INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD ACADEMY
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MATHEMATICAL KANGAROO COMPETITION

- Pre-Ecolier,Ecolier, Benjamin, Cadet, Junior and Student (Grade- 1 to 12):
  - The exam duration is 90 minutes.
  - Students securing 95% & above in the first round, will participate in the final round.
  - Any student who achieves a perfect score (100%) in the Final Round will receive a Perfect Score Award and a cash prize of USD 100.
  - For students in grades 1 to 4, there are 24 questions in total, with 8 questions per section with five options for each question.
  - For students in grades 5 to 12, there are 30 questions in total, with 10 questions per section with five options for each question.
  - There are three levels of increasing difficulty in each of the three categories.
  - One mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer; there will be no penalty for skipping a question.
  - Based on the level of difficulty, the following points are awarded:
- **Section-A (Easy):** 3 points for each correct answer.
- **Section-B (Medium):** 4 points for each correct answer.
- **Section-C (Hard):** 5 points for each correct answer.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

- Einstein, Newton, Darwin, Faraday, Edison and Franklin (Grade 1 to 12)
  - The exam duration is 90 minutes.
  - Students securing 95% & above in the first round, will participate in the final round.
  - Any student who achieves a perfect score (100%) in the Final Round will receive a Perfect Score Award and a cash prize of USD 100.
  - For students in grades 1 to 4, there are 24 questions in total, with 8 questions per section with five options for each question.
  - For students in grades 5 to 12, there are 30 questions in total, with 10 questions per section with five options for each question.
  - There are three levels of increasing difficulty in each of the three categories.
  - There will be a one-point deduction for each incorrect answer, and there will be no penalty for skipping a question.
  - Based on the level of difficulty, the following points are awarded:
- **Section-A (Easy):** 3 points for each correct answer.
- **Section-B (Medium):** 4 points for each correct answer.
- **Section-C (Hard):** 5 points for each correct answer.

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HIPPO ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

PRELIMINARY ROUND

The exams for the Olympiad's Preliminary round will be divided into two sections: a reading comprehension test (multiple choice questions) and an English usage test. The table below shows the maximum time allowed for each part.

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
USE OF ENGLISH MC	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)

Maximum allowed times per category and part:

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes
USE OF ENGLISH MC	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes

NATIONAL FINAL ROUND

- The top 10% of competitors from each participating country will be invited to the National Final round after the Preliminary round tests have been marked. The list of National Finalists will be expanded to include all the students whose number of points is the same as the number of points of the last students in the first 10%.
- Wildcards are available for countries where no student qualifies for the Final round and will be granted to the best candidate in each category from the country.
- The exam level for the final round will be one CEFR level higher than the one in the preliminary round. The tests for the national finals of the Olympiad will consist of a reading test, a writing test (30 questions) and an essay (except for Little Hippo).
- There is only one correct answer to every question. In open-ended questions, where there can be more than one correct answer, all correct answers will be accepted. There are no negative marks. Ranking is based on the average number of marks achieved on both the reading and the writing test.
- The writing test will consist of a free-writing task (100–200 words depending on the category) and 30 questions.

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
WRITING	30 questions (1.5 points each)	30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 3 0 questions (1.5 points each)

- Maximum allowed times per category and part:

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes
WRITING	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

REGIONAL QUALIFIER ROUND

- The candidate who will be selected for the Regional Qualifier round, exam information will be provided by **www.soa-htc.org**
- During the Regional Qualifier round of the Hippo test of English, candidates must complete a crossword puzzle and 30 open-ended use of English questions. The official Hippo website, **http://www.hippo-thecontest.org/** contains samples for the Hippo test of English.

FINAL ROUND

- In the Olympiad's Final round, the candidates take a Gatehouse Awards exam, which covers all four skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The GA Writing test will only be marked for certification purposes, it will not be used to decide on a Final round ranking list.
- In addition to the four GA examinations, candidates also complete a 30-question test on the use of English. The result of this test will only be used for Final round ranking purposes and will not affect the GA examination qualification score.
- Past papers/ test samples are available at **http://www.hippo-thecontest.org/** The exam level for the Final round will be one CEFR level higher than the Preliminary round exam level, which is similar to the test for the Semi-Final round.

The Final round will be held in Assisi, Italy, in September 2027

- All candidates and their teachers will receive complimentary/free three-day half-board accommodations.
- Finalists are expected to arrive the day before the examinations begin. The examinations will be held over two days, and the announcement of winners and awarding ceremony will be held on the evening of the second examination day.
- Parents who wish to accompany their children must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements as the hotels where the students will be accommodated are only reserved for the Olympiad participants.
- A week prior to the Final round, at the latest, the program for the Final round will be announced on **http://www.hippo-thecontest.org/**
- Finalists will be contacted and helped with organizing their travel.

Negative Marking: There is only one correct answer to every question. There are no negative marks. The average score obtained in each test is used to determine the ranking.