

Jain Academic Bowl The JAINA Convention 2009

Dear Jain Center President and/or Pāthashālā Coordinator,

Jai Jinendra! The JAINA Convention 2009 and Jain Education Committee are inviting teams to participate in the 8th Jain Academic Bowl at the 15th Biennial Convention of JAINA at Los Angeles. The convention will be held Thursday July 2, 2009 through Sunday, July 5, 2009. The tournament will take place on Friday July 3, 2009 and Saturday July 4, 2009 and final round will be held Saturday afternoon (tentatively 4:30PM to 6:00PM July 4, 2009).

Once again, JAINA Convention 2009 and The Jain Education Committee are very excited to host an event to increase interest and knowledge of Jainism. The previous competition was very exciting & rewarding for all participating teams and was overall a great learning experience.

You are requested to fill out the enrollment form and submit to the Jaina Education Committee by **April 15, 2009. Please see the details of the tournament format, rules, enrollment form and sample test packet at the end of this document. Also please see questions compiled by YJA.**

This year to encourage more participation from younger youth, we are considering creating two groups as follows:

Group I - Ages 15 and under

Group II - Ages 21 and under (Note - Group II can have youth under 15)

The two group concept is dependent on the number of teams that apply to participate in the JAB this year. We need minimum of 6 teams in each group before we continue two groups concept.

The two group concept would allow us to create a bracket for the older group that is more challenging, yet still encouraging youth in the younger bracket to participate.

We are also requesting the Pāthashālā teacher (or another knowledgeable member) from participating team to provide a minimum of one complete round worth of questions (see attached sample questions) with proposed answers for each of the questions, which may be included in the tournament. Any questions from past competitions may also be included.

The JAINA Education Committee will coordinate the test materials and pre-agreed answers to eliminate any issues during the tournament. All answers are FINAL.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely yours,

JAINA Education Committee
JAINA Convention 2009

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & RULES FOR JAIN ACADEMIC BOWL 2009

REQUIREMENTS:

The enclosed "JAB Eligibility Form" must be filled out by an official adult executive committee member, or JAB coach or adult instructor of the youth class in your Jain organization. For our verification purposes, the President and Executive Committee of your Jain organization must be fully aware of your team's participation in the JAB. This must be submitted by April 15, 2009

Jain Academic Bowl Eligibility Form

Instructions:

Please fill out this form using Microsoft Word and email to arpanshah1@gmail.com by April 15, 2009

TEAM INFORMATION

Name of Center	
JAB coach	
Team Captain	

TEAM MEMBERS

	Name	Birth Date (mn/dt/yr)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5	Alternate member	

TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	
Address	
City, Street, ZIP	
Phone	
Email	

Each team must have an adult coach present who will assist the tournament as needed.

Your team must also prepare a packet of questions similar to the sample questions provided in this information packet. Please use the format at the end of this document for submitting the questions. All materials should be received (yes, we do mean **received**) at the address given by **June 1, 2009**. Please include the source of the question (Book, Page #) to assist with this process.

The packet of questions your team writes will be used for the other teams and your team will sit out that tournament round. Since packets of questions will be written by the different participating centers, the tournament will be somewhat unbiased and no particular center will have an advantage. The material will be based strictly on what each team and instructor think are important. Discussing these questions with other individuals outside of your class or other teams would compromise the integrity of the tournament and is strictly NOT allowed. Disclosing such

information would only hurt your team in the long run as other teams would be able to answer your questions easily and perhaps bump you out of the top two spots for the final match.

Past experience has shown that teams learn a lot by writing questions. It is most definitely a study technique and team members will gain insight into the types of questions possible. Try and be creative when writing your questions- use examples, stories, situations, choices, simple math (add, subtract, multiply, and divide), and so on (see "Sample Questions" and "FORMAT-Question Rounds 1,2,3", above).

Different centers may wind up writing questions on the same topics; this is perfectly fine. We will sift through all of the questions to ensure consistency (in terms of difficulty) and reserve the right to make changes to any of the questions submitted and ensure that the questions comply with the tournament format. As a rough guideline

- 40% of the questions should be straight-forward or easy for those who know "the basics",
- 40% should be a bit more difficult requiring some detailed study, and
- 20% should be really challenging (see "SUBJECTS" below).

