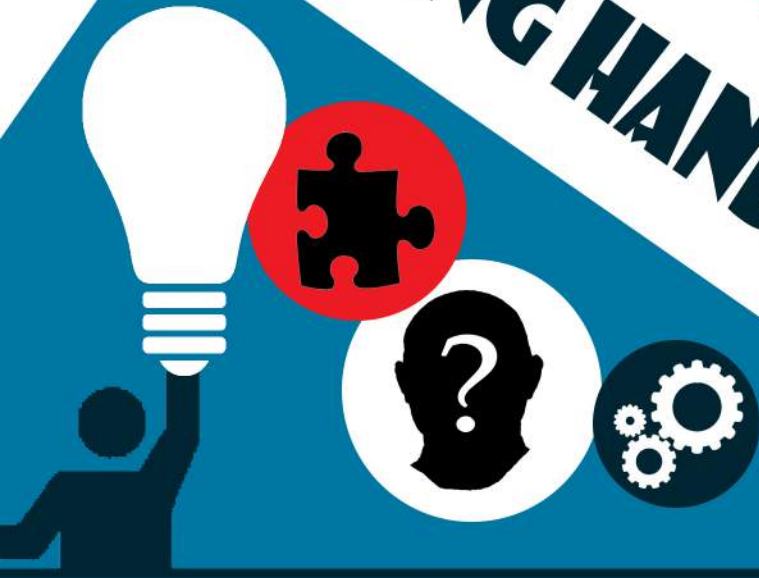


# QUIZOSPHERE



## A QUIZZING HANDBOOK



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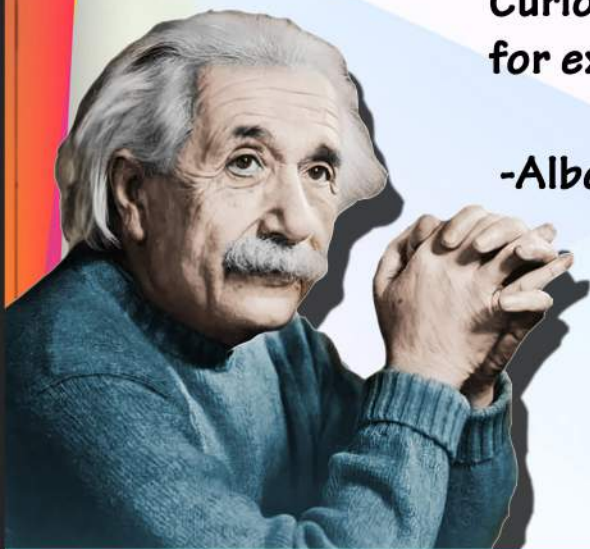
**“The secret of life is not enjoyment, but education through experience.”**

**-Swami Vivekananda**



**“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”**

**-Albert Einstein**



## PREFACE

This handbook intends to give a basic idea of quizzing to a quizzing enthusiast who is at the beginning of this wonderful journey. This booklet covers the fundamentals of the quizzing world, its brief history and contemporary status.

The idea of Quizosphere evolved from the requirement for a common platform providing the basic information about quizzing, a platform that updates you regularly with the changes in this game of mind, and one that gives a space to the quizzers around the world to express their thoughts, concerns and updates regarding quizzing.

This is the very first edition of Quizosphere, and like any new initiative, it may contain some flaws, which would certainly be corrected in upcoming editions. Also the lists provided here are by no means exhaustive and additions will be made. Suggestions and improvements from the readers are welcome.

In this process of publishing Quizosphere, we met many eminent persons of quizzing world, Quizosphere team expresses its gratitude for their precious time and advice.

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## KNOW THE PUBLISHERS

Quizzing is the very art of answering the quest of knowledge. It is a way of tickling brains and wrecking the nerves, so much that one is satiated to the core but is still left gasping for more.

As John Holt puts it "Ask questions to know something about the world itself, not to find out whether or not someone knows it." We at Quizzers' Club MANIT (QCM) aim for the same.

