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Question 1 General Knowledge

In which year did Britain return Hong Kong to China?

- A. 1999
- B. 1997 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1984
- D. 1949

Why this answer? Britain transferred Hong Kong to China on 1 July 1997 under the Sino-British Joint Declaration.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q3 (verified fact — 1997).

Question 2 General Knowledge

In which city would you find Tiananmen Square?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Beijing ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Hong Kong
- D. Guangzhou

Why this answer? Tiananmen Square lies in the centre of Beijing, before the Forbidden City.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q6 (verified fact — Beijing).

Question 3 General Knowledge

Arthur Ashe made his name in which sport?

- A. Golf
- B. Boxing
- C. Athletics
- D. Tennis ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Arthur Ashe was the first black man to win the US Open, Australian Open and Wimbledon men's singles.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q8 (verified fact — Tennis).

4 General Knowledge

Naseem Hameed of Pakistan won fame in which field?

- A. Athlete (sprinter) ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Cricketer
- C. Squash player
- D. Mountaineer

Why this answer? Naseem Hameed won the women's 100 metres gold at the 2010 South Asian Games, becoming the fastest woman in South Asia.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q9 (verified fact — Athlete (sprinter)).

Question 5 General Knowledge

Kardar, Pakistan's first Test captain, is best remembered for his career in which game?

- A. Hockey
- B. Squash
- C. Cricket ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Wrestling

Why this answer? A. H. Kardar was Pakistan's first Test cricket captain in 1952.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q10 (verified fact — Cricket).

Question 6 General Knowledge

In what year was SAARC established?

- A. 1980
- B. 1985 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1983

Why this answer? SAARC was established on 8 December 1985 at the Dhaka summit.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q11 (verified fact — 1985).

Question 7 General Knowledge

The Chinese flag shows one large star and several smaller stars; how many stars are there in total?

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

Why this answer? China's flag carries five yellow stars, one large and four small.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q14 (verified fact — Five).

Question 8 General Knowledge

Dublin shoppers pay in which money?

- A. Pound sterling
- B. Euro ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Irish punt
- D. Krone

Why this answer? The Republic of Ireland adopted the euro in 1999, with notes and coins from 2002.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q19 (verified fact — Euro).

9 General Knowledge

Who is counted as Britain's first Prime Minister?

- A. William Pitt the Younger
- B. Benjamin Disraeli
- C. Sir Robert Walpole ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. William Gladstone

Why this answer? Walpole, First Lord of the Treasury from 1721 to 1742, is regarded as Britain's first Prime Minister because he led the cabinet as the office later came to be defined.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q29 (verified fact — Sir Robert Walpole).

Question 10 General Knowledge

Aleppo is a city in which country?

- A. Iraq
- B. Syria ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Jordan
- D. Lebanon

Why this answer? Aleppo (Halab) is in northern Syria and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q36 (verified fact — Syria).

Question 11 General Knowledge

The Kremlin is the seat of government of which country?

- A. Ukraine

- C. Russia ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Kazakhstan

Why this answer? The Kremlin is the fortified complex in central Moscow that serves as the official residence and workplace of the President of Russia.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q52 (verified fact — Russia).

Question 12 General Knowledge

Babar Azam plays which sport at international level?

- A. Cricket ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Hockey
- C. Squash
- D. Snooker

Why this answer? Babar Azam is a Pakistani batsman who made his international debut in 2015 and went on to captain Pakistan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q53 (verified fact — Cricket).

Question 13 General Knowledge

Arfa Karim Randhawa set a world record as the youngest holder of which qualification?

- A. Chess grandmaster
- B. Microsoft Certified Professional ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Nobel laureate
- D. Published novelist

Why this answer? Arfa Karim of Faisalabad passed the Microsoft Certified Professional

in 2004 at the age of nine, becoming the youngest MCP in the world.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q54 (verified fact — Microsoft Certified Professional).

Question 14 General Knowledge

What name is given to a narrow strip of land joining two larger land areas?

- A. Strait
- B. Isthmus ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Peninsula
- D. Archipelago

Why this answer? An isthmus is a narrow neck of land connecting two larger land masses, with water on both sides, such as the Isthmus of Panama.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q62 (verified fact — Isthmus).

Question 15 General Knowledge

Which two oceans does the Panama Canal link?

