

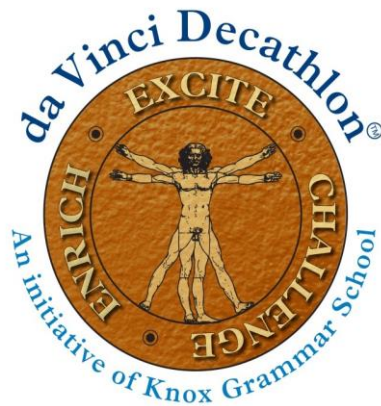


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# DA VINCI DECATHLON 2019

CELEBRATING THE ACADEMIC GIFTS OF STUDENTS  
IN YEARS 5 & 6



## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

TEAM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

1	2	3	4	Total	Rank
/16	/17	/14	/10	/57	

# ANSWERS

## SECTION ONE: LANDSCAPES OF INFLUENCE (16 MARKS)

### AROUND THE GLOBE ARE LANDSCAPES THAT HOLD GREAT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE AS A SYMBOL OF STATE POWER AND AUTHORITY

Identify the country the following buildings belong to (1 mark) and name the individual that occupies the residence (1 mark).

1. Government House	Country: Australia	Current occupant: David Hurley
2. 10 Downing Street	Country: United Kingdom	Current occupant: Theresa May
3. Emperor's Imperial Palace	Country: Japan	Current occupant: Naruhito
4. Presidential Palace	Country: United Arab of Emirates	Current occupant: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
5. Élysée Palace	Country: France	Current occupant: Emmanuel Macron
6. The Kremlin	Country: Russia	Current occupant: Vladimir Putin
7. Rashtrapati Bhavan	Country: India	Current occupant: Ram Nath Kovind
8. United Nations Head Quarters	Country: New York	Current occupant: António Guterres

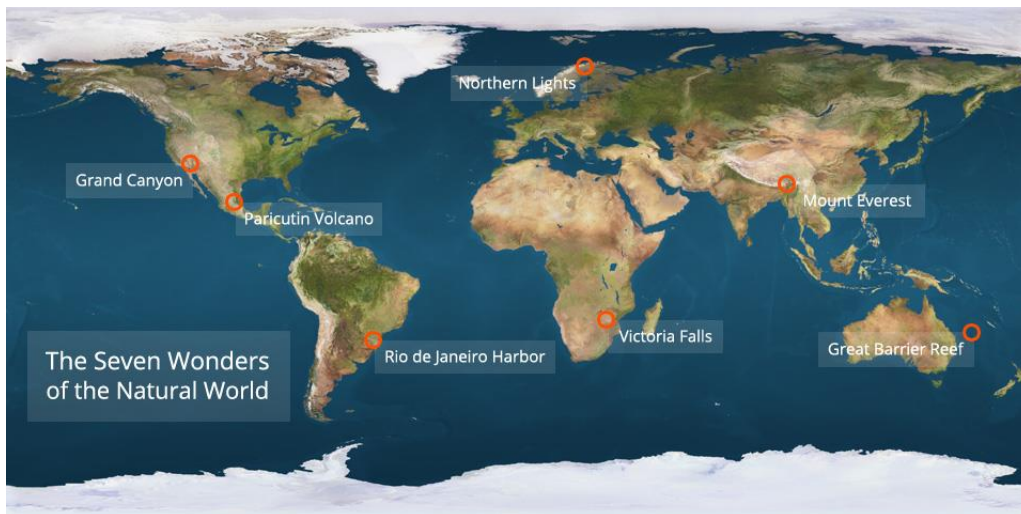
## SECTION TWO: WONDERS OF THE WORLD (17 MARKS)

### LANDSCAPES THAT HAVE BEEN GLOBALLY RECOGNISED AS POSSESSING VALUE TO BE PROMOTED AND PROTECTED

- a. List the **Seven Natural Wonders of the World** (7 marks)

Aurora Borealis
Harbour of Rio de Janeiro
Grand Canyon
Great Barrier Reef
Mt Everest
Paricutin
Victoria Falls

- b. On the below map, mark and label where each of the Seven Natural Wonders are located (7 marks)



- c. Identify the only two natural wonders to be located on the same continent (1 mark) and name that continent. (1 mark):

Grand Canyon and Paricutin Volcano
North America

- d. Name the country the tallest natural wonder is located in and the mountain range it is a part of. (1 mark)

Nepal/Tibet and the Himalayas
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- e. One natural wonder is a waterfall in Africa that borders which two countries? (1 mark)

Zambia and Zimbabwe (0.5 for each)
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## SECTION THREE: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW AUSTRALIA? (14 MARKS)

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. Found north of Darwin, renowned for its Aboriginal art sites, what is the name of Australia's largest national park?	Kakadu
2. Australia has the world's largest sand island, what is its name?	Fraser Island
3. What is Australia's largest non-salt lake?	Lake Mackay, WA
4. Wallaman Falls is Australia's tallest waterfall, how tall is it to the nearest 10m?	270m, (268m exact)
5. How much of Australia, to the nearest 5% is classified as desert?	35%
6. What is Australia's largest non-capital city?	Gold Coast
7. In which NSW town would you find the Big Prawn?	Ballina
8. What is Australia's second tallest mountain?	Mt Tounsend
9. Lake Alexandria is considered the end of Australia's longest river, which ocean does this lake sit adjacent to?	Indian or Southern Ocean
10. Tamworth is home to Australia's largest country music festival, what landmark will you find here?	The Big Golden Guitar
11. How many of the 12 Apostles are left standing (1 mark) and in what year did the most recent one collapse (1 mark)?	8 left 2005
12. Uluru, or Ayers rock, is closest in height to which of the following landmarks (not listed in order or height) a. Sydney Harbour Bridge b. The London Eye c. The Eiffel Tower d. The Statue of Liberty e. The Great Pyramid of Giza	The Eiffel Tower
13. Australia's longest road, Eyre Highway, stretches between which states?	Western Australia and South Australia

## SECTION FOUR: CURRENT AFFAIRS (10 MARKS)

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. What State ensured that the Coalition was successful in regaining government?	Queensland
2. Where was the 2019 Euro-vision Song contest held?	Israel
3. NASA's New Horizons mission team has found evidence of a unique mixture of methanol, water ice, and organic molecules on what surface in space?	Ultima Thule
4. Leoh Ming Pei, who died at age of 102 years on the 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 was the mastermind behind which amazing structure in Paris?	The Louvre glass pyramid
5. This famous film festival is held from the 14 to 25 May 2019 in which city in France?	Cannes
6. The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup will held in June and July this year in what Country?	France
7. From October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 on what famous landmark in Australia will not be able to be climbed?	Uluru
8. In what country did an emperor abdicate on the 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019? He was the first two do so in two centuries.	Japan
9. In what country on the 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 are 145000 kg over-ripe tomatoes thrown at people?	Spain
10. What country celebrates a five-day festival where millions of earthenware oil lamps light up the entire country to celebrate the victory of good over evil?	India