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Important General Awareness

Defence Commissioned Ranks

Army

General
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Lieutenant General
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Major General
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Brigadier
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Colonel
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Lieutenant Colonel
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Major
↓
Captain
↓
Lieutenant
↓
Second Lieutenant

Navy

Admiral
↓
Vice-Admiral
↓
Rear Admiral
↓
Commodore
↓
Captain
↓
Commander
↓
Lieutenant Commander
↓
Lieutenant
↓
Sub-Lieutenant
↓
Acting Sub Lieutenant

Airforce

Air Chief Marshal
↓
Air Marshal
↓
Air Vice Marshal
↓
Air Commodore
↓
Group Captain
↓
Wing Commander
↓
Squadron Leader
↓
Flight Lieutenant
↓
Flying officer
↓
Pilot Officer

Research Centre in India

- ♦ Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) - New Delhi
- ♦ Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) - Cuttack
- ♦ Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI) - Coimbatore
- ♦ Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR) - Nagpur

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- ◆ Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI)- Rajamundri
- ◆ Central Tuber Crop Research Institute (CTCRI) - Tiruvandrum

- ◆ Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IVHR) - Bangalore
- ◆ Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI) - Simla (Khufri)
- ◆ India Veterinary Research Institute (NDRI) - Karnal
- ◆ National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) - Karnal
- ◆ Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) - Lucknow
- ◆ Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) - Mysore
- ◆ Central-Leather Research Institute (CLRI) - Chennai
- ◆ Central Electro - Chemical Research Institute (CECRI) - Chennai
- ◆ Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC) - Chennai
- ◆ Central Marine Research Station (CMRS) - Chennai
- ◆ Central Research Laboratory (CRL) - Chennai
- ◆ National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) - Chennai
- ◆ The Institute of Mathematical Science (IMS) - Chennai
- ◆ National Physical Laboratory (NPL) - Jamshedpur
- ◆ Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) - Mumbai
- ◆ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - Bangalore
- ◆ Bose Institute - Kolkata

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- ♦ Central Inland Fisheries Research Station (CIFRS) - Barackpur
- ♦ Centre for DNA Finger Printing and Diagnostics - Hyderabad
- ♦ National Sugar Research Institute - Kanpur
- ♦ Raman Research Institute - Bangalore

Woman Heads of Countries

Name	Country	Year	Post
sirimavo Bandaranaike	Srilanka	1960	Prime Minister
Indira Gandhi	India	1966	Prime Minister
Golda Meir	Israel	1969	Prime Minister
Maria Isabel Poron	Argentina	1974	President
Margaret Hilda Thatcher	U.K.	1979	Prime Minister
Lydia Gveiler Charles	Bolivia	1979	President
Mary Eungenia Charles	Dominica	1980	Prime Minister
Vigdis Finnbogadottir	Ice land	1980	President
Gro Harlem Brundt land	Norway	1981	Prime Minister
Corazon Aquino	Philippines	1986	President
Maria Liberia Peters	Netherland		
	Antiila	1988	Prime Minister
Benazir Bhutto	Pakistan	1988	Prime Minister
Mary Robinson	Ireland	1990	President
Kazimiera Prunskiene	Lithuania	1990	Prime Minister
Violeta Barriosde Chamorro	Nicaragua	1990	Prime Minister
Khaleeda Zia	Bangladesh	1991	Prime Minister
Edith Cresson	France	1991	Prime Minister
Hanna Suchocka	Poland	1992	Prime Minister

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Kim Campbell	Canada	1993	Prime Minister
Tansu Ciller	Turkey	1993	Prime Minister
Chandrika Kumaratunga	Srilanka	1994	President
Sheik Hadina	Bangladesh	1996	Prime Minister
Janet Jagan	Guyana	1997	Prime Minister
Mary Alcalcesa	Ireland	1997	President
Jenny Shipley	New Zealand	1997	Prime Minister
Mireya Moscoso	Panama	1999	President
Vaira Vike Freiberga	Latvia	1999	President
Angela Merkel	Germany	2005	President
Prathiba Patil	India	2007	President
Ms. Laura Chinchilla	Costa Rica	2010	Resident
Ms. Julia Gillard	Australia	2010	Prime Minister
Ms. Dilma Rousseff	Brazil	2010	President
Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra	Thailand	2011	Prime Minister
Ms. Helle Thorring Schmidt	Denmark	2011	Prime Minister
Atifete Jahiaqa	Kosovo	2011	President
Joyce Banda	Malawi	2012	President
Park Geun-hye	South Korea	2013	President
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic	Qureshia	2015	President