QCM is the official Quizzing Society of Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal. We try to bring like-minded quizzing enthusiasts together on a platform for mutual sharing of ideas and probing the globe of knowledge.

Since its establishment in 2013, QCM has covered a breakthrough journey characterized by exciting and intriguing events, which have left an indelible mark on the quizzing scene of Bhopal. QCM has always attempted to conduct events that arouse interest amongst all sections of the student community. Apart from its own quizzes, QCM also cooperates with like-minded Institutions and Clubs across the country, with the aim to nurture a quizzing culture and take Quizzing to the next level.

## VISION

- To make people think!!

Think about themselves, think about their surroundings, think about the earth and think about the universe. Being aware is a boon in today's world and once we start thinking, we enhance our ability to move above the prejudiced opinions of others and create an ideology, which is our very own.

- To develop a unique quiz culture in Bhopal and Central India by providing a platform to the quizzing enthusiasts to showcase and improve their talents and skills.
- Bringing together people who strive for excellence and to inculcate a spirit of competitiveness among them.



## OUR EVENTS

**JIGYASA:** Jigyasa is the flagship annual Inter-College Quiz organised by QCM in which students from the most prestigious colleges of Bhopal such as AIIMS, NIFT, NLIU, IIFM, IISER, SPA & MANIT compete to be recognized as the best quizzing brains of the city.

**VIHAAN:** Vihaan is the annual Fresher's quiz organised by QCM exclusively for the first year students of the college. It aims at introducing the students to the quizzing environment of the institute and preparing them for competing in the regional and national level quizzes.

**Abhigyaan:** Abhigyaan is the annual Inter-School Quiz organized by QCM. In its inaugural year itself, around 30 schools from Bhopal participated in this quiz. The quiz saw some enticing contests between prodigious young brains from class 9th to 12th, displaying exemplary talent and intellect at such a young age.

**Guest Lectures:** The club organises guest lectures from time to time for the benefit of the students. Several eminent individuals, including the alumni of our institute who have reached notable heights like IES, IAS and IPS have shared their experiences with the students and inspired them to strive for excellence.

## OUR ASSOCIATES

**Xpress Minds:** QCM in association with Xpress Minds organised the INTACH Heritage Quiz 2014, Bhopal City Round. The purpose of the quiz was to impart the knowledge of Indian culture and heritage to the students who seem to be forgetting the values of our culture.

**Quiz Society, Shri Ram College of Commerce:** QCM hosted the Bhopal City qualifying rounds for Illume '15, the Annual Quiz Fest of the Quiz Society, and Shri Ram College of Commerce in January 2015.

**Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti, MANIT:** Swami Vivekananda Quiz was an inter college quiz organised by QCM on the occasion of Vivekananda's birth anniversary. The quiz had questions related to the life and work of Swamiji. It was aimed at making students aware of the stature that Swamiji held and helped in spreading his ideas and understanding of religion.

## WHAT IS QUIZZING?

Quizzing is all about curiosity, it is the alacrity to find the answer of any question. Question might not be always pertaining to significant subjects; it can be anything, beyond the one's imaginations. In simpler words, you just put a question mark at the end of a sentence and it becomes a quiz. So, let's break this myth that quizzing is the geek's game. Quizzing is the game for all those who are eager about anything; it might be anything from Food to lifestyle, philosophy to entertainment, politics to sports, cartoon characters to environment etc. What matters in quizzing is not only how much information you have, but also how you interpret and use that information and this process requires effort, a brain exercise which is the essence of quizzing!! A quizzer enjoys this brainstorming, the thirst to find answer anyhow, then it doesn't matter how much time it consumes!! Sometime we stuck on same question for hours to reach the solution; this is real fun of quizzing, journey to the answer.

From a quizmaster's point of view, quizzing is puzzling its participants by twisting even a very simple question to a conundrum; it is the joy of trapping him by asking a silly question in a mysterious way. A quizmaster can tease his participant by his skills of asking question by giving a totally new colour so that even after having sufficient knowledge of topic, he gets stuck! This gives him real joy of quizzing. Asking a difficult question gives an excuse to participant, but one can't pretend when asked a basic question.

