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Question 1 Everyday Science

A scientist who studies the cultivation of fruits is working in which branch of science?

- A. Ornithology
- B. Pomology ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Toxicology

omology

Why this answer? Pomology is the branch of horticulture that deals with fruits and their cultivation.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q41 (pomology - the study and cultivation of fruits); re-asked in new words

Question 2 Everyday Science

About 46.6% of the Earth's crust by weight is made of which element?

- A. Oxygen ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Iron
- C. Aluminium
- D. Silicon

Why this answer? Oxygen makes up about 46.6% of the Earth's crust by weight, more than any other element.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q42 (oxygen is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust); re-asked in new words

Question 3 Everyday Science

Malaria fever is spread by the bite of which mosquito?

- A. Culex
- B. Anopheles ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Aedes
- D. None of these

Why this answer? The female Anopheles mosquito transmits malaria.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q47 (the female Anopheles mosquito transmits malaria); re-asked in new words

4 Everyday Science

In medicine, what does the term chemotherapy describe?

- A. Cure by chemicals
- B. Cure without chemicals
- C. Use of non-antibiotic chemical substances to treat diseases, most often cancer ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of these

Why this answer? Chemotherapy is the use of chemical substances (not antibiotics) to treat disease, most often cancer.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q49 (chemotherapy is treatment with non-antibiotic chemicals, most often for cancer); re-asked in new words

Question 5 Everyday Science

When chlorine bleaches a coloured substance, which chemical process is taking place?

- A. Decomposition
- B. Oxidation ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Reduction
- D. Substitution

Why this answer? Chlorine bleaches by oxidation: it removes electrons from the coloured substance.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q59 (bleaching by chlorine is oxidation); re-asked in new words

Question 6 Everyday Science

Which statement about the physical properties of metals is NOT correct?

metals are solid except mercury

- B. Most metals are hard except sodium and potassium
- C. They are not malleable ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Most metals are ductile

Why this answer? This is the NOT-correct statement: metals ARE malleable, they can be hammered into sheets.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q61 (metals ARE malleable, so 'they are not malleable' is the incorrect statement); re-asked in new words

Question 7 Everyday Science

Which three elements are among the most common in the Earth's crust?

- A. Oxygen, iron and potassium
- B. Oxygen, iron and silicon ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Silicon, polonium and oxygen
- D. Silicon, iron and magnesium

Why this answer? Oxygen (about 46.6%), silicon (about 27.7%) and iron (about 5%) are three of the four most abundant crustal elements.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q63 (oxygen, silicon and iron are among the most common elements in the Earth's crust); re-asked in new words

Question 8 Everyday Science

Which of these muscles is found in the human thigh?

- A. Deltoid
- B. Trapezius
- C. Vastus externus ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The vastus externus is a quadriceps muscle of the thigh; the deltoid is in the shoulder and the biceps in the arm.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q65 (the vastus externus is a muscle of the thigh); re-asked in new words

Question 9 Everyday Science

The purity of which liquid is estimated with a lactometer?

- A. Milk ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Diamond
- C. Water
- D. None of these

Why this answer? A lactometer measures the purity (density) of milk.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q67 (a lactometer estimates the purity of milk); re-asked in new words

Question 10 Everyday Science

Which temperature is a clinical thermometer made to measure?

- A. Temperature of gases
- B. Temperature of liquids
- C. Temperature of the human body ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Room temperature

Why this answer? A clinical thermometer measures human body temperature; room temperature is measured by an ordinary thermometer.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q69 (a clinical thermometer measures human body temperature); re-asked in new words

11 Everyday Science

A balloon filled with hydrogen rises into the air. Which reason explains this?

- A. Because hydrogen is lighter than air
- B. Because its weight is less than the weight of the air it displaces
- C. Both A and B ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Both reasons are true and state the same physical fact in two ways: hydrogen's low density makes the balloon lighter than the air it displaces.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q73 (a hydrogen balloon rises because hydrogen is lighter than air and its weight is less than the air it displaces); re-asked in new words

Question 12 Everyday Science

A thermometer maker chooses mercury for the tube. What is the main reason for this choice?

- A. It is cheaply available
- B. It is the only metal which is liquid at ordinary room temperature ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. It uniformly spreads and does wet the walls of the thermometer
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Mercury is the only metal liquid at ordinary temperatures, and it expands uniformly with heat, which is why it is used in thermometers.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q75 (mercury is the only metal liquid at ordinary room temperature); re-asked in new words

13 Everyday Science

What is the chemical formula of water?