First in India

- ◆ First British Governor General ----- Warren Hastings
- ◆ First British Governor General of Independent India ----- Lord Mount Batten.
- ◆ First Chief Justice of India ----- Hiralal J. Kania
- ◆ First Indian Air Chief Marshall ----- S. Mukherjee

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- ◆ First Chief of Air Staff ----- Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhrist
- ◆ First Chief of Army Staff ----- General M. Rajendra Singh
- ◆ First Chief of Naval Staff ----- Vice Admiral R.D. Katari
- ◆ First man in space ----- Sqn. Ldr. Rakesh Sharma
- ◆ First Field Marshal ----- SHF Manekshaw
- ◆ First Emperor of Mughal Dynasty in India ----- Babur
- ◆ First Filmstar Chief Minister of a state ----- M.G. Ramachandran
- ◆ First Indian to get an Oscar ----- Bhanu Athaiya
- ◆ First Indian to reach South Pole ----- Col. K. Bajaj
- ◆ First Indian I.C.S. Officers ----- Satyendra Nath Tagore
- ◆ First Woman Prime Minister ----- Mrs. Indira Gandhi
- ◆ First Woman to Climb Mt. Everest ----- Bachendri Pal
- ◆ First Woman in Space ----- Kalpana Chawla
- ◆ First Woman Speaker of a State Assembly Mrs. Shanno Devi
- ◆ First Woman Airline Pilot First Woman Judge of ----- Durga Banerjee
- ◆ Supreme Court ----- Meera Sahib Fatima Beevi
- ◆ First Woman to win an Asiad gold ----- Kamaljit Sandhu
- ◆ First Woman Governor ----- Mrs. Sarojini Naidu
- ◆ First Woman Chief Minister of a State ----- Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani
- ◆ First Woman Minister ----- Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
- ◆ First Viceroy ----- Lord Canning
- ◆ First Test Tube Baby ----- Indira (Baby Marsha)
- ◆ First Talkie Film ----- Alam Ara (1931)
- ◆ First Indian Member of the Viceroy Executive Council ----- Sir S.P. Sinha
- ◆ First Indian Woman to swim across English Channel..... Miss. Arati Saha
- ◆ First Indian Woman to swim the Strait of Gibraltar..... Arto Pradhan

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- ◆ First Man to Climb Mount Everest without Oxygen----- Phy Dorjee
- ◆ First President of Indian Republic ----- Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- ◆ First President to die in harness ----- Dr. Zakir Hussain
- ◆ First Prime Minister ----- Jawaharlal Nehru
- ◆ First Prime Minister to lose an election ----- Indira Gandhi
- ◆ First Prime Minister to resign from Office ----- Morarjee Desai
- ◆ First Home Minister of India ----- Vallabhai Patel
- ◆ First Woman President of Indian National Congress ----- Annie Besant
- ◆ First President of Indian National Congress ----- W.C. Bannerjee
- ◆ First Nobel Prize winner ----- Rabindranath Tagore
- ◆ First Magsay say award winner ----- Achaiya Vinoba Bhave (1958)
- ◆ First Man to Climb Mount Everest Twice ----- Nawang Gombu
- ◆ First Muslim Woman to sit on the throne of Delhi ----- Razia Beegum
- ◆ First Woman IPS Officer.....Kiran Bedi
- ◆ First Woman Congress President — Sarojini Naidu (1925)
- ◆ First Indian Woman to win Miss Universe title.....Ms. Sushmita Sen
- ◆ First Indian in the British Parliament----- Dadabhai Naoroji.
- ◆ First Woman President of UN ----- Vijayalakshmi Randit (1953)
- ◆ First Woman to win Noble Prize ----- Mother Theresa (1979)
- ◆ First Woman to become "Miss World"-----Reit Faria
- ◆ First Speaker, Lok Sabha ----- G.V. Mavalankar
- ◆ First Chairman, Rajya Sabha.----- S.V Krishnamoorthy (1952)
- ◆ First Black & White Cinemascope Film ----- Kaagaz Ke Phool(1957)
- ◆ First Coloured Cinemascope Film ----- "Pyar KiPy ar" (1961)
- ◆ First Satellite Launched ----- Aryabhata' (1975)
- ◆ First Indegeniously built satellite ----- INSAT-2A (1992)

