennis   | End line, Flat hit, Foil, Service, Phn-holder grip, Reverse, Top-spin, Counter-hitting, Let |

## EXERCISE

- Which of the following cities won the hosting rights of the 2030 Asian Games in December 2020?
  - Jakarta
  - Doha
  - Seoul
  - Shanghai
- The Special Olympics World Games 2019 was inaugurated at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Austria
  - Germany
  - Sweden
  - Abu Dhabi
- The 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2023 is hosted by which Indian state?
  - Haryana
  - Maharashtra
  - Madhya Pradesh
  - West Bengal
- With which of the following sports is the term 'Chinaman' associated?
  - Cricket
  - Polo
  - Table tennis
  - Swimming
- Which one of the following was the official mascot of Khelo India Youth Games, 2020?
  - Vijaya
  - Yaya
  - Rongmon
  - Ammu
- Which country has replaced Maldives to host the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games?
  - Madagascar
  - Sri Lanka
  - India
  - Mauritius



7. Dingko Singh, an Asian Games gold medallist, who died recently, was associated with which one of the following games?  
 (a) Swimming (b) Boxing  
 (c) Archery (d) Gymnastics
8. Ryder Cup is related with which sports?  
 (a) Golf (b) Football  
 (c) Badminton (d) Cricket
9. Koneru Humpy excels in which one of the following sports?  
 (a) Boxing (b) Table Tennis  
 (c) Chess (d) Billiards
10. The Headquarters of the proposed National Sports University (As per the National Sports University Ordinance, 2018) will be set up in:  
 (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Manipur  
 (c) Kerala (d) West Bengal
11. Which of the following is **not** correct regarding the 2014 FIFA Football World Cup?  
 (a) 'We Are One' is the official song.  
 (b) 'Dar um Jeito (We Will Find A Way)' is the official anthem.  
 (c) Brazil is the first country to host a World Cup for the second time.  
 (d) For the first time two consecutive World Cups are not hosted in Europe.
12. Manipur clinched the 20th Senior National Women's Football Championships title 2014 by defeating :  
 (a) Assam (b) Odisha  
 (c) West Bengal (d) Kerala
13. Olympics games were started in:  
 (a) 676 BC (b) 576 BC  
 (c) 776 BC (d) 876 BC
14. In which year, the first Games were held on Canada?  
 (a) 1930 (b) 1940 (c) 1950 (d) 1960
15. 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games of 2018 was held in:  
 (a) India (b) China  
 (c) UAE (d) Indonesia

### Answer Key

|         |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. (b)  | 2. (b)  | 3. (c)  | 4. (a)  | 5. (a)  | 6. (a) | 7. (b) | 8. (a) | 9. (c) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (b) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (d) |        |        |        |        |         |

### Answers with Explanations

1. **Option (b) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* Doha won the hosting rights of the 2030 Asian Games in December 2022. The 2030 games will be the 21st edition of Asian games and these will be the second Asian games to be held in Qatar.
2. **Option (b) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* Maldivian diplomat Fathimath Dhiyana Saeed served as secretary general of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Since the company's founding in 1985, she was the organisation's first female to hold this position. She took up her position in Kathmandu on March 1, 2011, after being nominated Secretary-General during the SAARC Council of Ministers' Thirty-third Session in February 2011. She took over for Sheel Kant Sharma of India, whose term had ended in February.
3. **Option (c) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* Madhya Pradesh hosted the 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2023 from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 11th February 2023. The mascot of this year was Asha (female cheetah) and Mowgli. Maharashtra topped the championship with a total of 161 medals. Haryana and Madhya Pradesh were ranked second and third respectively.
4. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* Chinaman is regarded as a left-arm bowler's legspin delivery. A Chinaman delivery, also known as left-arm unorthodox spin, typically spins sharply because of the spin created by the wrist.
5. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:*  
 Khelo India Youth Games
  - It was earlier known as Khelo India School Games.
  - It was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on 31 January 2018.
6. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:*
  - Madagascar will host the 11th edition of the Indian Ocean Islands Games in 2023 after replacing Maldives due to the concerns over the ongoing pandemic
  - It was been announced by the president of International Games Council, Seychellois Antonio Gopal.
  - The Indian Ocean Island Games is a multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from Indian Ocean Island nations, namely Mauritius, Seychelles, Comoros, Madagascar, Mayotte, Reunion and the Maldives.
7. **Option (b) is correct.**  
*Explanation:*
  - Ngangom Dingko Singh was an Indian Boxer from Manipur.
  - He had won the gold medal at 1998 Asian Games held in Bangkok.
  - He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2013 by Government of India.
  - He died after a long battle with liver cancer.
8. **Option (a) is correct.**  
*Explanation:* The Ryder Cup is an every two-year golf competition between European and American teams. Co-hosted by the PGA of America and the PGA European Tour, the competition is held every two years and alternates between venues in the US and Europe. The Ryder Cup named after the English entrepreneur Samuel Ryder who originally donated the trophy.