- A. H2O ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. CO2
- C. O2
- D. NaCl

Why this answer? A molecule of water is made of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom, H2O.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the chemical formula of water recurs in every sitting of this post

Question 14 Everyday Science

At what temperature does water boil at sea level?

- A. 90 degrees C
- B. 100 degrees C ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 110 degrees C
- D. 120 degrees C

Why this answer? At standard atmospheric pressure at sea level, water boils at 100 degrees C.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: boiling and freezing points of water recur in every sitting of this post

Question 15 Everyday Science

Which planet is known as the Red Planet?

- A. Venus
- B. Jupiter

- D. Saturn

Why this answer? Mars is called the Red Planet because of the reddish iron oxide on its surface.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the planets and their common names recur in every sitting of this post

Question 16 Everyday Science

Which gas do plants absorb from the air for photosynthesis?

- A. Oxygen
- B. Nitrogen
- C. Hydrogen
- D. Carbon dioxide ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Plants take in carbon dioxide from the air and use it with sunlight and water to make food.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: photosynthesis and the gases involved recur in every sitting of this post

Question 17 Everyday Science

Which vitamin does the human body make when skin is exposed to sunlight?

- A. Vitamin A
- B. Vitamin B
- C. Vitamin C
- D. Vitamin D ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Sunlight on the skin produces vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium.

ed [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: vitamins and their sources recur in every sitting of this post

Question 18 Everyday Science

What is the SI unit of force?

- A. Joule
- B. Watt
- C. Pascal
- D. Newton ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Force is measured in newtons; the joule measures energy and the watt measures power.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: SI units of force, energy and power recur in every sitting of this post

Question 19 Everyday Science

Which organ pumps blood around the human body?

- A. Liver
- B. Lung
- C. Heart ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Kidney

Why this answer? The heart pumps blood through the blood vessels to every part of the body.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the human organs and their functions recur in every sitting of this post

20 Everyday Science

How many bones are there in the adult human body?

- A. 186
- B. 196
- C. 216
- D. 206 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? An adult human has 206 bones; a baby is born with about 300, many of which fuse as it grows.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the human skeleton and bone count recur in every sitting of this post

Question 21 Everyday Science

What is the approximate speed of light in a vacuum?

- A. 300,000 km per second ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 150,000 km per second
- C. 30,000 km per second
- D. 3,000 km per second

Why this answer? Light travels at about 300,000 kilometres per second in a vacuum.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the speed of light recurs in every sitting of this post

Question 22 Everyday Science

Which acid is present in vinegar?

- A. Citric acid
- B. Acetic acid ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Sulphuric acid

Why this answer? Vinegar is a dilute solution of acetic acid in water.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: common acids and where they occur recur in every sitting of this post

Question 23 Everyday Science

Which instrument measures the pressure of the air?

- A. Thermometer
- B. Ammeter
- C. Barometer ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Hygrometer

Why this answer? A barometer measures air pressure; a thermometer measures temperature and a hygrometer measures humidity.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: scientific instruments and what they measure recur in every sitting of this post

Question 24 Everyday Science

Which is the largest organ of the human body?

- A. Liver
- B. Brain
- C. Lung
- D. Skin ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The skin is the largest organ of the human body, covering and protecting the whole body.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the human organs and their functions recur in every sitting of this post

25 Everyday Science

What is the chemical symbol of gold?

- A. Au ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ag
- C. Gd
- D. Go

Why this answer? Gold's symbol Au comes from its Latin name, aurum; Ag is silver.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: chemical symbols of common elements recur in every sitting of this post

Question 26 Everyday Science

Which force pulls objects towards the Earth?

- A. Friction
- B. Gravity ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Magnetism
- D. Pressure

Why this answer? Gravity is the force that attracts objects towards the centre of the Earth.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: forces in physics recur in every sitting of this post

Question 27 English

Scientists say that _____ 1,000 kinds of fish have so far been recorded.

- A. As many as ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. As many
- C. As much as

Why this answer? 'As many as' is the correct phrase with a countable noun: as many as 1,000 kinds of fish.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q1 ('as many as' is the correct phrase with a countable noun); re-asked in new words

Question 28 English

I need to have a talk _____ the manager _____ the new timetable soon.