- A. The Atlantic and Pacific Oceans ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. The Mediterranean and Red Seas
- C. The Atlantic and Indian Oceans
- D. The Pacific and Indian Oceans

Why this answer? The Panama Canal, opened in 1914, cuts across the Isthmus of Panama to link the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q63 (verified fact — The Atlantic and Pacific Oceans).

16 General Knowledge

Siachen, Biafo and Baltoro lie in the ranges of which country, the most glacier-covered land outside the poles?

- A. Mongolia
- B. Pakistan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Norway

Why this answer? Pakistan's Karakoram, Himalaya and Hindu Kush ranges hold more than 7,000 glaciers, including Siachen, Biafo and Baltoro, more than any other country outside the polar regions.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q68 (verified fact — Pakistan).

Question 17 General Knowledge

Al-Khwarizmi is remembered above all as a master of which subject?

- A. Medicine
- B. Chemistry
- C. Algebra ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. History

Why this answer? Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi wrote Al-Kitab al-Mukhtasar fi Hisab al-Jabr wal-Muqabala, from which the word algebra comes; the word algorithm derives from his name.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q77 (verified fact — Algebra).

18 General Knowledge

What is the capital of Australia?

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

Why this answer? Canberra is the capital city of Australia; Sydney and Melbourne are larger cities but not the capital.

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

Question 19 General Knowledge

Which is the largest hot desert in the world?

- A. Sahara ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Gobi
- 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: world geography recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 20 General Knowledge

Which river is generally taken as the longest in the world?

- A. Amazon
- B. Yangtze
- C. Mississippi

er Nile ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The River Nile is generally taken as the longest river in the world.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: world rivers recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 21 General Knowledge

Who was the first President of Pakistan?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Ayub Khan
- C. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
- D. Iskander Mirza ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Iskander Mirza became the first President of Pakistan when the country became a republic in 1956.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: first office holders of Pakistan recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 22 General Knowledge

Which currency is used in Japan?

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

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

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

23 English

A zoo keeps animals; an aquarium keeps what?

- A. Water
- B. Birds
- C. Glass
- D. Fish ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? A zoo houses animals and an aquarium houses fish.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q16 (verified fact — Fish).

Question 24 English

What is the opposite of CELIBATE?

- A. Chaste
- B. Abstinent
- C. Married ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Solitary

Why this answer? Celibate means staying unmarried, so its opposite is married.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q17 (verified fact — Married).

Question 25 English

What is the opposite of VILIFY?

- A. Defame
- B. Malign
- C. Praise ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Slander

Why this answer? To vilify is to speak abusively of someone, to praise is the opposite.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q18 (verified fact — Praise).

Question 26 English

Which word means nearly the same as FULSOME?

- A. Lavish ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Meagre
- C. Hesitant
- D. Bitter

Why this answer? Fulsome describes praise or thanks that is lavish, often excessively so.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q20 (verified fact — Lavish).

Question 27 English

In the old saying, a picture is worth how many words?

- A. hundred
- B. million
- C. thousand ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. few

Why this answer? The fixed wording of the proverb is: A picture is worth a thousand words.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q21 (verified fact — thousand).

28 English

The old saying warns against counting chickens before they are what?

- A. hatched ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. fed
- C. sold
- D. grown

Why this answer? The fixed wording of the proverb is: Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q22 (verified fact — hatched).

Question 29 English

A group of lions is called a pride; a shoal is a group of what?

- A. Fish ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Geese
- C. Wolves
- D. Bees

Why this answer? A group of lions is a pride and a group of fish is a shoal (or school).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q23 (verified fact — Fish).

Question 30 English

Which word means nearly the same as PARITY?

- A. Disparity
- B. Priority
- C. Equality ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Parity means the state of being equal, especially in status, pay or value.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q37 (verified fact — Equality).

Question 31 English

Which one does not belong with the rest: Sofa, Rug, Table, Chair?

- A. Sofa
- B. Rug ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Table
- D. Chair

Why this answer? Sofa, table and chair are all pieces of furniture; a rug is a woven floor covering, not a piece of furniture.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q40 (verified fact — Rug).

Question 32 English

An odometer measures mileage; what does a compass show?

- A. Speed
- B. Direction ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Hiking
- D. Needle

Why this answer? An odometer measures mileage, the distance travelled, so the matching relation is that a compass indicates direction.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q41 (verified fact — Direction).

33 English

What is the opposite of PRISTINE?