Since the early college days, I was fascinated about thrill of quizzing, I used to participate in different quizzes of Bhopal occasionally, gradually my interest towards the game grew deeper and deeper, I was a regular quizzer of Central Library Quiz events, also acted as quizmaster in many events in and outside Bhopal. But the unavailability of any quizzing society/club in college used to bother me; students of MANIT had no exposure to this brilliant game of mind. So, I along with my few batch mates and juniors decided to form Quizzers' Club in 2013. Dr. Pushpendra Yadav supported us in every manner and laid the foundation of this club. Since then this club has progressed fast, in a very short time it has achieved prestigious status in the college. Quizzers' Club has become synonym of quizzing events in the region and its popularity is rising rapidly. But still, Club has to go a long journey. It has to pave its way to become finest quizzing Club of Central India, followed by India. Best wishes!!

–Shivendra Singh (Founder member of QCM)



## BENEFITS OF QUIZZING

Generally, quizzes are thought to be a game or competition in which the general or specific knowledge of the players is tested by a series of questions. However, there is a lot more to it than that. There are many benefits of quizzing. Some of the benefits are:-

- Quizzing greatly helps in improving your comprehension skills. People usually get thrown off track when they see a lot of things on a single slide/screen. Quizzes train you to look in the right places.
- Quizzing increases your observation power. Once we attend quiz, our observation power increases. We tend to observe important things from trivial news or information also.
- Quizzing helps in improving our retaining power. There is clear evidence from psychological experiments that practicing retrieval of something after learning it, for instance by taking a quiz or test, makes you more likely to retain it for the long term.
- Quizzing help in building competitive spirit in children.
- It helps in developing self-confidence. One of the things quizzing does is allow a young person to do all the work to prepare for a quiz and then confidently present themselves in the context of a quiz. This happens because while the quiz is going on they are much less conscious of what is going on around them and who might be watching. After quizzing for a while this becomes so comfortable that even giving a wrong answer doesn't faze the quizzier. This confidence and comfort level easily transfers to other situations because an import attribute has developed in the person - confidence in themselves and their ability.
- It make quizzers develop their reading habits to allow for a deeper study, to understand how the things they read/heard/watched were connected, their contexts, histories, influences and culminations. You couldn't get away with just knowing a bunch of facts. Suddenly, it was not enough to know that a bird had blue plumage; you needed to know that blue plumage is not from pigments, but from dispersion of light by transparent feathers.
- It helps in developing a better understanding of how things used to be, and how they came to be what they are.



- Quizzing sharpens our ability to identify the relationships, similarities, differences, etc. in the things we encounter, and our ability to draw logical inferences from them.
- Opportunity or refrain from it. This attribute can be learned from a quiz.
- Listen to the questions first. Answering before listening to question is one the biggest mistake done by contestants. In life also, analysing the problem is must.
- Sometimes there are situations where you have to take risks in a quiz. So is the case with life also. Taking Risks is essential for success. That shows the attitude to win and confidence on your knowledge / skills.
- Knowledge is important, but your attitude is everything. How we look at things, whether we make right decisions at right time or not. Whether we refrain or take risks at right time. We might know the answers, but if we don't hit buzzer at the right time, we lose.
- Quizzes also help in developing a team spirit.
- Finally, it does allow us to appreciate things. Only after knowing a thing we can realize it's worth and appreciate it.

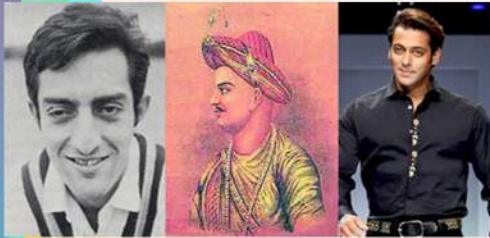
## QUIZ-FACT 1

There is a well-known myth about the word quiz that says that in 1791 a Dublin theatre owner named James Daly made a bet that he could introduce a word into the language within twenty-four hours. He then went out and hired a group of street urchins to write the word "quiz", which was a nonsense word, on walls around the city of Dublin. Within a day, the word was common currency and had acquired a meaning (since no one knew what it meant, everyone thought it was some sort of test) and Daly had some extra cash in his pocket.

