

Episode-3
$24^{\text {th }}-26^{\text {th }}$ October

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Sudoku Mahabharat rounds will also serve as qualifiers for Indian Sudoku Championship for year 2016. Please check http://logicmastersindia.com/sm/2015-16.asp for details.

## About this Episode

Apart from classic Sudokus of different sizes, this episode has five variants based on Odd (1,3,5,7,9) and Even ( $2,4,6,8$ ) digits, namely Odd Or Even Sudoku, Odd Sum Pair Sudoku, No Even Neighbours Sudoku, Quadro Sudoku and Odd Even Count Sudoku.

## How to participate?

- Understand the rules of different Sudokus that will appear in this episode. This Instruction Booklet has rules for each Sudoku.
- Download the password protected Sudoku booklet (will be uploaded before the test starts). The Sudoku booklet contains the actual Sudokus to be solved. It is password protected, so you won't be able to open it.
- Any time after $24^{\text {th }}$ October (but before $26^{\text {th }}$ October), login at the submission page using your LMI userid and password.
- Please check the submission page for exact timing.
- Click on "Start". At this time, password for pdf will be shown and timer will start.
- You can either solve online using flash interface or print the pdf and solve on paper.
- Each Sudoku will be marked with two arrows
- If solving on paper
- Fill the answer form with digits along the marked arrow(s)
- Click submit button
- If solving online
- After solving the Sudoku, click on "Submit" button below the grid
- Each Sudoku grid has different submit buttons

If you are participating at LMI for first time, you must check the F.A.Q. at http://logicmastersindia.com/t/?tid=381.

## Points Table and Scoring

Points typically indicate difficulty of the Sudokus and time required to solve them. While the organizers have made best efforts to match them, your personal experience and preference may differ.

This test uses instant grading where a solver can submit any individual Sudoku and receive

| Standard 6X6 | $1,1,1,1$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Standard 8X8 | 3 |
| Standard 9X9 | $5,6,7$ |
| Odd Or Even 6X6, 9X9 | 2,13 |
| Odd Sum Pair 6X6, 9X9 | 2,13 |
| No Even Neighbours 6X6, 9X9 | 2,12 |
| Quadro 6X6, 9X9 | 3,12 |
| Odd Even Count 6X6, 9X9 | 4,12 | confirmation that the solution is correct or not.

Each incorrect submission reduces the sudoku's potential score. The first, second, third, and fourth incorrect submission reduces the potential score to $90 \%, 70 \%, 40 \%$, and $0 \%$ respectively.

## Bonus

If you submitted all Sudokus correctly, you can have bonus points 1 point per minute saved, computed upto seconds.

## General Rules

To make the rules less repetitive, you will see following line "Apply standard Sudoku rules" in most Sudoku rules. This means "Place a digit from 1 to N , where N is the size of the grid, in each empty cell so that each digit appears exactly once in each row, column and outlined region."
These outlined regions could be 3X3 boxes, or other shapes.
Each Sudoku will be marked with, at max, 2 lettered arrows. If you are solving on paper, you need to submit the digits in these arrows, in order, including the givens. For example, the answer key for the Sudoku at the right is 162897453,517698432 .

| 3 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 7 |

## About the Sudoku Booklet

The password protected Sudoku booklet will have 8 pages. If you are planning to solve on paper, we advise you to have a printer accessible with enough paper.

The Sudoku booklet will look exactly like next 8 pages in this instruction booklet. The font sizes, cell sizes, colors, borders, shading, margin will be identical. We recommend you to print few pages of this instruction booklet. You can avoid any last minute surprise during the test.


This grid is for testing how the printout looks. If you are solving this grid, remember that No-Even-Neighbours rule does not apply.

## Standard Sudoku

Place a digit from 1 to 6 in each empty cell so that each digit appears exactly once in each row, column and 2X3 box.


1 point


1 point

| 1 | 3 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 4 |  |  |
| 3 | 2 |  |  |
|  |  | 3 | 1 |
|  |  | 1 | 5 |
|  |  | 2 | 4 |

1 point

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  | 2 |  |  | 3 |  |
|  | 5 |  |  | 6 |  |
|  | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Standard Sudoku

3 points
Place a digit from 1 to 8 in each empty cell so that each digit appears exactly once in each row, column and 2X4 box.