- A. Unspoiled
- B. Immaculate
- C. Contaminated ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Original

Why this answer? Pristine means in its original, unspoiled and perfectly clean condition, so its opposite is contaminated.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q57 (verified fact — Contaminated).

Question 34 English

What is the opposite of EXTROVERT?

- A. Ambivert
- B. Convert
- C. Invert
- D. Introvert ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? An extrovert is an outgoing person who draws energy from social contact, and the opposite type is the introvert.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q58 (verified fact — Introvert).

Question 35 English

In the old saying, a drowning man clutches at a what?

- A. straw ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. rope

- D. plank

Why this answer? The fixed wording of the proverb is: A drowning man will clutch at a straw.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q59 (verified fact — straw).

Question 36 English

In the old saying, all your eggs go in one what?

- A. box
- B. nest
- C. basket ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. tray

Why this answer? The fixed wording of the proverb is: Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q60 (verified fact — basket).

Question 37 English

A hospital is a place of healing; a court is a place of what?

- A. Lawyer
- B. Building
- C. Justice ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Crime

Why this answer? A hospital is the place where healing is carried out, so the pair links a place with its purpose; a court is where justice is administered.

ed [B] — verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q78 (verified fact — Justice).

Question 38 English

Which word means nearly the same as HAPPY?

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

Why this answer? Joyful means full of happiness, so it is the closest in meaning to happy.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: synonyms recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 39 English

What is the opposite of BRAVE?

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

Why this answer? Brave means showing courage, so its opposite is cowardly.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: antonyms recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 40 English

What is the plural of 'child'?

- A. Childs

dren ✓ **Predicted answer**

- C. Childes
- D. Childrens

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

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — English: plurals recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 41 Pakistan Studies

The Nishan-e-Haider's youngest winner died at twenty in 1971; who was he?

- A. Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Major Aziz Bhatti
- C. Sawar Muhammad Hussain
- D. Lance Naik Muhammad Mahfuz

Why this answer? Minhas was only 20 when he died on 20 August 1971, the youngest Nishan-e-Haider recipient.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q13 (verified fact — Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas).

Question 42 Pakistan Studies

The man who coined the name Pakistan in 1933 rests in a cemetery in which English university city?

- A. Lahore
- B. London
- C. Karachi
- D. Cambridge ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Chaudhry Rahmat Ali, who coined the name Pakistan in his 1933

ow or Never, died in Cambridge in February 1931 and was buried in the city's Newmarket Road Cemetery.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q28 (verified fact — Cambridge).

Question 43 Pakistan Studies

For his thesis on metaphysics in Persia, Iqbal was awarded a PhD by which university?

- A. University of Cambridge
- B. University of Heidelberg
- C. University of Munich ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. University of Oxford

Why this answer? Iqbal earned his doctorate in 1907 from Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich for the thesis The Development of Metaphysics in Persia.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q30 (verified fact — University of Munich).

Question 44 Pakistan Studies

Which Dogra Maharaja signed the Instrument of Accession in October 1947?

- A. Maharaja Hari Singh ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Sheikh Abdullah
- C. Maharaja Gulab Singh
- D. Maharaja Ranjit Singh

Why this answer? Maharaja Hari Singh of the Dogra dynasty was ruling Jammu and Kashmir in August 1947, and in October 1947 he signed the disputed Instrument of Accession with India.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q38

— Maharaja Hari Singh).

Question 45 Pakistan Studies

Against which ruler did Muhammad bin Qasim march when Hajjaj bin Yusuf sent him to Sindh?

- A. Raja Jaipal
- B. Raja Chach
- C. Prithviraj Chauhan
- D. Raja Dahir ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? When pirates near Debal seized ships carrying Muslims, Hajjaj demanded redress from Raja Dahir of Sindh; Dahir refused, so Hajjaj sent Muhammad bin Qasim, who defeated him in 712 AD.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q39 (verified fact — Raja Dahir).

Question 46 Pakistan Studies

Only one division meets every province of Pakistan; which one is it?

- A. Dera Ismail Khan
- B. Dera Ghazi Khan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Bahawalpur
- D. Zhob

Why this answer? Dera Ghazi Khan Division lies in south-western Punjab and borders Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to the north, Balochistan to the west and Sindh to the south.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q44 (verified fact — Dera Ghazi Khan).

47 Pakistan Studies

The Punjab Kesari, Lala Lajpat Rai, helped build which movement's schools in Lahore?