9. **Option (c) is correct.***Explanation:*

- Koneru Humpy is an Indian chess player.
- In 2002, she became the youngest woman ever to achieve the title of Grandmaster at the age of 15 years, 1 month, 27 days after beating Judit Polgár's previous record by three months.

10. **Option (b) is correct.***Explanation:***The National Sports University Act, 2018**

- It is an Act to establish and incorporate a National Sports University in Manipur.
- The University will be the first of its kind to promote sports education in the areas of sports sciences, sports technology, sports management and sports coaching.
- It will also function as the national training centre for select sports disciplines by adopting best international practices.

11. **Option (c) is correct.***Explanation:*

The 2014 FIFA World Cup was the 20th FIFA World Cup.

- It took place in Brazil from 12 June to 13 July 2014.
- The official song of the tournament was "We Are One (Ole Ola)".
- "Dar um Jeito (We Will Find a Way)" was the official anthem.

- The 1930 FIFA World Cup was the inaugural FIFA World Cup which was held in Uruguay from 13 to 30 July 1930.

- Brazil, France, Italy, Germany, and Mexico have each hosted twice.

12. **Option (b) is correct.***Explanation:* Manipur clinched the 20<sup>th</sup> Senior National Women's Football Championships title 2014 by defeating Odisha at the Golaghat Stadium. It was 17<sup>th</sup> crown overall for Manipur.13. **Option (c) is correct.***Explanation:* Olympics games were started in 776 BC on Mount Olympia in the Honour of Greek God. "Zeus" The modern Olympic Games were started in Athens, the capital of Greece on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1896 with great efforts made by French nobleman, Baron Pierre deCoubertin.14. **Option (a) is correct.***Explanation:* The first Commonwealth Games were held in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada. Since 1930, the games have been conducted every 4 years except for 1942 and 1946 due to World War II.15. **Option (d) is correct.***Explanation:* 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games of 2018 was held in Jakarta (Indonesia) in which India finished at eighth position. The next game is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China in 2022.

# Chapter 03

# AWARDS AND PRIZES

## Top 10 National and International Awards

| National Awards               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bharat Ratna                  | Civilian Award           |
| Padma Vibhushan               | Civilian Award           |
| Padma Bhushan                 | Civilian Award           |
| Padma Sri Award               | Civilian Award           |
| Param Vir Chakra              | Gallantry Award          |
| Ashoka Chakra                 | Military peacetime award |
| Mahavir Chakra                | Gallantry Award          |
| Vir Chakra                    | Gallantry award          |
| Kirti Chakra                  | Military peacetime award |
| Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award | Sports Award             |

| International Awards   |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Nobel Prize            | Peace, Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Physiology & Economics |
| Grammy Awards          | music   |
| Pulitzer Prize         | Journalism & literature                                       |
| Magsaysay Awards       | public service & community leadership                         |
| Right Livelihood Award | Alternative Nobel Prize'                                      |

## Indian Nobel Laureates

| Name   | Field                                 | Year |
|--|---------------------------------------|------|
| Rabindranath Tagore                            | Literature (Gitanjali)                | 1913 |
| CV Raman                                       | Physics (Raman Effect)                | 1930 |
| Har Gobind Khorana (of Indian Descent)         | Medicine (Genetic Code)               | 1968 |
| Mother Teresa                                  | Peace                                 | 1979 |
| Subrahmanyam Chandrashekar (of Indian Descent) | Physics (Chandrashekar's Limit)       | 1983 |
| Amartya Sen                                    | Economics (Welfare Economics)         | 1998 |
| Sir VS Naipaul (of Indian Descent)             | Literature                            | 2001 |
| Venkatraman Ramakrishna (of Indian Descent)    | Chemistry (Ribosomes)                 | 2009 |
| Kailash Satyarthi                              | Peace (Struggle against Child Labour) | 2014 |
| Abhijit Banerjee (of Indian Descent)           | Economics (Welfare Economics)         | 2019 |