Writing very difficult questions proves nothing and accomplishes little; try to write them at your team level and be honest if you think your team could answer them.

Intersperse 2 difficult questions in Question Rounds 2 and 3 each which your team would have had difficulty in answering to keep the other teams humble. You may make a couple of the parts in Question Round 1 harder. Target your questions such that your team could have answered about 70-80% of your own questions.

All this information may be going overboard but as a general rule, make the questions fairly easy with a few tough ones. The packet of questions you write must have:

- 16 Individual questions (8 for one team, 8 for the other),
- 12 Category round questions, and
- 14 Grab Bag questions.

PLEASE NOTE THESE NUMBERS!

Remember that quality of questions and appropriate answers represents your team's knowledge. All questions you submit will be reviewed by the JAINA Education Committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

Each team will consist of maximum five youth from a single, established Jain center ("established" means recognized JAINA organizations / affiliates or a well-known group from abroad such as Young Jains of UK). Two small established centers may combine to make one team. Students not affiliated with a Jain center and attending a college / university may form a team to participate.

Maximum 2 teams per group from each center can participate. To ensure younger participation, each team member shall be no older than 21 years of age for Group II and 15 years of age for Group I as of **July 1, 2009** i.e. only those born on or after **July 1, 1988** are eligible to play for Group II and after July 1, 1994.

SUGGESTIONS:

Make sure the team members are comfortable with the rules and information about the way the rounds will be played in the JAB. It is up to each team to understand how things work.

Divide up the material and let each member be responsible for studying a particular subject area in detail. One person won't and doesn't have to know it all. They'll always be working as a team. This applies to writing questions as well.

Mini-tournaments based on the material covered in your own class may be held to get an idea of which students may be most suited for this event. The enclosed sample questions may also be used for this. It is important to note that the individuals who do well on exams may not necessarily be the most successful candidates for the JAB. Since quick thinking and response are as important as a good knowledge base, you may have to look a bit more carefully. Choose a cool-headed person as Captain of the team; this person should respect all team members' inputs.

We will conduct a few conference calls to ensure to answer any questions, clarify any rules, and provide updates prior to the convention. We are tentatively scheduling the first telecon for April 25, 2009. More details will be provided to the teams that are participating.

Refer to the subjects below to see the areas from which questions will most probably be drawn.

Following books may be helpful and are suggested for further study for this tournament. We are not endorsing either or making any claims on them but have found them to be good for our purposes.

Jain Activity Book	JES 101	Level 1	Group I and II
Jainism I - Basics of Jainism	JES 102	Level 1	Group I and II
Jain Alphabet Book	JES 103	Level 1	Group I and II
Jain Story Book	JES 202	Level 2	Group I and II
First step of Jainism	JES 203	Level 2	Group I and II
Jain Philosophy and Practice I	JES 302	Level 3	Group I and II
Jain Philosophy and Practice II *	JES 401	Level 4	Group II only
English Pratikraman Book	JES 931	Reference	Group I and II

* If we create two brackets, the Jain Philosophy and Practice II book should be used for the 15+ age bracket.

Jain Academic Bowl Information package and reference Q&A file can be downloaded from the following link.

[http://www.jaina.org/educationcommittee/education_material/\\$\\$\\$JAB_JainAcademicBowl/](http://www.jaina.org/educationcommittee/education_material/$$$JAB_JainAcademicBowl/)

JES books can be purchased or downloaded from JAINA. From the link download order form to purchase any Jaina books.

[http://www.jaina.org/educationcommittee/education_material/\\$\\$\\$PathashalaBooks/](http://www.jaina.org/educationcommittee/education_material/$$$PathashalaBooks/)

All JES books and other reference material can be viewed or downloaded from the following link
http://www.jaina.org/educationcommittee/education_material/

SUBJECTS:

All questions will be based, in some way, on Jainism. All questions should have answers which can be found directly or indirectly in the Jaina education books which are commonly used or accepted by Jains. Well-known or interesting facts from reputable and publicized studies may also be used. The catch-all phrase "General Knowledge on Jainism" is used here and covers anything that is commonly known, accepted or apparent.

"Basics":

Team members should be at least familiar with the terms:

1. Namokär Mantra, 2. Tirthankars and their emblems 3. vratas, 4. dravyas, 5. tattvas, 6. swapnas or sapanas, 7. Stuti 8. Jnän, etc.- what these words mean in English and the number of each type if appropriate.