- A. Brahmo Samaj
- B. Dev Samaj
- C. Prarthana Samaj
- D. Arya Samaj ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Lala Lajpat Rai, the Punjab Kesari, was a prominent leader of the Arya Samaj founded by Swami Dayanand Saraswati.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q49 (verified fact — Arya Samaj).

Question 48 Pakistan Studies

In which city was Fort William College set up?

- A. Delhi
- B. Bombay
- C. Madras
- D. Calcutta ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Fort William College was founded in Calcutta in 1800 by Governor-General Lord Wellesley to train British officials in Indian languages.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q65 (verified fact — Calcutta).

Question 49 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's first inland customs port, at Lahore, dates from which year?

- A. 1973 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1965

- D. 1990

Why this answer? Pakistan's first dry port was set up at Lahore in 1973, allowing cargo to be examined and cleared by customs inland instead of only at Karachi's seaport.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q66 (verified fact — 1973).

Question 50 Pakistan Studies

The nuclear tests of 1998 in the Chagai hills are remembered each year on which date?

- A. 11 May
- B. 14 August
- C. 28 May ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 6 September

Why this answer? Youm-e-Takbeer marks 28 May 1998, when Pakistan carried out five nuclear tests in the Chagai hills of Balochistan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q67 (verified fact — 28 May).

Question 51 Pakistan Studies

On which date did Pakistan come into being?

- A. 23 March 1940
- B. 14 August 1947 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 14 August 1948
- D. 26 January 1950

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

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

ates recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 52 Pakistan Studies

Which animal is the national animal of Pakistan?

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

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

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

Question 53 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Governor-General of Pakistan?

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

Why this answer? Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah became the first Governor-General of Pakistan in August 1947.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: first office holders of Pakistan recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 54 Urdu

Who wrote the Urdu novel Fasana-e-Mubtala?

- B. Ratan Nath Sarshar
- C. Abdul Halim Sharar
- D. Deputy Nazir Ahmad ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Fasana-e-Mubtala (1885) is one of Deputy Nazir Ahmad's reformist novels, along with Mirat-ul-Uroos and Taubat-un-Nasuh.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q1 (verified fact — Deputy Nazir Ahmad).

Question 55 Urdu

The four-volume Farhang-e-Asifiya, named for the Nizam of Hyderabad, was put together by whom?

- A. Maulvi Syed Ahmad Dehlvi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Maulvi Abdul Haq
- C. Deputy Nazir Ahmad
- D. Muhammad Husain Azad

Why this answer? Farhang-e-Asifiya, the large four-volume Urdu dictionary, was compiled by Maulvi Syed Ahmad Dehlvi and named after the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q2 (verified fact — Maulvi Syed Ahmad Dehlvi).

Question 56 Urdu

The verse beginning 'Tum aaye ho na shab-e-intezar guzri hai' belongs to which poet?

- A. Faiz Ahmad Faiz ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ahmad Faraz
- C. Habib Jalib
- D. Nasir Kazmi

swer? This is the opening couplet of a well-known ghazal by Faiz Ahmad Faiz.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q7 (verified fact — Faiz Ahmad Faiz).

Question 57 Urdu

Hali wrote his great Musaddas on the ebb and flow of Islam in which year?

- A. 1879 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1857
- C. 1867
- D. 1873

Why this answer? Altaf Husain Hali composed his Musaddas, Madd-o-Jazr-e-Islam (The Ebb and Flow of Islam), in 1879 at the urging of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q31 (verified fact — 1879).

Question 58 Urdu

Baba-e-Urdu moved the Anjuman's work after independence to which city, where its Pakistan headquarters sits?

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

Why this answer? After independence Maulvi Abdul Haq, the Baba-e-Urdu, moved the Anjuman's work to Karachi, and the Pakistani body has been based there ever since.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q32 (verified fact — Karachi).

59 Urdu

Bano Qudsia, the novelist, was the wife of which writer?

- A. Mumtaz Mufti
- B. Qudratullah Shahab
- C. Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi
- D. Ashfaq Ahmad ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Bano Qudsia, author of the novel Raja Gidh, married the writer and broadcaster Ashfaq Ahmad in 1956.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q33 (verified fact — Ashfaq Ahmad).

Question 60 Urdu

Who wrote the poem 'Masjid-e-Qurtuba'?