- A. About, for
- B. With, for
- C. About, in
- D. With, about ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? You hold a discussion 'with' a person, and the discussion is 'about' a matter.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q3 (a discussion is held 'with' a person 'about' a matter); re-asked in new words

Question 29 English

No agreement could be reached _____ the great powers _____ a treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

- A. With, about
- B. Among, on ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Between, about
- D. In, for

Why this answer? 'Agreement among the great powers on a treaty' is the correct pair; 'between' is for two parties only.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q5 (agreement is reached 'among' the great powers 'on' a treaty); re-asked in new words

Question 30 English

Visitors will have to bear _____ the speaker's rudeness during the meeting.

- A. To
- B. With ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Out
- D. Of

Why this answer? 'Bear with' means to tolerate patiently: bear with his rudeness.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q8 ('bear with' means to tolerate patiently); re-asked in new words

Question 31 English

The office can dispense _____ the services of the temporary clerk.

- A. Of
- B. In
- C. At
- D. With ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? 'Dispense with' means to do without: dispense with his services.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q9 ('dispense with' means to do without); re-asked in new words

Question 32 English

My uncle's shop deals _____ fresh vegetables and fruit.

- A. Out

- C. For
- D. In ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? 'Deal in' means to trade in a commodity: he deals in vegetables.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q11 ('deal in' means to trade in a commodity); re-asked in new words

Question 33 English

The cashier works _____ a very small salary.

- A. For ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. At
- C. On
- D. In

Why this answer? One works 'for' a salary.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q13 (one works 'for' a salary); re-asked in new words

Question 34 English

She is extremely fastidious about the cleanliness of her kitchen. Fastidious here means:

- A. Careless
- B. Pompous
- C. Fussy ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Discriminating

Why this answer? Fastidious means very fussy and hard to please, especially about small details.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q16

means very fussy and hard to please), re-asked in new words

Question 35 English

Which word is the opposite in meaning to ADEPT?

- A. Skillful
- B. Unskillful ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Adjustable
- D. Fit

Why this answer? Adept means highly skilled, so its opposite is unskillful; 'skillful' is its synonym.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q18 (the opposite of adept (highly skilled) is unskillful); re-asked in new words

Question 36 English

Which word is the opposite in meaning to AUSPICIOUS?

- A. Favourable
- B. Useless
- C. Unfavourable ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Festive

Why this answer? Auspicious means favourable and promising success, so its opposite is unfavourable.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q20 (the opposite of auspicious (favourable) is unfavourable); re-asked in new words

Question 37 English

Choose the word nearest in meaning to HAPPY.

- B. Angry
- C. Tired
- D. Joyful ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Joyful means full of joy, the nearest in meaning to happy.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: synonyms of common words recur in every sitting of this post

Question 38 English

Choose the word opposite in meaning to BRAVE.

- A. Bold
- B. Fearless
- C. Heroic
- D. Cowardly ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Cowardly is the opposite of brave; bold, fearless and heroic are all near-synonyms of brave.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: antonyms of common words recur in every sitting of this post

Question 39 English

What is the plural of CHILD?

- A. Children ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Childs
- C. Childes
- D. Childrens

Why this answer? The plural of child is the irregular form children.

ed [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: plurals of irregular nouns recur in every sitting of this post

Question 40 English

What is the past tense of GO?

- A. Goed
- B. Going
- C. Went ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Gone

Why this answer? The past tense of go is went; gone is the past participle.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: past tenses of irregular verbs recur in every sitting of this post

Question 41 English

He _____ to school every day.

- A. Goes ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Go
- C. Going
- D. Gone

Why this answer? With the third-person singular subject 'he', the present simple verb takes -s: he goes.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: subject-verb agreement in the present simple recurs in every sitting of this post

Question 42 English

The idiom 'to break the ice' means:

- B. To start a conversation ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. To end a friendship
- D. To feel very cold

Why this answer? To break the ice means to start a conversation and make people feel at ease, especially at a first meeting.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: English idioms and their meanings recur in every sitting of this post

Question 43 English

Choose the word nearest in meaning to RAPID.

- A. Slow
- B. Lazy
- C. Gradual
- D. Fast ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Rapid means happening in a short time, so its nearest synonym is fast.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: synonyms of common words recur in every sitting of this post

Question 44 English

Choose the word opposite in meaning to ANCIENT.