## QUIZ TIME!!

### Question 1

How can you connect these three people?



### Question 2

India is the birthplace of X. The original word for "X" is the Sanskrit word Chaturanga, meaning "four members of an army". What is X??

### Question 3

The holy book of Jews is .....

### Question 4

Also India's second permanent research station in Antarctica, what was the name of India's operation to assist Nepal in the aftermath of the massive 2015 earthquake?

### Question 5

On 9th August 1925, an Indian Patriot Organisation named X, looted a train near a place known as Y, Y is 22 km away from Lucknow. X consisted of Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqullah Khan. Identify X and Y.

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Mail your Answers to [quizzersclubmanit@gmail.com](mailto:quizzersclubmanit@gmail.com) First to answer all questions correctly will be rewarded.



## QUIZZING AS AN ART..

*"There is no such thing as an art there are only artists".*

*How many wives did King Henry VIII have? What words are etched on the tombstone of Heisenberg? Who came up with the string theory?*

*To the heaving mass of non-quizzers these questions may seem trivial. However, to a quizzer, these questions are the way of connecting the dots, of staying curious and changing the way we learn. For most quizzers, quizzing is a passion, an intellectual exercise to feed the mind and soul, a way to sharpen their ability, to identify relationship, similarities and differences in the things they encounter, and to improve their ability to draw logical inferences from them. Most quizzers start young, banking on huge amounts of data and relentless memorization. It starts as a hobby, the 'fun' of working out a question, the thrill of having an intellectual edge to their peers. Slowly and steadily, this allows for their reading habits to grow in such a way that they facilitate a deeper study of almost everything. Quizzing then becomes the only outsource of all this knowledge. We know the only two South American countries that are land locked. But what is the use of that fact unless we share it with their friends as well as rivals. Even as we grow up, for most of us quizzing remains an asylum, the thing we keep reverting back to, for it is like playing an instrument, a means of self expression.*

*In short, for some, it is a test of growth in knowledge and for some, it is a sport in which one tries to answer correctly. Nevertheless, it is also an "ART" one acquired through practice and the application of his/her creative skills and imagination.*

## QUIZ-FACT 2

*The largest quiz, according to Guinness, was the "Quiz for Life", held at the Flanders Expo Halls in Ghent, Belgium, on 11 December 2010 with 2,280 participants..*

## INTERNET OF QUIZZING



In this busy life, it is not always possible to participate in offline quizzes; hence to feed mind's curiosity, online quizzing is indispensable. Online quizzing is one of the great experiences on the internet. The best part of online quizzes is that, the necessity of remembering answers is eliminated and we can explore the medium for our answers. The Internet based quizzes are an endless sphere and there is always something extra to do. The competition may be for any domain and any type of question from general knowledge to internet stuff.

However, when we search for a good quizzing stuff online, we might encounter certain roadblocks. Many of these sites may be obsolete, while others might be disorganized. It becomes tough to find the one that satisfies one's need and thirst for quizzing. Therefore, QCM, after thorough research recommends the following quizzing sites, blogs, smart phone Apps and Facebook pages, which provide a good quizzing experience and some of them, do provide cool prizes.