## Standard Sudoku

5 points
Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each digit appears exactly once in each row, column and 3X3 box.


Standard Sudoku

6 points
Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each digit appears exactly once in each row, column and 3X3 box.

## Standard Sudoku

7 points
Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each digit appears exactly once in each row, column and 3X3 box.


Odd Or Even Sudoku

2 points
Apply standard Sudoku rules.

Additionally, all the digits in the shaded cells are of same parity. That means the shaded cells must contain all odd digits or all even digits. This has to be determined by the solver.

## Odd Or Even

 Sudoku
## 13 points

Apply standard Sudoku rules.

Additionally, all the digits in the shaded cells are of same parity. That means the shaded cells must contain all odd digits or all even digits. This has to be determined by the solver.


|  |  | 3 |  |  | 2 |  |  | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 4 |  |  | 5 |  |  | 1 |  |
| 2 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 9 |  |  |
|  |  | 2 |  |  | 8 |  |  | 4 |
|  | 1 |  |  | 4 |  |  | 3 |  |
| 6 |  |  | 2 |  |  | 7 |  |  |
|  |  | 1 |  |  | 4 |  |  | 6 |
|  | 3 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |  |
| 4 |  |  | 6 |  |  | 8 |  |  |

## Odd Sum Pair

2 points

Apply standard Sudoku rules.

A dot between two cells implies the sum of digits in those 2 cells is odd.


## Odd Sum Pair

13 points

Apply standard Sudoku rules.

A dot between two cells implies the sum of digits in those 2 cells is odd.


No Even
Neigbours
2 points
Apply standard Sudoku rules.

No two cells containing even digits can share an edge.


No Even Neigbours

12 points
Apply standard Sudoku rules.

No two cells
containing even digits can share an edge.

H |  |  |  |  | 6 | 9 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 7 |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| 9 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 7 | 2 |  |  |  |  |

Quadro
Sudoku
3 points
Apply standard Sudoku rules.

No $2 \times 2$ square can contain only odd or only even numbers.


## Quadro Sudoku

## 12 points

Apply standard Sudoku rules.

No $2 \times 2$ square can contain only odd or only even numbers.

| L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 3 | 6 |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |
|  | 2 | 4 |  |  |  | 9 | 5 |  |
| 1 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 4 |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| 5 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 8 |
|  | 8 | 1 |  |  |  | 6 | 2 |  |
|  |  | 2 | 8 |  | 4 | 5 |  |  |

Odd Even Count

4 points
Apply standard Sudoku rules.

An even digit inside a circle represents the number of cells with even digits in the surrounding 8 cells.
An odd digit inside a circle represents the number of cells with odd digits in surrounding 8 cells.

## Odd Even

 Count
## 12 points

Apply standard Sudoku rules.

An even digit inside a circle represents the number of cells with even digits in the surrounding 8 cells.
An odd digit inside a circle represents the number of cells with odd digits in surrounding 8 cells.


Standard

| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Standard

$\Delta$| 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 |

Standard

| $\boldsymbol{F}$ | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 |
| 3 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

Standard
Standard

| 3 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 7 |

Odd Or Even

$\Delta$| 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 |

Odd Or Even

| 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| 8 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| 4 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 |


| 9 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 3 |

Odd Sum Pair

$D$| 5 | $2 \cdot$ | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | $1 \cdot$ | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 6 | $\cdot$ | 1 | 5 | $\cdot 4$ |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | $6 \cdot 3$ | 1 |  |

Odd Sum Pair

| 9 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 6 |
| 2 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | $\cdot$ | 5 | 3 | 1 |
|  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5 | $\cdot$ |
| 5 | 1 | 7 | 8 | $\cdot 3$ | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 4 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 1 |

No Even Neighbours

| 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

No Even Neighbours

| 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 7 |
| 6 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 |

Odd Even Count

| 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 6 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 |

Quadro

| 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Quadro

| 2 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 5 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 9 |

Odd Even Count

$\checkmark$| 2 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| 7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 7 |