- A. Old
- B. Historic
- C. Modern ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Antique

Why this answer? Ancient means very old, so its opposite is modern.

ed [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: antonyms of common words recur in every sitting of this post

Question 45 English

Choose the correctly spelled word.

- A. Beautiful ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Beautifull
- C. Beatiful
- D. Butiful

Why this answer? The correct spelling is b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l, beautiful.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: correct spellings of common words recur in every sitting of this post

Question 46 English

Neither of the answers _____ correct.

- A. Are
- B. Is ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Were
- D. Have been

Why this answer? 'Neither' is singular, so it takes the singular verb 'is'.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: subject-verb agreement with neither and either recurs in every sitting of this post

Question 47 General Knowledge

Which of these descriptions fits Grand Central Terminal on Park Avenue, New York?

- A. Largest railway station ✓ **Predicted answer**

- C. Longest railway station
- D. None of these

Why this answer? Grand Central Terminal has 44 platforms, the most of any railway station in the world, making it the largest by platform count.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q21 (Grand Central Terminal is the world's largest railway station); re-asked in new words

Question 48 General Knowledge

Eritrea, which joined the United Nations in 1993 as its 182nd member, lies on which continent?

- A. Asia
- B. Africa ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Europe
- D. Australia

Why this answer? Eritrea, on the Red Sea coast of north-east Africa, joined the UN on 28 May 1993 as its 182nd member.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q23 (Eritrea joined the UN in 1993 as its 182nd member and is in Africa); re-asked in new words

Question 49 General Knowledge

The party that came to power in Germany in 1933 under Hitler is known as the:

- A. Labour Party
- B. Nazi Party ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Ku Klux Klan
- D. Democratic Party

swer? The Nazi Party came to power in Germany in 1933 under Hitler.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q25 (the Nazi Party came to power in Germany in 1933 under Hitler); re-asked in new words

Question 50 General Knowledge

Which type of forest covers the largest share of the world's total forest area?

- A. Deciduous
- B. Littoral
- C. Broad-leaved ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Coniferous

Why this answer? Broad-leaved forests (tropical rainforest plus temperate broadleaf) together cover the largest share of the world's forest area.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q27 (broad-leaved forests cover the largest share of the world's forest area); re-asked in new words

Question 51 General Knowledge

The first human heart transplant, performed by Dr Christiaan Barnard on Louis Washkansky, took place in which year?

- A. 1967 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1968
- C. 1958
- D. 1922

Why this answer? Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky in Cape Town on 3 December 1967.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q29

nan heart transplant was performed by Dr Christiaan Barnard in 1967); re-asked in new words

Question 52 General Knowledge

In international law, what is a condominium?

- A. A state of chaos
- B. A state enjoying dominion status
- C. A state with a federal form of constitution
- D. A particular territory over which joint dominion is exercised by two or more external powers ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? A condominium is a particular territory over which joint dominion is exercised by two or more external powers.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q37 (a condominium is a territory under the joint dominion of two or more external powers); re-asked in new words

Question 53 General Knowledge

A system in which only one single government operates at the central level and no regional governments exist is called:

- A. Federal
- B. Confederacy
- C. Unitary ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Presidential

Why this answer? In a unitary system all power rests with the single central government.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q39 (a system with a single central government and no regional governments is unitary); re-asked in new words

54 General Knowledge

When a borrower gives a creditor security to guarantee repayment of a loan, what is that security called?

- A. Pledge
- B. Assurance
- C. Collateral ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Guaranty

Why this answer? Collateral is property or security given to guarantee repayment of a loan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q43 (security given by a borrower to guarantee repayment of a loan is collateral); re-asked in new words

Question 55 General Knowledge

What is meant by 'cost-effective'?

- A. Cheap things
- B. Sub-standard things
- C. Economical in terms of the goods or services received for the money spent ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Free in terms of the goods or services received for the money spent

Why this answer? Cost-effective means giving good value for the money spent, not merely cheap and not free.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q45 (cost-effective means economical in terms of the goods or services received for the money spent); re-asked in new words

56 General Knowledge

The initials IAEA stand for:

- A. Initial Atomic Energy Agency
- B. International Atomic Energy Agency ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. International Atomic Energy Authority
- D. International Association Energy Agency

Why this answer? The IAEA, the UN-linked agency for nuclear energy, is the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q50 (IAEA is the International Atomic Energy Agency); re-asked in new words

Question 57 General Knowledge

What is the capital of France?