## Oscar Awards or Academy Awards

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Awarded for   | Excellence in cinematic achievements        |
| Presented by  | Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences |
| Country       | United States                               |
| First awarded | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 1929                   |

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Oscar Awards          | Film          |
| UN Human Rights Award | Human rights. |

## Awards and Honours

### Nobel Prize

- The Nobel Prizes are given under the will of Alfred Bernhard Nobel who died in 1896. He was a noted Swedish chemist and engineer who discovered Nitroglycerine and its use in the manufacture of dynamite.
- Nobel Prizes are given each year in the six fields. The Nobel Prizes for peace, physics, chemistry, medicine, and literature were started in 1901. The Nobel Prize for economics was started in 1968.

### The prize-awarding bodies are:

- The Swedish Academy of Literature awards the Prize in Literature.
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the prize in Physics and Chemistry.
- The Bank of Sweden awards the Prize in Economics.
- The Nobel Assembly of Karolinska Chirurgical (Sweden) awards the prize in Medicine (Physiology).
- The Committee of the Norwegian Parliament awards the prize for Peace.

The Oscar Statuette is officially named "The Academy Award of Merit". The prominent Indian film nominated for Oscar are:

Mother India (1957), Salam Bombay (1988), Lagaan (2001).

### Ramon Magsaysay Award

This award is given for outstanding contributions in

six categories - Government Service, Public Service and other Fields. It is presented by Raman Magsaysay Award Foundation.

#### NATIONAL AWARDS

##### Bharat Ratna

- Bharat Ratna is India's highest Civilian Award. It was first awarded in 1954.
- The actual award is designed in the shape of a Peepal leaf with Bharat Ratna inscribed in the Devanagari script in the Sun Figure.
- The reverse side of the decoration Satyamev Jayate has been written in Hindi with an inscription of state emblem.
- The emblem, the Sun, and the rim are of platinum. The inscriptions are in burnished bronze.
- Indira Gandhi was the youngest person alive at the time of receiving the award and Rajiv Gandhi is the Youngest overall to receive the Bharat Ratna.
- DK Karve was the eldest person alive at the time of receiving the award and Vallabhbhai Patel is the eldest overall.

- First Naturalised Indian Citizen to be awarded Bharat Ratna is Mother Teresa (1980).
- Abdul Ghaffar Khan was the first foreigner to be Honoured with this award in 1987 and Later Nelson Mandela (1990).

**Padma Awards:** - There are three Padma awards given on republic day (26<sup>th</sup> January).

- **Padma Vibhushan :-** This is the second-highest National Award. Instituted on 2nd January 1954 by the Government of India. It is awarded to recognize exceptional and distinguished service to the nation in any field.
- **Padma Bhushan :-** This is the third-highest National Award instituted on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1954 by the Government of India. It is awarded to recognize distinguished service of a high order to the nation, in any field.
- **Padma Shri :-** This is the fourth highest National Award instituted on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1954 by the Government of India. In 1960 Dr. MG Ramachandran refused to accept the award as the wordings of the award are in Hindi.

#### Peacetime Gallantry Awards

| Award          | Year in Institution  | Awarded by          | Awarded For   |
|----------------|--|---------------------|---|
| Ashoka Chakra  | 4 <sup>th</sup> January 1952 with effect from 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1947 | Government of India | Most conspicuous bravery or some act of daring or pre-eminent act of valor or self-sacrifice otherwise than in the face of the enemy. |
| Kirti Chakra   | 4 <sup>th</sup> January 1952 with effect from 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1947 | Government of India | Conspicuous gallantry otherwise than in the face of the enemy.  |
| Shaurya Chakra | 4 <sup>th</sup> January 1952 with effect from 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1947 | Government of India | National bravery generally for counter Insurgence, operations, and action against the enemy during peacetime.                         |