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- ◆ First Atomic device exploded at ----- Pokhran in Rajasthan (1974)
- ◆ First Large Scale Nuclear reactor — Apsara (1956)
- ◆ First Hydro Electric Station set up at-----Darjeeling (1898)
- ◆ First Indegeneously designed and built missile----- Prithvi (1988)
- ◆ First Techni Colour Movie ----- - 'Raja Harish Chandra made by Dada Saheb Phalke(1913)
- ◆ First Electric Train----- Mumbai VT Kurla (1925)
- ◆ First Train Steamed off from ----- Mumbai (1853)
- ◆ First Telegraph Line Installed-----Between Diamond Harbour and – Kolkatta (1851)
- ◆ First Post Office opened at-----Kolkatta (1927)
- ◆ First News Paper----- Bengal Gazette (1781)
- ◆ First Vernacular Daily ----- Samachar Darpan (1818)
- ◆ First Judge to face impeachment proceeding in Lok Sabha----- V. Ramaswami (1993)
- ◆ First to reach Antarctica----- Lt. Ram Charan (1960)
- ◆ First Indian Pilot -----J.R.D. Tata (1929)
- ◆ First Indian to pass ICS-----Surenranath Banerji (1862)
- ◆ First Young Woman Mayor.....Panchamarthi Anuradha (26 years old) - (2000)
- ◆ First Education Minister of India — Abul Kalam Azad
- ◆ First Women President of India ----- Prathiba Patil
- ◆ First Women Speaker of India-----Meira Kumar (2009)
- ◆ First Women Jawan of India ----- Shanti Tigga (2011)
- ◆ First Tagore award received-----Pandit Ravi Shankar
- ◆ First Women DIG for Prison of India - Raja Soundari (2009 - TN)

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- ◆ First Women Army Officer of India ----- Major Mitali Madhumita
- ◆ First Technical University of India ----- New Delhi

India's Largest

- ◆ Largest Lake (Fresh water) - Kolleru (Andhra Pradesh)
- ◆ Largest Lake (Saline water) Chilka Lake (Orissa)
- ◆ Largest Mosque.....Jama Masjid, Delhi
- ◆ Largest Museum-----National Museum, Kolkata
- ◆ Largest Populated City.....Mumbai
- ◆ Largest ZooZoological Gardens, Kolkata
- ◆ Largest State (Area)-----Rajasthan
- ◆ Largest State (Population) ----- Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Largest Corridor.....Rameshwaram Temple Corridor (Tamil Nadu)
- ◆ Largest Forest State.....Madhya Pradesh
- ◆ Largest Delta ----- Sunderban Delta, West Bengal
- ◆ Largest Desert ----- Thar (Rajasthan)
- ◆ Largest Animal Fair ----- Sonapur (Bihar)
- ◆ Largest Cave Temple.....Ellora (Maharashtra)
- ◆ Largest Dome ----- Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur
- ◆ Largest Stadium ----- Salt Lake (Yuva Bharatn.), Kolkata
- ◆ Largest Cantilever Span Bridge-Howrah Bridge (Kolkata)
- ◆ Largest Manmade Lake ----- Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar (Rihana Dam)
- ◆ Largest River Island ----- Majuli (Bramaputra river, Assam)
- ◆ Largest Planetarium ----- Birla Planetarium (Kolkata)