- A. Paris ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Rome
- C. Madrid
- D. Berlin

Why this answer? Paris is the capital of France.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: capitals of world countries recur in every sitting of this post

Question 58 General Knowledge

Which is the largest ocean in the world?

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean

ific Ocean ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean in the world, covering more area than all the Earth's land combined.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: the world's oceans and their sizes recur in every sitting of this post

Question 59 General Knowledge

What is the currency of Japan?

- A. Yen ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Won
- C. Yuan
- D. Ringgit

Why this answer? The yen is the currency of Japan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: currencies of world countries recur in every sitting of this post

Question 60 General Knowledge

Where is the headquarters of the United Nations?

- A. Geneva
- B. London
- C. Paris
- D. New York ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The United Nations is headquartered in New York City, USA.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: headquarters of international organisations recur in every sitting of this post

61 General Knowledge

Which is the longest river in the world?

- A. Nile ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Amazon
- C. Yangtze
- D. Mississippi

Why this answer? The Nile is generally regarded as the longest river in the world, at about 6,650 kilometres.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: the world's longest rivers recur in every sitting of this post

Question 62 General Knowledge

Which is the smallest continent in the world?

- A. Europe
- B. Australia ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Antarctica
- D. South America

Why this answer? Australia is the smallest continent in the world.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: the continents and their sizes recur in every sitting of this post

Question 63 General Knowledge

Who was the first man to walk on the Moon?

- A. Buzz Aldrin
- B. Yuri Gagarin
- C. Neil Armstrong ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon on 20 July 1969, as commander of Apollo 11.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: firsts in space exploration recur in every sitting of this post

Question 64 General Knowledge

What is the capital of Australia?

- A. Sydney
- B. Melbourne
- C. Perth
- D. Canberra ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Canberra is the capital of Australia, not Sydney or Melbourne.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: capitals of world countries recur in every sitting of this post

Question 65 General Knowledge

How many players are there in a cricket team on the field?

- A. 11 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 9
- C. 7
- D. 15

Why this answer? A cricket team has 11 players on the field.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: numbers of players in team games recur in every sitting of this post

66 General Knowledge

Which is the largest hot desert in the world?

- A. Gobi
- B. Sahara ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Kalahari
- D. Arabian

Why this answer? The Sahara in North Africa is the largest hot desert in the world.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: the world's deserts recur in every sitting of this post

Question 67 Pakistan Studies

Who was elected the first president of Pakistan's Constituent Assembly?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Quaid-e-Azam ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Maulvi Tamiz-ud-Din Khan
- D. Abdul Rab Nishtar

Why this answer? Muhammad Ali Jinnah was elected the first president of the Constituent Assembly on 11 August 1947.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q31 (Quaid-e-Azam was the first president of the Constituent Assembly); re-asked in new words

Question 68 Pakistan Studies

On which date were the general elections held during General Pervez Musharraf's rule?

- A. 15 October 2002
- B. 19 October 2002

October 2002 ✓ **Predicted answer**

- D. 8 October 2002

Why this answer? The general election under General Musharraf was held on 10 October 2002.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q33 (the general election under General Musharraf was held on 10 October 2002); re-asked in new words

Question 69 Pakistan Studies

In 1905 Allama Iqbal went to England for higher education. At which university did he study?

- A. Oxford University
- B. Trinity College, Cambridge
- C. Cambridge University ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Lincoln's Inn

Why this answer? Iqbal went to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1905, and took his BA from Cambridge University.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q35 (Iqbal went to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1905 and took his BA from Cambridge); re-asked in new words

Question 70 Pakistan Studies

Lord Chelmsford remained Viceroy of India from 1916 until which year?

- A. 1919
- B. 1920
- C. 1921 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 1922

swer? Lord Chelmsford was Viceroy of India from 1916 to 1921.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q79 (Lord Chelmsford was Viceroy of India from 1916 to 1921); re-asked in new words

Question 71 Pakistan Studies

Which session of the Round Table Conference was held in London in 1931?

- A. Second ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Third
- C. Both second and third
- D. Fourth

Why this answer? The Second Round Table Conference was held in London in 1931; the Third was held in 1932.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q81 (the Second Round Table Conference was held in London in 1931); re-asked in new words

Question 72 Pakistan Studies

Mr Gandhi decided to fast unto death in protest against which of the following?