### EXERCISE

- Who among the following is a Padma Vibhushan awardee of 2021?  
(a) Tarlochan Singh (b) Sumitra Mahajan  
(c) Sudarshan Sahoo (d) Mouma Das
- The major component of modern Olympic gold medals is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Silver (b) Copper (c) Bronze (d) Gold
- Who has recently been awarded with Nobel Prize for peace in 2016?  
(a) Juan Manuel Santos (b) Henry Dunant  
(c) Kailash Satyarthi (d) Malala Yousefzai
- Who among the following is the winner of the French Open 2021 Men's Singles Final?  
(a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal  
(c) Stefanos Tsitsipas (d) Daniil Medvedev
- Who among the following shared the Nobel Prize in 1962 along with Francis Crick and James Watson for their discoveries concerning the molecular structure of nucleic acids?  
(a) Erwin Chargaff  
(b) Maurice Hugh Frederick Wilkins  
(c) Rosalind Franklin  
(d) Phoebus Levene
- Consider the following statements about 'Param Vir Chakra':  
(1) It is the highest peacetime gallantry award  
(2) It is the replacement of British Victoria Cross.  
(3) It can be awarded to civilians.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- Along with Pranab Mukherjee, how many more persons were conferred the Bharat Ratna Award in the year 2019?  
(a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four
- Which one of the following films was adjudged as the Best Feature Film in the 66<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards?  
(a) Bulbul Can Sing (b) Hellaro  
(c) Badhaai Ho (d) Uri
- Which one among the following films was conferred the 'Golden Peacock' award in the 45th International Film Festival of India (2014)?  
(a) Ek Hazarachi Note (b) A Short Story  
(c) Leviathan (d) Ajeyo
- Which one of the following statements is not correct in respect of the 'Legion of Merit' award?

- (a) This award is conferred by the President of the United States of America.  
 (b) This award was conferred to the Prime Minister of India in December, 2020.  
 (c) This was also awarded to the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison.  
 (d) It is the highest civilian award of the United States of America.
11. Who among the following is the first Indian to win Pulitzer Prize?  
 (a) Arunadhathi Roy (b) Gobind Behari Lal  
 (c) Vijay Seshadri (d) Jhumpa Lahiri
12. Which of the following statements is/are correct?  
 1. Professor Kamal Bawa was conferred with the Midori Prize (2014) for biodiversity for his research on climate change in the Himalayas.  
 2. Midori Prize is an annual international prize given to an individual for outstanding contribution to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity at global, regional or local levels.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. Carefully read the following passage and identify the person referred to in that:  
*Her best known works are 'the Golden Notebook', 'Memoirs of a Survivor' and 'the Summer Before the Dark'. She was the oldest recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature.*  
 (a) Alice Munro (b) Doris Lessing  
 (c) Herta Muller (d) Elfriede Jelinek
14. Consider the following statements about Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development:  
 1. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, was selected for the Prize for the year 2013.
2. The award is accorded annually to individuals only.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
15. Which one of the following States will host the Nobel Prize Series—India 2018 (Science Impacts Life) Exhibition?  
 (a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan  
 (c) Goa (d) Madhya Pradesh
16. Amartya Sen was awarded the Nobel Prize for his contribution to:  
 (a) Monetary Economics  
 (b) Welfare Economics  
 (c) Environmental Economics  
 (d) Development Economics
17. Which one of the following is a Peacetime Gallantry Award?  
 (a) Shaurya Chakra (b) Vir Chakra  
 (c) Yudh Seva Medal (d) Param Vir Chakra
18. Which one of the following temples of India has won the 'UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit, 2017' for cultural heritage conservation?  
 (a) Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati  
 (b) Sri Ranganathaswami Temple, Srirangam  
 (c) Meenakshi Temple, Madurai  
 (d) Kedarnath Temple, Kedarnath
19. E. K. Janaki Ammal National Award on Taxonomy is administered by the:  
 (a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
 (b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy  
 (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
 (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
20. "The Sasakawa Award" of United Nations is given in recognition of the work done in the field of:  
 (a) Disaster Reduction (b) Peace Keeping  
 (c) Health Services (d) Poverty Alleviation