### SITES

Name	URL
Quiz Blogs	<a href="http://www.quizblogs.com">www.quizblogs.com</a>
Funtrivia	<a href="http://www.funtrivia.com">www.funtrivia.com</a>
Dare2Compete	<a href="http://dare2compete.com">dare2compete.com</a>
Daily GK Capsule	<a href="http://www.dailygkcapsule.com">www.dailygkcapsule.com</a>
Playbuzz	<a href="http://Playbuzz.com">Playbuzz.com</a>
Tatacrucible	<a href="http://www.tatacrucible.com">www.tatacrucible.com</a>
Jetpunk	<a href="http://www.jetpunk.com">www.jetpunk.com</a>
Sporcle	<a href="http://www.sporcle.com">www.sporcle.com</a>
Quiz magic	<a href="http://www.quiz-magic.com">www.quiz-magic.com</a>
OnlineQuizPortal	<a href="http://www.onlinequizportal.com">www.onlinequizportal.com</a>
Proprof	<a href="http://www.proprofs.com">www.proprofs.com</a>
Thatquiz	<a href="http://www.thatquiz.org">www.thatquiz.org</a>
Businessquiz	<a href="http://www.thebusinessquiz.com">www.thebusinessquiz.com</a>
Guess the Logo	<a href="http://www.guessthelogo.com">www.guessthelogo.com</a>
Dailygrill	<a href="http://thedailygrill.in">thedailygrill.in</a>



### APPS

Quizup
Battle of Minds
Quizot
Trivia Burst
Jeopardy!
MovieCat 2
Sporcle
QuizBoard
Trivia Crack
You Don't Know Jack
Quizoid
Pointless Quiz
Guess The Song
Logo Quiz

### QUIZ-FACT 3

The highest rated quiz competition in India is 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' and in the world is 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'.



## FACEBOOK PAGES / GROUPS

PAGE/GROUP NAME	URL
Quizzically Qurious	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/QuizzicallyQurious">www.facebook.com/QuizzicallyQurious</a>
Quizzers	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/quiz/">www.facebook.com/groups/quiz/</a>
eQuizzix	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/eQuizzix?ref=stream">www.facebook.com/eQuizzix?ref=stream</a>
Quizonix	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Quizonix/140573139362479">www.facebook.com/pages/Quizonix/140573139362479</a>
Techquizzin	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/techquizzin">www.facebook.com/techquizzin</a>

## QUIZZING BLOGS

Blog Name	URL
Infinite Zounds	<a href="http://infinitezounds.blogspot.com">infinitezounds.blogspot.com</a>
Bombay Quiz Club	<a href="http://bombayquiz.blogspot.com">bombayquiz.blogspot.com</a>
KQA	<a href="http://kqaquizzes.livejournal.com">kqaquizzes.livejournal.com</a>
Boat Club Quiz Club	<a href="http://notesandstones.blogspot.in">notesandstones.blogspot.in</a>
SEQC	<a href="http://seqc.blogspot.in/">seqc.blogspot.in/</a>
NSIT	<a href="http://nsit-qc.blogspot.in/">nsit-qc.blogspot.in/</a>
BVM	<a href="http://bvmquizzers.blogspot.in">bvmquizzers.blogspot.in</a>
QFactor	<a href="http://www.aecqfactor.com">www.aecqfactor.com</a>
IIT Kanpur	<a href="http://qciitk.wordpress.com">qciitk.wordpress.com</a>
Quizloverspot	<a href="http://quizloverspot.blogspot.in">quizloverspot.blogspot.in</a>
The Original Business Quizzing	<a href="http://theoriginalquizzing.blogspot.in">theoriginalquizzing.blogspot.in</a>
BIZ QUIZZARD	<a href="http://bizquizzard.blogspot.in">bizquizzard.blogspot.in</a>
India Business Quiz	<a href="http://indiabusinessquiz.com">indiabusinessquiz.com</a>
Quiz Blog	<a href="http://quizblog.in">quizblog.in</a>

## QUIZ-FACT 4

There are about 700 different types of quizzes that are popular around the world. How many do you know? :P

## QUIZZING IN INDIA

India is said to be the land of scholars, Intellectuals and saints. It is the country where chess originated; it is the country which invented zero; country which has very prosperous legacy of knowledge and science. This is the only reason why India is said to have the status of Vishwa Guru in ancient days, then how it can remain behind in this game of mind. One can say that, formally, quizzing in India spread in post-independence era, but as an Indian, we must recognise that quizzing in India had long roots. It is just the matter of perception, according to me the very first experience of quizzing I got, was from the stories of Vikram and Betal, the stories of Akbar and Birbal, where the entire story revolves around a question and in effort to find its solution. This is nothing but quizzing!!