- A. Rowlatt Act
- B. Communal Award ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. British rule in India
- D. None of these

Why this answer? Gandhi fasted unto death in September 1932 in protest against the Communal Award's separate electorates for the depressed classes.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q83 (Gandhi fasted unto death in September 1932 against the Communal Award); re-asked in new words

73 Pakistan Studies

Lord Clive founded a regular new system in British India in which field?

- A. Postal service ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Agriculture
- C. Industry
- D. None of these

Why this answer? Lord Clive introduced the first regular postal service in India in 1766.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q85 (Lord Clive introduced the first regular postal service in India in 1766); re-asked in new words

Question 74 Pakistan Studies

By introducing the Subsidiary System, the British expanded their empire:

- A. With war
- B. Without war ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. With the help of the masses
- D. None of these

Why this answer? The point of the Subsidiary Alliance was expansion without fighting wars, by stationing British troops in Indian states at the rulers' expense.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q87 (the Subsidiary System let the British expand their empire without war); re-asked in new words

Question 75 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan came into being on:

- A. 14 August 1947 ✓ **Predicted answer**

- C. 23 March 1940
- D. 11 September 1948

Why this answer? Pakistan came into being on 14 August 1947.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the creation of Pakistan and its key dates recur in every sitting of this post

Question 76 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Governor-General of Pakistan?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Khawaja Nazimuddin
- D. Iskander Mirza

Why this answer? Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was the first Governor-General of Pakistan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the first holders of Pakistan's great offices recur in every sitting of this post

Question 77 Pakistan Studies

What is the national language of Pakistan?

- A. Punjabi
- B. English
- C. Urdu ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Sindhi

Why this answer? Urdu is the national language of Pakistan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: Pakistan's

bols recur in every sitting of this post

Question 78 Pakistan Studies

What is the capital of Pakistan?

- A. Karachi
- B. Lahore
- C. Rawalpindi
- D. Islamabad ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: Pakistan's capitals and major cities recur in every sitting of this post

Question 79 Pakistan Studies

Which animal is the national animal of Pakistan?

- A. Markhor ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Snow leopard
- C. Indus dolphin
- D. Chinkara

Why this answer? The markhor, a wild goat of the mountains, is the national animal of Pakistan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: Pakistan's national symbols recur in every sitting of this post

Question 80 Pakistan Studies

In which year was the Lahore Resolution passed?

- A. 1930

- C. 1956
- D. 1940 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The Lahore Resolution was passed on 23 March 1940.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the Lahore Resolution and the Pakistan Movement recur in every sitting of this post

Question 81 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Prime Minister of Pakistan?

- A. Quaid-e-Azam
- B. Khawaja Nazimuddin
- C. Liaquat Ali Khan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Chaudhry Muhammad Ali

Why this answer? Liaquat Ali Khan was the first Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the first holders of Pakistan's great offices recur in every sitting of this post

Question 82 Pakistan Studies

What is the national flower of Pakistan?

- A. Rose
- B. Sunflower
- C. Tulip
- D. Jasmine ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Jasmine is the national flower of Pakistan.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: Pakistan's national symbols recur in every sitting of this post

83 Islamiat

Who was the first writer (scribe) of the revelation (Wahi) among the Quraish?

- A. Hazrat Abdul Rahman bin Auf (RA)
- B. Hazrat Zaid bin Sabit (RA) ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Hazrat Abdullah bin Zubair (RA)
- D. Hazrat Ibn Masud (RA)

Why this answer? Zaid bin Thabit was the chief scribe (katib-e-wahi) of the revelation.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q89 (Zaid bin Thabit was the chief scribe of the revelation); re-asked in new words

Question 84 Islamiat

Namaz-e-Istisqa is the prayer offered for:

- A. Blessing of God
- B. Pardon
- C. Rain ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Sleep

Why this answer? Namaz-e-Istisqa is the prayer offered for rain in times of drought.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q93 (Namaz-e-Istisqa is the prayer offered for rain); re-asked in new words

Question 85 Islamiat

Ramzan is which month of the Islamic calendar?

- A. 8th
- B. 9th ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 10th
- D. 11th

swer? Ramzan (Ramadan) is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q96 (Ramzan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar); re-asked in new words

Question 86 Islamiat

Khateeb-ul-Anbia is the title of which prophet?

