

# Electoral Knowledge Test

To promote engagement with electoral processes, the Indian Journal of Electoral Studies introduces a quiz section in each edition. This feature aims to test and enhance readers' knowledge of various aspects of the election processes, including electoral institutions, laws, procedures and historical developments. Readers are invited to participate and assess their understanding of democratic governance.

- Assertion (A): Transfers of election-related officers are restricted after MCC comes into force. Reason (R): Administrative neutrality is essential for free and fair elections.**
  - Both A and R are true and R explains A
  - Both true but R not explanation
  - A true, R false
  - A false, R true
- Canvassing within what distance of a polling station is considered a corrupt practice?**
  - 50 metres
  - 75 metres
  - 100 metres
  - 200 metres
- The Election Commission was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950.**
  - True
  - False
- In which year was the Model Code of Conduct first introduced in India?**
  - 1957
  - 1960
  - 1962
  - 1971
- Assertion (A): VVPAT increases transparency in the electoral process. Reason (R): It allows voters to verify that their vote has been recorded correctly.**
  - Both true and R explains A
  - Both true but R not explanation
  - A true R false
  - A false R true
- In the 2024 General Election, the world's highest polling station was set up in:**
  - Leh
  - Tawang
  - Tashigang
  - Kargil
- The Model Code of Conduct is legally enforceable by statute.**
  - True
  - False
- The voting age in India was reduced to 18 years by the \_\_ Amendment.**
  - 42nd Amendment
  - 44th Amendment
  - 61st Amendment
  - 73rd Amendment
- Assertion (A): National Voter's Day is celebrated on 25 January. Reason (R): The Election Commission of India was established on that date.**
  - Both true and R explains A
  - Both true but R not explanation
  - A true R false
  - A false R true
- At the time of scrutiny of nominations, how many representatives of a candidate can be present apart from the candidate himself?**
  - One
  - Two
  - Three
  - Four
- It is permissible to use temples, mosques, churches or other places of worship for election campaigning.**
  - True
  - False
- The application used to report MCC violations is \_\_\_\_.**
  - Voter Helpline App
  - cVIGIL App
  - e-EPIC App
  - NVSP App
- Assertion (A): The Election Commission ensures free and fair elections in India. Reason (R): Article 324 grants powers to the Election Commission.**
  - Both true and R explains A
  - Both true but R not explanation
  - A true R false
  - A false R true
- Who was the first woman Chief Election Commissioner of India?**
  - Leela Desai
  - S.K. Bedi
  - V.S. Ramadevi
  - Meera Iyer

- 15. The use of loudspeakers during election campaigning is subject to permission and local law restrictions.**  
 a) True  
 b) False
- 16. Organisers of a public meeting should deal with disruptive persons by \_\_\_\_\_.**  
 a) Physically removing them  
 b) Taking immediate action through party officials  
 c) Seeking assistance from police on duty  
 d) Allowing party workers to handle the situation
- 17. Assertion (A): Simultaneous elections are debated in India.**  
**Reason (R): They may reduce election expenditure and administrative burden.**  
 a) Both true and R explains A  
 b) Both true but R not explanation  
 c) A true R false  
 d) A false R true
- 18. Which of the following colours are permitted for dummy ballot units prepared by candidates for the purpose of educating the voters?**  
 a) Red, blue or black  
 b) Green or white only  
 c) Brown, yellow or grey  
 d) Any colour matching party symbol
- 19. An election booth can be set up within 200 metres of a polling station if space is limited.**  
 a) True  
 b) False
- 20. Political parties are registered under Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.**  
 a) Section 8  
 b) Section 29A  
 c) Section 123  
 d) Section 77
- 21. Assertion (A): Model Code of Conduct applies to political parties and candidates.**  
**Reason (R): It aims to maintain fairness in elections.**  
 a) Both true and R explains A  
 b) Both true but R not explanation  
 c) A true R false  
 d) A false R true
- 22. Identity slips distributed by political parties to voters should:**  
 a) Contain party symbol and candidate name  
 b) Be printed on coloured paper with symbol  
 c) Be on plain white paper without symbol, candidate name or party name  
 d) Include party slogans
- 23. Assertion (A): EVMs reduce invalid votes.**  
**Reason (R): Ballot papers often resulted in rejected votes.**  
 a) Both true and R explains A  
 b) Both true but R not explanation  
 c) A true R false  
 d) A false R true
- 24. Under which legal provision do Star Campaigners receive expenditure benefit for their travel during election campaigning?**  
 a) Section 123, R.P. Act, 1951  
 b) Section 77(1), R.P. Act, 1951  
 c) Section 33, R.P. Act, 1951  
 d) Section 171B, IPC
- 25. Assertion (A): Voter turnout is a key indicator of democratic participation.**  
**Reason (R): Higher turnout reflects greater political engagement.**  
 a) Both true and R explains A  
 b) Both true but R not explanation  
 c) A true R false  
 d) A false R true
- 26. Which of the following is prohibited under the Model Code of Conduct?**  
 a) Criticizing rival party policies  
 b) Appealing to caste or communal feelings for votes  
 c) Discussing past performance of other parties  
 d) Debating public issues in rallies
- 27. Assertion (A): Election Commission regulates political parties.**  
**Reason (R): Parties must register under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.**  
 a) Both true and R explains A  
 b) Both true but R not explanation  
 c) A true R false  
 d) A false R true
- 28. Assertion (A): Security deposit discourages non-serious candidates.**  
**Reason (R): Deposit is forfeited if candidate fails to secure minimum votes.**  
 a) Both true and R explains A  
 b) Both true but R not explanation  
 c) A true R false  
 d) A false R true

**Answer Key**

The correct answers are as follows:

- 1-a, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b, 5-a, 6-c, 7-b, 8-c, 9-a, 10-c, 11-b, 12-b, 13-a, 14-c, 15-a, 16-c, 17-a, 18-c, 19-b, 20-b, 21-a, 22-c, 23-a, 24-b, 25-a, 26-b, 27-a and 28-a.

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