### Answer Key

|         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (c)  | 2. (a)  | 3. (a)  | 4. (a)  | 5. (b)  | 6. (b)  | 7. (b)  | 8. (b)  | 9. (c)  | 10. (d) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (a) | 13. (b) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (b) | 17. (a) | 18. (b) | 19. (d) | 20. (a) |

### Answers with Explanations

**1. Option (c) is correct.**

**Explanation:** Sudarshan Sahoo is an Indian sculptor from Puri in the state of Odisha. In 2021, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan. Sudarshan Sahoo created the Puri Crafts Museum. It was founded in 1977. In 1981, he received the National Award for stone carving. In 1988, he was awarded the Padma Shri. In 2003, he received the Shilp Guru Award. Tarlochan Singh is a politician from India who was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2021.

**2. Option (a) is correct.**

**Explanation:** Silver is a major component of modern Olympic gold medals. Gold medals are awarded for first place in the Olympics, silver for second place, and bronze for third place. However, these medals are not made of the mineral after which they are

named. Silver is used to make both gold and silver medals. The gold medals are then gold-plated. Medal Composition for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics: - Gold Medal: It has over 6 gram of gold plating on pure silver. Silver: It is made entirely of silver. Bronze is made of red brass (95% copper, 5% zinc).

**3. Option (a) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The Nobel Peace Prize 2016 was awarded to Juan Manuel Santos "for his resolute efforts to bring the country's more than 50-year-long civil war to an end"

**4. Option (a) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

**2021 French Open**

- Novak Djokovic defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final to win the men's singles tennis title at



the 2021 French Open. It was his second French Open title.

5. **Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:** Francis crick and James watson along with maurice Hugh Fredrick william shared and received noble prize for their discovery of molecular structure of DNA by giving the famous double helical model of DNA.

6. **Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

- The Param Vir Chakra (PVC) is India's highest military decoration which was awarded for displaying distinguished acts of valour during wartime.
- It is the highest gallantry award for officers and other enlisted personnel of all military branches of India. Civilians are not eligible for this honour. The Victoria Cross (VC) which was the highest award for gallantry in the British Empire was extended to Indians in 1911.
- The British honours and awards system in India informally came to an end after independence.
- Param Vir Chakra is equivalent to the Victoria Cross which is given in the United Kingdom and the Medal of honour in the United States.
- Similarly, The Param Vir Chakra is the equivalent award of the Medal of Honour in the United States and the Victoria Cross the highest award for gallantry in the British empire which was extended to Indians in 1911.
- Further Param Vir Chakra replaced the British Victoria Award.

7. **Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

**Bharat Ratna 2019 Award Winners :** Pranab Mukherjee, Bhupen Hazarika, Nanaji Deshmukh.

- The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the Country which was Instituted on 2 January, 1954.
- The award is conferred in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex.
- The award was originally given to the achievements in the field of arts, literature, science and public services but the government expanded the criteria to include.
- In December 2011, the government expanded the criteria with the inclusion of any field of human endeavour.
- The recommendations for the Bharat Ratna are made by the real government of the country *i.e.*, Prime Minister to the President.
- In a year, maximum of three nominees being awarded.
- The recipients receive a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a peepal leaf-shaped medallion.
- There is no monetary grant associated with the award.

8. **Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

The 66<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards ceremony was the award ceremony which took place in 2019 to honour the best films of 2018, in the Indian cinema.

**List of 66<sup>th</sup> National film awards 2019 Winners**

- **Best Film :** Hellaro
- **Best Hindi Film :** Andhadhun
- **Best Direction :** Aditya Dhar (Uri)
- **Best Actor :** Ayushmann Khurrana, Vicky Kaushal
- **Best Actress :** Keerthy Suresh

9. **Option (c) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

- The 45<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India was held on 20 to 30 November 2014 in Goa.
- Golden Peacock Award: "Leviathan" by "Andrey Zvyagintsev". It is a 2014 Russian.
- Silver Peacock Award: "Ek Hazarachi Note" by Shrihari Sathe.