- A. Hazrat Idrees (AS)
- B. Hazrat Ibrahim (AS)
- C. Hazrat Yaqub (AS)
- D. Hazrat Shoaib (AS) ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Hazrat Shoaib is known as Khateeb-ul-Anbia (the orator of the prophets) for his eloquent preaching.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q98 (Hazrat Shoaib is known as Khateeb-ul-Anbia); re-asked in new words

Question 87 Islamiat

Which is the first month of the Islamic calendar?

- A. Muharram ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Safar
- C. Ramzan
- D. Shawwal

Why this answer? Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the months of the Islamic calendar recur in every sitting of this post

88 Islamiat

How many pillars of Islam are there?

- A. Four
- B. Six
- C. Seven
- D. Five ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? There are five pillars of Islam: Shahadah, Salat, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the five pillars of Islam recur in every sitting of this post

Question 89 Islamiat

The Taurat (Torah) was revealed to which prophet?

- A. Hazrat Isa (AS)
- B. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH)
- C. Hazrat Musa (AS) ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Hazrat Dawood (AS)

Why this answer? The Taurat was revealed to Hazrat Musa (AS).

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the revealed books and their prophets recur in every sitting of this post

Question 90 Islamiat

What was the first word revealed in the Holy Quran?

- A. Alhamd
- B. Bismillah
- C. Noor
- D. Iqra ✓ **Predicted answer**

swer? The first revealed word was 'Iqra' (Read), the opening of Surah Al-Alaq.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the revelation of the Holy Quran recurs in every sitting of this post

Question 91 Islamiat

How many Surahs are there in the Holy Quran?

- A. 114 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 110
- C. 116
- D. 120

Why this answer? There are 114 Surahs in the Holy Quran.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the structure of the Holy Quran recurs in every sitting of this post

Question 92 Islamiat

In which month do Muslims fast from dawn to sunset?

- A. Shawwal
- B. Ramzan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Shaban
- D. Dhul-Hijjah

Why this answer? Muslims fast during the month of Ramzan, from dawn to sunset.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: fasting and the month of Ramzan recur in every sitting of this post

Question 93 Mathematics

A garrison of 1,500 men has provisions for 6 weeks. At the end of the first two weeks,

sert. For how many more days will the food last?

- A. 20 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 5 days
- D. 40 days ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? After two weeks, food for 1,500 men for 4 weeks remains (6,000 man-weeks); with 1,050 men left, it lasts 6,000 divided by 1,050 = 5.71 weeks = 40 days.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q51 (1,500 men for 4 weeks of food is 6,000 man-weeks; for 1,050 men that lasts 40 days); re-asked in new words

Question 94 Mathematics

In a class of 33 pupils, the boys outnumber the girls by seven. How many girls are there in the class?

- A. 13 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 26
- C. 40
- D. 47

Why this answer? With 33 pupils and boys exceeding girls by 7, the girls are (33 - 7) divided by 2 = 13 (and the boys 20).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: fpsc-assistant-planning-2010 Q55 (in a class of 33 with boys exceeding girls by 7, the girls are (33 - 7) / 2 = 13); re-asked in new words

Question 95 Mathematics

What is 15% of 200?

✓ **Predicted answer**

- B. 25
- C. 35
- D. 20

Why this answer? 15% of 200 is 15 times 200 divided by 100 = 30.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: percentages recur in every sitting of this post

Question 96 Mathematics

What is the square root of 144?

- A. 14
- B. 16
- C. 12 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 18

Why this answer? 12 times 12 is 144, so the square root of 144 is 12.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: squares and square roots recur in every sitting of this post

Question 97 Mathematics

What is the next number in the series 2, 4, 8, 16, ...?

- A. 20
- B. 24
- C. 28
- D. 32 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Each term is double the previous one: 2, 4, 8, 16, so the next term is 32.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: number series

Question 98 Mathematics

What is the sum of the interior angles of a triangle?

- A. 180 degrees ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 90 degrees
- C. 270 degrees
- D. 360 degrees

Why this answer? The three interior angles of any triangle add up to 180 degrees.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: angles of triangles recur in every sitting of this post

Question 99 Mathematics

If x + 7 = 15, what is the value of x?

- A. 7
- B. 6
- C. 9
- D. 8 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? x = 15 - 7 = 8.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: simple linear equations recur in every sitting of this post

Question 100 Mathematics

What is the average of 10, 20 and 30?

- A. 15
- B. 25

- D. 20 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The average is (10 + 20 + 30) divided by 3 = 60 divided by 3 = 20.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: averages recur in every sitting of this post

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