- A. Allama Muhammad Iqbal ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Altaf Husain Hali
- C. Josh Malihabadi
- D. Faiz Ahmad Faiz

Why this answer? Masjid-e-Qurtuba was written by Allama Iqbal after his visit to the Great Mosque of Cordoba in Spain in 1933, and it appears in Bal-e-Jibril (1935).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q34 (verified fact — Allama Muhammad Iqbal).

Question 61 Urdu

If a man's aab-o-dana has risen from a town, what must he do?

- A. To become very wealthy
- B. To fall seriously ill

make a solemn promise

- D. To have to leave a place, one's lot there having ended ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Aab-o-dana literally means water and grain, the sustenance a person is destined to receive in a place; when it rises from somewhere, the person's time there is over and he must move away.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q35 (verified fact — To have to leave a place, one's lot there having ended).

Question 62 Urdu

The Aab-e-Hayat author lies buried in the city where he taught at Government College; which city?

- A. Lahore ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Delhi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Aligarh

Why this answer? Muhammad Husain Azad was born in Delhi in 1830 but settled in Lahore after 1857; he died in Lahore in 1910 and was buried there.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q55 (verified fact — Lahore).

Question 63 Urdu

Bang-e-Dara is a famous collection of poetry by which poet?

- A. Mir Taqi Mir
- B. Faiz Ahmad Faiz
- C. Josh Malihabadi
- D. Allama Muhammad Iqbal ✓ **Predicted answer**

swer? Bang-e-Dara is a well-known collection of Allama Iqbal's Urdu poetry.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Urdu: Urdu poetry collections recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 64 Urdu

Mir Taqi Mir is honoured with which title in Urdu poetry?

- A. Shair-e-Mashriq
- B. Baba-e-Urdu
- C. Shair-e-Inqilab
- D. Khuda-e-Sukhan ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Mir Taqi Mir is honoured as Khuda-e-Sukhan, the god of poetry, in Urdu literature.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Urdu: titles of Urdu poets recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 65 Everyday Science

About how much does an adult human brain weigh?

- A. 0.5 kg
- B. 2.5 kg
- C. 3.5 kg
- D. 1.4 kg ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? An adult human brain weighs roughly 1.3 to 1.4 kilograms.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q4 (verified fact — 1.4 kg).

66 Everyday Science

Who made the mercury thermometer?

- A. Anders Celsius
- B. Lord Kelvin
- C. Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Evangelista Torricelli

Why this answer? Fahrenheit made the first reliable mercury-in-glass thermometer in 1714.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q5 (verified fact — Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit).

Question 67 Everyday Science

The kiwi and the ostrich belong to which group of birds?

- A. Flightless birds ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Migratory birds
- C. Birds of prey
- D. Aquatic birds

Why this answer? The kiwi of New Zealand and the ostrich of Africa are ratites, birds with small wings and a flat breastbone that lacks the keel for strong flight muscles, so they cannot fly.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q43 (verified fact — Flightless birds).

Question 68 Everyday Science

Dolly the sheep was the first cloned mammal; the process that made her is called what?

- A. Mutation

- C. Hybridisation
- D. Grafting

Why this answer? Cloning is the production of copies that carry exactly the same genetic material as the original, whether a DNA segment, a cell line or a whole organism such as Dolly the sheep (1996).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q69 (verified fact — Cloning).

Question 69 Everyday Science

Vibrio and Spirillum are shapes of which living things?

- A. Viruses
- B. Bacteria ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Fungi
- D. Protozoa

Why this answer? Vibrio (comma-shaped, such as Vibrio cholerae, the cause of cholera) and Spirillum (spiral-shaped) are bacteria named after their shapes, like cocci and bacilli.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q70 (verified fact — Bacteria).

Question 70 Everyday Science

Which planet is both nearest the Sun and smallest of the eight?

- A. Mars
- B. Mercury ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Venus
- D. Pluto

swer? Mercury, the planet nearest the Sun, is the smallest of the eight planets, with a diameter of about 4,880 km.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q72 (verified fact — Mercury).

Question 71 Everyday Science

What does the Richter scale measure?

- A. Wind speed
- B. Intensity of rainfall
- C. Magnitude of earthquakes ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Atmospheric pressure

Why this answer? The Richter scale measures the magnitude of earthquakes.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q79 (verified fact — Magnitude of earthquakes).

Question 72 Everyday Science

What is the chemical formula of water?

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

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

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: basic chemistry recurs in every sitting of this post.