Talking about modern India, Quizzing in India started way back in 1967 when Neil O'Brien, regarded as the "Father of Indian quizzing" conducted the first open formal quiz in a small church hall in Kolkata, inspired from pub quiz culture in England. On 12 April 1972, Bournvita Quiz Contest, for high school students, become the first quiz show to be broadcast on radio in India; it was among the most popular programmes in the region. Hamid Sayani, followed by his brother Ameen, were the show's first quizmasters. However, of late it has become synonymous with Derek O'Brien, its current quizmaster.

The first TV quiz show to become nationally popular was "Quiz Time," which had its first season in 1985, Quizmaster of this show Siddhartha Basu, labelled as the "grandfather of the quiz game show in India." In 2000, the "Kaun Banega Crorepati" quiz, modelled after UK's 'who wants to be a Millionaire?' directed by basu having charismatic Amitabh Bachchan as quizmaster.

The most recent development in Indian quizzing is victory of Vikram Joshi in World Quizzing Championship. He is the first Indian to hold this record.

### THINK AND ANSWER..

Connect the dots.





## SOME FAMOUS INDIAN QUIZMASTERS

### 1. SIDDHARTHA BASU

He is considered as the father of television quiz shows in India

- Producer-director of shows like Kaun Banega Crorepati or Dus Ka Dum

- Hosted the first nationally telecasted TV quiz show ,Quiz Time.

- Apart from the Indian television shows, Mr. Basu is known to host live multimedia quiz contests, Mastermind India and University Challenge on BBC World, a 7 nation SAARC quiz- Spectrum and many more.



### 2. DEREK O'BRIEN

- Derek O'Brien hosts the Bournvita Quiz Contest, which is one of the longest running game show on Indian Television.



- His father, Neil O'Brien is renowned as a pioneer of quiz contests in India.

- Presently, he is a Member of Parliament from West Bengal.

### 3. GIRI "PICK-BRAIN" BALASUBRAMANIAM

- Known for his distinctive style of quizzing, Giri's sense of humour and approachable nature has earned him several accolades.

- Giri holds seven Limca records for quizzing achievements and has hosted more than 1250 shows across 65+ destinations of India and abroad.

- Giri began his career as a media sales executive in 1992 for the Economic Times.



#### 4. DR. ARUL MANI

- Arul Mani is a quiz master with the looks of a Sufi Saint, who many quiz fans regard as the best.
- He is known among the quiz followers as an extremely innovative quizmaster who does not hesitate to think out of box when handling deadlocks. It is his sense of humor that puts



#### 5. THEJASWI UDAPA

- Short, crispy and up to the point questions are what endear Thejaswi Udapa to the hearts of viewers.



- His choice of words is just enough to point out a clue to crack open the safe where the answer is hidden.
- Add to this talent his intelligence and immense knowledge, an appealing personality and lops of confidence, and there you have one of most beloved quiz masters of India.

#### 6. DR. NAVIN JAYAKUMAR

- Dr. Navin Jayakumar has been hosting the Landmark quiz since its inception in the year 1992, every year except for 2006. The quiz is known to be one of the oldest open quizzes in India.
- A Neuro- Ophthalmologist by profession, for Dr. Jayakumar quizzing is a passion which has been handed down by his family. His knowledge of the subject matter, charisma of his striking personality and presentation of quiz, has made people watch him with ardent admiration year after year.





## 7. HARSHA BHOGLE

• Apart from hosting TV shows, he is best known as a specialist sports quizmaster among his large fan following. His impeccable language, immense knowledge regarding sports and his electric presence has made him one of the most memorable sports quizmasters India has ever seen.