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- ◆ Largest Port ----- Mumbai
 - ◆ Largest Church ----- Saint Cathedral (Goa)
 - ◆ Largest Gurudwara ----- Golden Temple, Amritsar
 - ◆ Largest University ----- Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi
 - ◆ Largest Library ----- National Library, Kolkata
 - ◆ Largest Bus Terminus ----- Koyambedu (Chennai, Tamilnadu)
 - ◆ Largest Auditorium ----- Sri Shanmukhananda Hall Mumbai
 - ◆ Largest Public Sector Bank ----- State Bank of India
 - ◆ Largest Botanical Garden ----- National Botanical Gardens - Kolkata
 - ◆ Largest Cave ----- Amarnath
 - ◆ Largest Fresh Waterlake ----- Kolleru Andhra Pradesh
 - ◆ Largest prison ----- Tihar Jail - Delhi
 - ◆ Largest Tribe----- Gond
 - ◆ Largest Tunnel ----- Jawahar Tunnel, Banihal pass (Jammu and Kashmir)
 - ◆ Longest River Bridge ----- Mahatma Gandhi Setu Over the Ganga at Patna
 - ◆ Longest Canal ----- Indira Gandhi Canal (or) Rajasthan Canal
 - ◆ Longest Glacier ----- Siachen Glacier on the Indo Pakistan border
 - ◆ Most Popular City ----- Mumbai
 - ◆ Oldest Monastery ----- Buddhist Monastery at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh
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Highest in India

1. Highest Mountain Peak-----Godwin Austin (K₂)
2. The Highest Statue ----- Veera Abhaya Anjaneya Hanuman Swami (135 ft) (Paritala, Andhra Pradesh)
3. The Highest Dam ----- Bhakra Dam (Punjab)
4. Highest Tower----- Pitampura Tower (Delhi)
5. Highest Water Fall-----Gersoppa water fall (Karnataka)
6. Highest Lake.....Devatal (Garhwal)
7. Highest Award----- Bharat Ratna
8. Highest Battle Field-----Siachin Glacier
9. Highest Air Port----- Leh(Laddakh)
10. Highest Gallantry Award ----- Paramveer Chakra
11. Highest Gateway----- Buland Darwaza, Fatehpur Sikri (Agra)
12. Highest Straight gravity Dam ----- Bhakra Dam

Biggest & Smallest in India

1. Biggest Hotel----- Oberai - Sheraton (Mumbai)
2. Biggest States in North-East - Arunachal Pradesh

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3. Smallest State (Area) ----- Goa
4. Smallest State (Population)----- Sikkim

Longest in India

1. Longest River.....Ganges
2. Longest River of the South - Godavari
3. Longest Tributary river of India ----- Yamuna
4. Longest Road-----Grand Trunk Road (Kolkata to Delhi)
5. Longest National Highway - NH-7 which runs from Varanasi to Kanyakumari
6. Longest Railway Route-----Jammu to Kanyakumari
7. Longest Dam-----Hirakud Dam (Orissa)
8. Longest Beach.....Marina Beach, Chennai
9. Longest River which forms estuary----- Narmada
10. Longest Electric Railway Line - From Delhi to Kolkata Via Patna
11. Longest Railway Platform ----- Kharagpur (West Bengal)
12. Longest River Bridge ----- Mahatma Gandhi Setu, Patna
13. Longest Tunnel ----- Jawahar Tunnel (Jammu & Kashmir)
14. Longest Coast Line in State ----- Gujarat
15. Longest Sea Bridge ----- Baandhra - Ohrli (5.6 km) - Maharashtra

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16. Longest Bridge ----- Hyderabad - Rajiv Gandhi Air Port (11 .6 k.m.) -
Andhra Pradesh Pradesh.

Dances of India – At a Glance

Bharata Natyam: A solo dance originates from the temples of South India. This is a highly traditional dance.

Kathak: A popular dance originates from the temples of North India Lucknow, Jaipur and Varanasi became its centres.

Manipuri: Manipuri is a dance form popular in the North-East

Kathakali: A Popular dance from Kerala.