10. **Option (d) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

**Legion of Merit**

- It is a military award of the United States Armed Forces.
- It is also the first U.S. medal to be awarded to citizens of other countries.
- It is given for exceptional service, fidelity, and loyalty in combat or noncombat roles.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Legion of Merit' by U.S. President Donald Trump in 2020 for his role in encouraging the India-U.S. relationship

11. **Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:** Gobind Behari Lal was a journalist and independence activist. He participated in the Indian Independence Movement by joining the Ghadar Party. Later, he went to the United States on a scholarship to study. After that, he worked as a science editor for Hearst Newspapers. In 1937, he became the first Indian to win the Pulitzer Prize.

12. **Option (a) is correct.**

**Explanation:** From the above, only Statement (1) is true regarding Professor Kamal Bawa. Kamal Bawa is an Indian scientist and ecologist. He was awarded the prestigious Midori Prize for his intellectual contribution to biodiversity. He has authored about 200 research articles and 10 books on biodiversity hotspot conservation and rural livelihoods.

13. **Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The above paragraph is concerned with Doris Lessing. Doris May Lessing was a British novelist who was awarded Nobel Prize in Literature 2007. She received the prize at the age of 88 years 52 days, making her the oldest winner of the literature prize at the time of the award.

14. **Option (a) is correct.**

**Explanation:** From the above options, only 1 statement is true regarding Indira Gandhi Prize. German chancellor Angela Merkel was selected for Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2013. The award was given to for

her exemplary leadership in Europe and the world during the financial crisis and her stewardship of the economic growth in Germany. The Gandhi peace prize is awarded to groups, organizations, institutes, or individuals for their contribution to the society towards economic growth, social growth, and political transformation through non-violence and Gandhian methods. Thus, Second statement is not true.

**15. Option (c) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

Goa hosted the Nobel Prize Series - India 2018 exhibition.

- The Nobel Prize Series is an exciting initiative which brings together Nobel Laureates and eminent scientists to stimulate innovation and creative thinking amongst young students of science.
- The Department of Biotechnology under Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, has collaborated, with Nobel Media AB, Sweden to hold the Nobel Prize series in India for five years.
- The very first edition of the Nobel Prize Series in India was held in partnership with government of Gujarat as a part of Vibrant Gujarat held in Gandhinagar from January 9-13-2017.
- The second edition of the Nobel Prize Series- India 2018 will be held at Panaji, Goa in partnership with government of Goa on February 1-2-2018.

**16. Option (b) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Amartya Sen was awarded the Nobel Prize for his contribution to welfare economics. He was awarded the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his contributions to welfare economics and social choice theory and for his interest in the problems of the society's poorest members.

**17. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

Peacetime awards - Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Shaurya Chakra.

- **Ashoka Chakra:** It is one of the highest peacetime military decorations awarded for valor, courageous action or sacrifice.
- **Kirti Chakra:** It is the second highest peacetime gallantry award and is awarded for valor, courageous action and for self-sacrifice away from the field of battle.
- **Shaurya Chakra:** It is awarded to the personnel of the armed forces for instances of extraordinary gallantry.

**18. Option (b) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Sri Ranganathaswami Temple, Srirangam of India has won the 'UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit, 2017' for culture heritage conservation. The main reason for the temple to win the UN award was use of traditional methods in renovating its structure and reestablishment of rainwater harvesting and historic drainage system, and to augment water and prevent flooding. With this, it has become the first temple in Tamil Nadu to be given the prestigious award from the UN body. The temple has the unique distinction of being the foremost among the 108 Divya Desams dedicated to god Vishnu and is located on an island between the Kollidam and Kaveri rivers.

**19. Option (d) is correct.**

*Explanation:* 'E.K. Janaki Ammal National Award on Taxonomy' is given in order to encourage work of excellence in taxonomy and also to encourage young students and scholars to work in the field of science. This award was named after the late Pro. E.K. Janaki Ammal. It was instituted in the year 1999. It carries a felicitation of 1,00,000/- in cash along with a citation, a scroll and a medallion. The award is presented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

**20. Option (a) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

The United Nations Sasakawa Award is the most prestigious international award in the area of Disaster Risk Management.

- It was instituted more than 30 years ago and is jointly organized by the UNDRR and the Nippon Foundation.
- An entire grant of USD 50,000 is distributed among the winners which may be either organizations or people.
- The theme of the 2019 Sasakawa award was "Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies". UNDRR received over 61 nominations from 31 countries for the 2019 award.
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) conferred Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India. The winners were announced at an Awards ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland, during the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, convened by the UNDRR.