## MOST POPULAR QUIZ EVENTS IN INDIA

### TATA CRUCIBLE

The Tata Crucible Business quiz is a knowledge initiative by the Tata Group. Hosted by quizmaster Giri Balasubramaniam, it started as one of many events conducted in 2004 under the Century of Trust commemoration. The success of the quiz, a team-based contest of two participants per team, indicated that the format had potential. Hence began a quiz that has grown incrementally over the last 10 years. Feedback has consistently proven the popularity of both editions with audiences. It is now conducted in two categories: Corporate and Campus Quiz.

### THE BRAND EQUITY QUIZ

It started in 1991 with one city - Bangalore, and gradually grew to cover four cities. For the last three years, the property travels to ten cities across the country. Winners of each city, meet in Mumbai for the all-India final. Conceptualized and conducted by The Economic Times, the BEQ, now in its 20th edition, is billed as the biggest corporate quiz in India on marketing and advertising.

### LANDMARK QUIZ

Landmark Quiz one of the oldest Open quizzes in India, is an annual quiz contest instituted in 1992 by Landmark Bookstore. Landmark Quiz is now held in Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and Pune on various dates. Our quizzes will be in a variety of formats, from picture quizzes to text quizzes, and will cover a variety of subjects and difficulties.

## MASTERMIND INDIA

Mastermind India is an Indian television quiz show based on the British quiz show Mastermind. It originally aired on BBC World's "Made in India" series between 1998 and 2002. Each round saw four contestants taking the black chair one by one, and facing rapid fire questions on subjects of their own choosing in the first half, and on general knowledge in the second half.

## MAHAQUIZZER

Mahaquizzer - the Karnataka Quiz Association's flagship annual solo written quizzing championship held across India. MahaQuizzer was envisaged as a quiz that would test the contestant's ability to make informed guesses rather than his/her memory. It typically features 150 text-questions, which must be answered in 90 minutes. The questions normally run into several sentences and may contain clues as well as misdirections. Participants fill in their answers, and no negative marking is applied. The quiz is normally set by a team of four senior quiz-masters.

## NDTV TECH GRANDMASTER

It's a technology quiz, here your knowledge of latest gadgets, path breaking innovations and landmarks in the world of technology is tested.

## SOME FAMOUS CAMPUS QUIZZES

QUIZ/EVENT NAME	VENUE	DATE(LAST YEAR)	THEME
ESYA	IIT Delhi	21-Aug	Tech
SAARANG	IIT Madras	21-Feb	Current Affair,Engg.
BLACK & WHITE	Parisutham College,Thanjavur	07-Feb	Web Designing
MAGUINAS	Rmk College	17-Aug	Coding,Gaming
AMALGAM	IIT Madras	21-Aug	Math Modelling
QUIZZITCH	NIT Durgapur	30-Jan	Fashion,Sports,Art
QUARK	BITS Pilani	21-Dec	General
ENIGMA	BIT Mesra	05-Sep	Comic



## RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL QUIZ EVENTS

### International Quizzing Association

International Quizzing Association (IQA) brings quizzers together from around the world in high quality quizzes, and help to create and support national quiz organisations.

### IQA SANCTIONED EVENTS

- World Quizzing Championships
- Masters Tournament
- European Quizzing Championships

## SOME OTHER INTERNATIONAL QUIZZING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL QUIZZES	VENUE	TIME
European quizzing Championship	Rotterdam, Netherlands	6-8 Nov
International quizzing Association	Sri Lanka	23 Sept
British quizzing Championship	London	5th Sept
Queensland quiz Championship	Brisbane Square library	10th Oct

## QUIZ-FACT 5

The World Quizzing Championship is an individual quiz contest organised by the International Quizzing Association. The competition has been staged annually since 2003 (since 2004 in more than one country simultaneously) with an increasing number of contestants from an increasing number of nations. Since 2006, the competition has been staged on the first Saturday of every June. In 2014, Vikram Joshi from India became the first non-Englishman to win the title.

## HOW TO BECOME A GOOD QUIZZER

This question bothers all of those who are interested in quizzing, but somewhere they feel a vacuum in their quizzing skills, they are not able to understand the right mantra of a successful quizzier. To explain this mantra, we have taken the help of an answer from Quora.

