

## THE SCORING SYSTEM

- **Questions 1 to 10:** 3 points for correct response.
  - **Questions 11 to 20:** 4 points for correct response.
  - **Questions 21 to 25:** 5 points for correct response.
  - **Questions 26 to 30:** 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 points respectively for correct response.
- For all questions, there is no penalty for an incorrect or blank response.

## AWARD ALLOCATION

In each year group for each Australian state or each country, certificates of merit are awarded as follows.

	PRIZE	HIGH DISTINCTION	DISTINCTION	CREDIT
MIDDLE PRIMARY	Top 0.3%	Top 3%	Top 20%	Top 55%
UPPER PRIMARY				
JUNIOR				
INTERMEDIATE				
SENIOR	Top 0.3%	Top 5%	Top 25%	Top 60%

A Proficiency certificate is awarded to all students who have achieved a pre-set score but have not been awarded a Credit (or higher) certificate. The remaining students receive Participation certificates. Students receive the highest possible of these two awards.

A Best in School certificate is awarded to a student if the school and student meet the pre-set criteria. It is awarded in addition to a certificate of merit.

**Note:** These percentages are approximate and may vary according to the number of students in a group and the score distribution.

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