They should also know the first three topics well (know the Namokär mantra, know the 24 Tirthankars, know who the Pancha Paramesthi are, examples of the vratas) along with the most common practices and events of Jainism.

They should know some very famous stories of Tirthankars, the most famous or well-known Sādhus or scholars, and very famous people.

"More difficult":

The first five topics should be studied well along with the prominent types of the remaining topics.

A brief history of Jainism would be helpful along with the life and times of Mahāvīr.

Some greater understanding of the major ceremonies and activities Jains perform as well as very common facts or pieces of information about Jainism are important here.

Other principles or concepts like Rituals, Karma theory, Anekāntavāda, the Kashāyas or passions, the three jewels, Bhāvanās etc. should be studied.

A general understanding of the prominent features of Jainism in terms of who's, what's, where's, when's, why's, and how many, which interested Jains would have some feel for would fall in this designation.

"Challenging":

The remaining topics of the 8 given above should be understood well which indicate a firm understanding of Jainism is important here.

- Familiarity with the time wheel,
- Gati or phases/forms of life,
- More detailed history of Jainism,
- Guna Sthānaka,
- Codes of conduct etc.

Remember, only about 2 questions in each of the Question Rounds would be at this level. You don't have to try any questions which seem too difficult if you don't want to. The purpose for having a few difficult questions is so teams won't just buzz in all the time (esp. in the Category round) expecting to know all the answers. If difficult questions are prepared well, a differentiation can be made between those that have a good understanding to those who are exceptional. It also gives an idea of how much there is to learn.

Etiquette:

The JAB was created and based on an appreciation of knowledge on Jainism, the ability for quick response, and a friendly yet competitive spirit. Above all, please keep in mind that the tournament should be a positive experience while providing encouragement and enjoyment. A light-hearted attitude will make things run much better. Please be friendly and don't regard the other team as the enemy. Alertness and intensity are respectable qualities but not arrogance or combativeness. Also, please refrain from manhandling the buzzer system, tables, chairs, etc.

A session with the coaches will be conducted prior to the convention to go over all rules. A process will be in place at convention to handle all disputed questions. More details will be provided on the rules to all participating centers. Pravin Shah from Jaina Education Committee will serve as our judge in the event of any conflicts or disputes.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Please refer sample questions provided for the three rounds. A determined effort was made to produce questions which were creative, balanced and thought-provoking (an effort was made; it doesn't mean that they turned out that way!).

RANKINGS:

The two teams with the best records at the end of the tournament will play in the final round. If there are two or more teams tied in overall record for either spot, the tie-breaker criteria will be as follows-

1. Head-to-head win/loss;
2. Overall point differential;
3. Captains run the fifty meter dash.....

Once the top two teams are determined, the final match will solely determine overall first and second place.

AWARDS:

Trophies will be awarded to each of the four members (plus the Alternate) of the winning team as well as a large team trophy which can be displayed at their Jain center. The second place team will also receive a team trophy. The plan is to confer the trophies at the time that other JAINA awards are given out.

DEADLINES:

April 15, 2009 Submit JAB Eligibility Form by April 15, 2009

June 1, 2009 Submit a packets of questions (16 Individual, 12 Category, 14 Grab Gag)

Please complete all of the forms in Microsoft Word and email it to arpanshah1@gmail.com

Jain Academic Bowl Sample Questions

Round 1: INDIVIDUAL TEAM (Varying points/No penalty)

Q1 (30 pts)	For 5 points for each correct answer, list the 4 swapnas other than the sun and the moon, which are not people, animals, or with plants. 10 point bonus for 4.
A1	flag, jug, milky ocean, divine airplane, heap of jewels, smokeless fire
Q2 (25 pts)	Name the four parts of the Jain community and a term for the community or union itself (resp. in an Indian language)
A2	Sādhu, Sādhvi, Shrāvak, Shrāvikā; Sangha/Tirtha
Q3 (25 pts)	Part a) How many tattvas are there? Part b) Give the meaning of bandha; Moksha; Samvar; Nirjarā
Answer	Part a) 9 or 7 Part b) bondage; liberation; stoppage of influx; removal OF karma
Q4 (30 or 15 pts)	ANAGRAM: R U A PANSY? If you rearrange the letters, you will find on the first clue for 30 points or on the second clue for 15 points, a) Means to "settle down" or to stay close to the soul b) Time to concentrate on religious studies, apologizing for our Misdeeds, fasting, and unselfish work