States	Name of Dances
Andhra Pradesh	: Ghanta Mardala, Veedhi Natakam, Kuchipudi
Assam	: Bihu, Khel Gopal, Tabalchongli
Bihar	: Jata Jatin, Kathaputli, Bakho
Gujarath	: Dandiya Rass, Tippani; Gomph
Punjab and Haryana	: Gidda, Bhangra, Jhumar
Himachal Pradesh	: Jhora, Jhali, Dangi, Mahasu
Karnataka	: Yakshagana
Kerala	: Kaikottikali, Kathakali, Mohiniattam
Madhya Pradesh	: Pandavani
Maharashtra	: Tamasha
Manipur	: Manipuri, Lai Haroba

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Meghalaya	:	Wangala Laho
Mizoram	:	Chiraw (Bamboo dance)
Odisha (Orissa)	:	Danda Nata, Odishi
Rajasthan	:	Chamar Ginad, Dandiya Rabss, Jhuma Jhulan Leela
Tamilnadu	:	Kummi, Bharata Natyam, Kolattam, Therrukoothu
Uttar Pradesh	:	Kajir, Nautanki
West Bengal	:	Chhau, Baul, Jatra

Cultural Institutions

- 1. Lalit Kala Acadami (National Academy of Fine Arts) :** It was established in 1954 to promote and propogate understanding of Indian Arts such as painting, sculpture, archltecture and fine art.
- 2. Sangeet Natak Academy (National Academy of Music, Dance & Drama) :** It was established In 1953 o promote dance, drama and music in collaboration with states and voluntary organizations.
- 3. National School of Drama :** It was established In 1959 by the Sangeet Natak Akadami as a premier theatre Institution. In 1975 it was registered as an autonomous Institution, fully financed by the Union Government.
- 4. Sahitya Academy :** It was established in 1954 with an aim to
 1. Develop Indian Literature
 2. Set high literary standards
 3. Foster and co-ordinate literary activities in all the Indian Language.
 4. Promote cultural unity of the country.

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5. **Astrological Survey of India:** It was established in 1861 with the following objectives.

1. To conserve and preserve astrological monuments and sites.
2. To undertake explorations and excavations, epigraphic research, study of architecture and scientific studies and investigations.

6. **National Archives of India:** It was established in 1981 and known as Imperial Record Department till independence. It is the Official custodian of all non-current records of permanent value of the Government of India and its predecessor bodies.

7. **Asiatic Society:** It was established in 1784 at Kolkatta by Sir William Jones. Its objective is to inquire into history, antiquities, arts, science and literature of Asia.

8. **Anthropological Survey of India :** It was established in 1945 at Kolkatta for the advancement of Scientific Research in Anthropology and allied disciplines.

9. **Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts :** It was established in 1985 at New Delhi as a resource centre and data base.

10. **Zonal Cultural Centres :** They have been set up for projecting, preserving and sustaining cultural kinship and transends territorial limits. There are seven such centres in the country.

Cultural Centre	Location
North Zone	Patiala
East Zone	Santhiniketan
South Zone	Thanjavur
West Zone	Udaipur

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North Central

Zone Allahabad

North-East Zone

Dimapur

South-Central Zone

Naqpur

The Indian Press History

- ♦ The Portuguese were the first European Nation who "brought printing press to India.
- ♦ 1557-First Book published in India by the Jesuits of Goa
- ♦ 1684-East India Company set up a Printing Press in Mumbai.
- ♦ 1780 -- James Augusts Hickey Published the first newspaper in India entitled. The Bengal Gazette of Kolkatta General Advertiser.
- ♦ 1784— Kolkatta Gazette
- ♦ 1785- The Bengal Journal
- ♦ 1788—Mumbai Herald
- ♦ 1799—Lord Wellesley imposed censorship on all Newspapers by introducing the censorship of press act.
- ♦ 1823—Adams introduced The Licensing Regulations chiefly against newspapers published in the Indian Languages or edited by Indians. Ram Mohan Roy's Mirat-ul- Akbar had to stop publication.
- ♦ 1835—Berwick's ordinance Liberation of The Indian Press came into force. Charles metacalfe repealed the 1823 obnoxious ordinance and earned the name of 'Liberator' of Indian Press.
- ♦ 1857— Act XV of the Licencing Act was reintroduced restricting licences to the press.
- ♦ 1867—The Registration Act came into force.
- ♦ 1878—The Vernacular Act implemented
- ♦ 1882—The Vernacular Act repealed by Lord Rippon
- ♦ 1908—The Newspaper Act introduced.
- ♦ 1908— The Indian Press Act implemented.
- ♦ 1931—The Indian Press (Emergency powers)Act came into force