Quizzing is not about memorising facts, it is about connecting the dots!!!. You need not only to know the information but must be capable of ingesting, assimilating and excreting that information.

Lets take the example of this question!!

Who are the two gentlemen in suits?



There's no way you'd look at that pic and say, "Hey, I've seen those two somewhere before!" Because, no, you certainly haven't seen them anywhere before. Or you might have, but you wouldn't recognize them. But two guys surrounded by cartoon characters from Cartoon Network can only mean Bill Hanna and Joseph Barbera.

It isn't good because to connect aforementioned dots, you need to have dots. What if you never watched Cartoon Network? You wouldn't know what to make of this image. What if you did, but never bothered to notice the "HANNA - BARBERA" flashing on the screen after every episode? You would probably be able to identify the gentlemen in the image as the creators of those characters, but that would just help other teams.

What I'm trying to say is that while things can be worked out, you still need a vast reservoir of information to draw conclusions from. That is the only real requirement: a lot of information. All other things can be developed over time, with practice.



So how do you go about developing this? Well, you have to begin with reading a whole lot of stuff. But that in itself won't serve much purpose. You'll have to do a couple of other things in addition to just reading:

1. **Observe.** This is the most important skill for a quizzier. Learn to observe. This way, you won't have to prepare for a quiz as such. A lot of things will be present in various corners of your mind without your having to actively put them there. For examples on how it's done, read *Sherlock Holmes*. For instance, an observant guy will know the brand of a pair of jeans from a glance at the butt pocket.

2. **Look for information.** Don't wait for information to come to you, for it never will. There is a lot of information surrounding everything, so look for it. Don't memorize it at all; just make a habit of looking for it. This way, you will observe a lot more. The best way to do this is to keep Wikipedia open at all times. The moment you come across something you don't know about, just Wiki it and click on a few related links. Over time, you'll know what to look for, where.

3. **Take time to find what sort of information you can assimilate.** Not all of us can digest all sorts of information. I'm terrible at remembering names, but I can reproduce numbers, images and sounds. So I'm not the best sports quizzier, especially when you get into sports like basketball, boxing etc, but I'm decent with history, geography, politics, entertainment and culture. Everyone has some sort of overlap, so you need to figure that out and see where you fit. Usually, your mind will tell you what you're good at by making you like that particular thing. :) You will also learn to broaden your horizons over time, but it's best to start low and slow.

You might have noticed that we've covered ingestion and assimilation. Now comes the tough part. How do you access the information at the right time, to throw it out at the quizmaster?

4. **Active participation.** Attending quizzes as a member of the audience isn't going to help much. Join the literary arts group of your college and attend all quizzes. Playing games like dumb charades, twenty questions (or some variant thereof), pictionary, taboo, etc is very helpful in teaching one how to connect the dots, since one is required to work his/her way through clues. Quizbooks are a good way to participate on your own.

These are the ways you can start and improve your quizzing abilities. However, there is a disclaimer. Not everyone can become a good quizzier. One has to seriously like the process. If Wikipedia and books are inherently boring to you, I'm afraid you won't become a good quizzier, no matter how hard you try.

## BRAIN STORM!!

**Question 1.** This Indian business newspaper was first published in 1961. It is considered as most widely read English-language business newspaper, after Wall Street Journal. What is name of this newspaper?

**Question 2.** As an entrance test for a particular university, you are given a corked bottle with a very small coin in it. Your task is to remove the coin without taking the cork out of the bottle or breaking the glass or boring a hole in the cork or glass. How do you pass the test and get coin out?

**Question 3.** There is a rope, which when burnt from one end takes 60 mins to burn completely, (rate of burning is not uniform). Now we have 2 such ropes, and we want to calculate 45 mins. Can we do it? How?

**Question 4.** X was a Kashmiri leader and played an important role in Kashmir's integration with India, X is also known as Sher-e Kashmir, X formed a party named Y, X's Grandson was the last chief minister of J&K and belongs to same party Y. Identify X and Y.



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