A4	Paryushan
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Round 2: CATEGORY (Starts with 'A') (Correct= +20 points/Incorrect -20 points/No 2nd chance)

Q1	It is one of the 5 vows or vratas and means non-attachment to worldly things
A1	APARIGRAHA
Q2	It is one of the Tapas or penances and is when one eats only once during the day with many restrictions such as very little spice in the food-
A2	AYAMBIL
Q3	It is one of the 6 substances or dravyas and means space-
A3	AKASH
Q4	It is the karma which determines age or life span-
A4	AAYU or =AYUSHYA
Q5	Name the 14th Tirthankar-
A5	ANANTANATH

Round 3: GRAB BAG Correct=+20 Points/Incorrect=-10 points/2nd Team get a chance)

Q1	Jal or water, Dhoop or incense, Akshat or rice, and deepak or lantern are all items used in what ritual that means worship?
A1	Pujä or Ashta-prakäri pujä
Q2	Name the place in Bihar, which has been the site of 20 Tirthankars of the recent cycle attaining nirvana.
A2	Samet Shikhar
Q3	This word means "I enter this temple after giving up all desires and anxieties of the world" and traditionally should be uttered 3 times = before entering a temple.
A3	Nissihi
Q4	Which famous devotional song contains the following words? "Ye na mahima no nahi par / Ye no arth anant apaar
A4	Samaro Mantra
Q5	He is the 12th Tirthankar of the present cycle.
A5	Väsupujya Swami□
Q6	How many different types of Pöp are there?
A6	18

Jain Academic Bowl Questions Packet

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Please refer to the sample questions provided for guidance.

TEAM INFORMATION

Name of Center	
JAB Coordinator	

Round 1: INDIVIDUAL TEAM (Varying points/No penalty) (8 per each team)

Q1 (XX pts)	<Please write your question in this blank>
A1	<Please write your answer in this space>
Source	
Q2 (XX pts)	
A2	
Source	
Q3 (XX pts)	
A3	
Source	
Q4 (XX pts)	
A4	
Source	
Q5 (XX pts)	
A5	
Source	
Q6 (XX pts)	
A6	
Source	
Q7 (XX pts)	
A7	
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Q8 (XX pts)	
A8	
Source	
Q9 (XX pts)	
A9	
Source	
Q10 (XX pts)	
A10	

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Q11 (XX pts)	
A11	
Source	
Q12 (XX pts)	
A12	
Source	
Q13 (XX pts)	
A13	
Source	
Q14 (XX pts)	
A14	
Source	
Q15 (XX pts)	
A15	
Source	
Q16 (XX pts)	
A16	
Source	

Round 2: CATEGORY (Correct= +20 points/Incorrect -20 points/No 2nd chance)

Q1 (XX pts)	<Please write your question in this blank>
A1	<Please write your answer in this space>
Source	
Q2 (XX pts)	
A2	
Source	
Q3 (XX pts)	
A3	
Source	
Q4 (XX pts)	
A4	
Source	
Q5 (XX pts)	
A5	
Source	
Q6 (XX pts)	

A6	
Source	
A7 (XX pts)	
A7	
Source	
Q8 (XX pts)	
A8	
Source	
Q9 (XX pts)	
A9	
Source	
Q10 (XX pts)	
A10	
Source	
Q11 (XX pts)	
A11	
Source	
Q12 (XX pts)	
A12	

Round 3: GRAB BAG Correct=+20 Points/Incorrect=-10 points/2nd Team get a chance)

Q1 (XX pts)	<Please write your question in this blank>
A1	<Please write your answer in this space>
Source	
Q2 (XX pts)	
A2	
Source	
Q3 (XX pts)	
A3	
Source	
Q4 (XX pts)	
A4	
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Q5 (XX pts)	
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Q6 (XX pts)	

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Q7 (XX pts)	
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Q8 (XX pts)	
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Q9 (XX pts)	
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Q10 (XX pts)	
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Q11 (XX pts)	
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Q12 (XX pts)	
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Q13 (XX pts)	
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Q14 (XX pts)	
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Q15 (XX pts)	
A15	
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Q16 (XX pts)	
A16	
Source	