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Highest Indian Structures

Structures	Place	Feet
Kutub Minar	Delhi	288
Rajabari Tower	Mumbai	260
Prahadeeswar Temple	Tanjore (T.N)	216
Largest Gopuram of Arunachal Temple	Tiruvannamalai	290
Golgumbas	Bijapur	198
Gopuram of Ekambaranathar Temple	Kanchipuram	188
Charminar	Hyderabad	186
Victoria Memorial	Kolkatta	182
Kolkatta High Court	Kolkatta	180
Taj Mahal	Agra	178
Buland Darwaza	Fetehpursikri	176
Octerloney Monument	Kolkatta	152
Gopuram of Meenakshi Temple	Madurai (T.N.)	152
Puri Temple	Puri	142
Minarests of Tai	Each	137
Lingaraj Temple	Bhubaneswar	127
Tower of Victory	Chittoor	122

Important News Agencies

♦ U.K.-----Reuters

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- ♦ India ----- PTI, UNI, Samachar Bharati, Hindustan Samachar
- ♦ France ----- Agence France Press (AFP)
- ♦ Indonesia-----Antara
- ♦ America ----- Associated Press (AP)
- ♦ Bangladesh ----- Bangladesh Sanghbad Sansthan (BSS)

7 Wonders of the Ancient World

- ♦ The Pyramids of Egypt
- ♦ The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- ♦ The Statue of Jupiter at Olympia
- ♦ The Temple of Diana at Ephesus (Rome)
- ♦ The Mausoleum of Mausolus (Mausoleum of Halicarnassus)
- ♦ The Colossus at Rhodes
- ♦ The Pharos (Lighthouse) at Alexandria

7 Wonders of the Medieval World

- ♦ The Colosseum of Rome
- ♦ The Great wall of China
- ♦ The Rorelain Tower of Nanking (China)
- ♦ The Mosque at St Sophia (Constantinople)
- ♦ The Stonehenge of England
- ♦ The Catacombs of Alexandria
- ♦ The Leaning Tower of Pisa (Italy)

7 Wonders of the Modern World

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- ♦ Taj Mahal (India)
- ♦ Roman Colosseum (Italy)
- ♦ Pyramid of Chichen Itza (Mexico)
- ♦ Machu Picchu (Peru)
- ♦ Christ the Redeemer (Brazil)
- ♦ Petra (Jordan)
- ♦ Great Wall of China

Geographical Land Marks (World's Top Ten)

Highest Mountain Peaks

Name	Height in Metres
1. Mount Everest (Himalayas)	8,848
2. K-2 (Godwin Austen) (Karakoram)	8,610
3. Kanchenjunga (Himalayas)	8,597
4. Lhotse (Himalayas)	8,511
5. Makalu I (Himalayas)	8,481
6. Dhaulagiri I (Himalayas)	8,167
7. Manaslu I (Himalayas)	8,156
8. Cho Uyo (Himalayas)	8,153
9. Nanga Parbat (Himalayas)	8,125
10. Annapurana I (Himalayas)	8,091

LARGEST DESERTS

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Name	Approximate area in sq. km.
1. Sahara	----- 8,400,000
2. Australian Desert	----- 1,550,000
3. Arabian Desert	-----1,300,000
4. Gobi	----- 1,040,000
5. Kalahari Desert	-----520,000
6. Takla Makan	----- 320,000
7. Sonoran Desert	----- 310,000
8. Namib Desert	----- 310,000
9. Kara Kum	----- 270,000
10. Thar Desert	----- 260,000

LARGEST ISLANDS

Name	Area in Sq.km.
1. Greenland (Kalaalit Nunaat)	----- 2,175,597
2. New Guinea (Southwest Pacific)	-----820,033
3. Madagascar (Indian Ocean)	----- 587,042
4. Baffin (North Atlantic - Canadian)	----- 476,068
5. Sumatra (North East Indian Ocean-Indonesia)	----- 473,605
6. Honshu (Sea of Japan - Pacific)	----- 230,316
7. Great Britain (Off coast North-west Europe)	----- 229,883
8. Ellesmere (Arctic Ocean - Canadian)	-----212,688
9. Victoria (Arctic Ocean - Canadian)	----- 212,199
10. Celebes (West mid Pacific (Indonesia)	----- 189,034

LONGEST RIVERS

Name	Length in km,
1. Nile (Lake Victoria, Africa)	----- 6,690
2. Amazon (Glacier-fed lakes, Peru)	----- 6,296

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3. Mississippi-Missouri (Red Rock, USA) ----- 6,240
4. Yangtze Kiang (Tibetan Plateau, China) ----- 5,797
5. Ob (Altai Mts., Russia) ----- 5,567
6. Yellow (Huang Ho - China) ----- 4,667
7. Yenisei (Tannu-Ola Mts., Russia) ----- 4,506
8. Parana (Brazil)----- 4,498
9. Irtish (Altai Mts, Russia) ----- 4,438
10. Congo (Zaire) ----- 4,371

HIGHEST WATERFALLS

Name	Height in Metres
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1. Angel (Venezuela) ----- 972
2. Tugela (Natal, South Africa) -----914
3. Cuquenán (Venezuela)----- 610
4. Sutherland (New Zealand)----- 580
5. Takkakaw (British Columbia) ----- 503
6. Ribbon (Yosemite- California)----- 491
7. Upper (Yosemite - California)-----436
8. Gavarnie (South-west France)----- 422
9. Vettisfoss (Norway) ----- 366
10. Widow's Tears (Yosemite-California)-- 357

BIGGEST COUNTRIES (IN AREA)

Name	Area in Sq. Km.
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1. Russia 17,075,000

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2. Canada	9,976,139
3. China	9,561,000
4. USA	9,372,614
5. Brazil	8,511,965
6. Australia	7,682,300
7. India	3,287,263
8. Argentina	2,776,654
9. Kazakhstan	2,717,300
10. Sudan	2,505,813

BIGGEST COUNTRIES (IN POPULATION) I

Name	Population (in millions)
1. China	1,341.00
2. India	1,210.19
3. USA	308.7
4. Indonesia	237.6
5. Brazil	190.7
6. Pakistan	184.8
7. Bangladesh	164.4
8. Nigeria	158.3
9. Russia	140.4
10. Japan	128.0

SMALLEST COUNTRIES (IN AREA)

Name	Area (sq.km.)
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1. Vatican City (Europe)	0.44
2. Monaco (Europe)	1.95
3. Nauru (South Pacific)	21.10
4. Tuvalu (South Pacific)	26.00
5. San Marino (Europe)	61.00
6. Liechtenstein (Europe)	160.00
7. Marshall Islands (Central Pacific)	181.00
8. Kitts-Nevis (Eastern Caribbean)	269.00
9. Maldives (Indian Ocean)	298.00
10. Malta (Mediterranean)	316.00

Smallest countries (in population)

Name	Population (in millions)
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1. Vatican City (Europe)	842
2. Liechtenstein (Europe)	9,030
3. Nauru (S. Pacific)	9,378
4. Tuvalu (S. Pacific)	10,837
5. Palau (W. Pacific)	18,000
6. San Marina (Europe)	31,448
7. Monaco (Europe)	36,371
8. St. Kitts-Nevis (Caribbean)	51,538
9. Dominica (Caribbean)	72,301
10. Antigua and Barbuda (Caribbean)	81,799

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Name **Area in sq.km.**

1. South China Sea	2,974,600
2. Caribbean Sea	2,753,000
3. Mediterranean Sea	2,503,000
4. Bering Sea	2,268,180
5. Gulf of Mexico	1,542,985
6. Sea of Okhotsk	1,527,570
7. East China Sea	1,249,150
8. Hudson Bay	1,232,300
9. Sea of Japan	1,007,500
10. Andaman Sea	797,700

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