73 Everyday Science

At what temperature does pure water boil at sea level?

- A. 90°C
- B. 100°C ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 80°C
- D. 120°C

Why this answer? Pure water boils at 100 degrees Celsius at sea level.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: heat and temperature recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 74 Computer

Moving a file from your computer up to a website is an example of what?

- A. Downloading
- B. Uploading ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Browsing
- D. Streaming

Why this answer? Uploading means sending data from your own device to a remote computer or server, as when a photo is posted to a website.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q42 (verified fact — Uploading).

Question 75 Computer

What unique label identifies every computer connected to the internet?

- A. IP address ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Domain name
- C. URL

Why this answer? An IP (Internet Protocol) address is the numerical label that identifies a device on a network so that data can be routed to it.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q47 (verified fact — IP address).

Question 76 Computer

Computers in one building or nearby buildings are usually linked by what kind of network?

- A. WAN
- B. MAN
- C. PAN
- D. LAN ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? A Local Area Network links computers within a limited area such as a single building, office or campus, usually by Ethernet or Wi-Fi.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q48 (verified fact — LAN).

Question 77 Computer

What name is given to the environmentally responsible use of computers?

- A. Green computing ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Cloud computing
- C. Grid computing
- D. Quantum computing

Why this answer? Green computing covers practices such as energy-efficient hardware, power management and the safe recycling of electronic waste, all meant to reduce the

tal impact of computing.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q56 (verified fact — Green computing).

Question 78 Computer

Data travelling as light pulses needs which kind of cable?

- A. Coaxial cable
- B. Optical fibre ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Twisted pair cable
- D. Copper wire

Why this answer? An optical fibre is a hair-thin strand of glass or plastic that carries data as pulses of light by total internal reflection, giving very high bandwidth.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q64 (verified fact — Optical fibre).

Question 79 Computer

What name is given to an agreed set of rules for exchanging data over a network?

- A. Topology
- B. Browser
- C. Protocol ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Server

Why this answer? A protocol is a standard set of rules for formatting, sending and receiving data so that different devices can communicate, as with TCP/IP, HTTP or FTP.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q71 (verified fact — Protocol).

80 Computer

What does CPU stand for?

- A. Central Program Unit
- B. Computer Processing Unit
- C. Central Processing Unit ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Central Process Utility

Why this answer? CPU stands for Central Processing Unit, the part of the computer that carries out instructions.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Computer: computer basics recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 81 Computer

How many bytes are there in one kilobyte?

- A. 100 bytes
- B. 1024 bytes ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1000 bytes
- D. 512 bytes

Why this answer? One kilobyte is 1024 bytes.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Computer: computer memory units recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 82 Islamiat

Who wrote Ihya Ulum-ud-Din?

- A. Ibn Khaldun
- B. Ibn Rushd
- C. Imam Ghazali ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Ihya Ulum-ud-Din (The Revival of the Religious Sciences) is the major work of Imam Abu Hamid al-Ghazali, written in the late eleventh century.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q45 (verified fact — Imam Ghazali).

Question 83 Islamiat

Under which caliph were the Muslims' conquests in Iraq completed?

- A. Hazrat Umar (RA) ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Hazrat Usman (RA)
- C. Hazrat Ali (RA)
- D. Hazrat Muawiya (RA)

Why this answer? Campaigns in Iraq began under Hazrat Abu Bakr, but the decisive victory at Qadisiyyah (636 AD) and the capture of the Sasanian capital Ctesiphon came under Hazrat Umar, so the conquest of Iraq is credited to his caliphate.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q46 (verified fact — Hazrat Umar (RA)).

Question 84 Islamiat

The Companion who hosted the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in Madina is buried near the walls of which city?

- A. Madina
- B. Istanbul ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Damascus
- D. Baghdad

Why this answer? Hazrat Abu Ayyub Ansari, the Companion who hosted the Holy Prophet

s arrival in Madina, died during an Umayyad siege of Constantinople in the 670s and was buried near its walls, in the Eyup district of present-day Istanbul.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q50 (verified fact — Istanbul).

Question 85 Islamiat

Which city served as the first capital of the Fatimid Caliphate?

- A. Cairo
- B. Baghdad
- C. Damascus
- D. Mahdia ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The Fatimid dynasty arose in North Africa in 909, and its first caliph, Ubaydullah al-Mahdi, founded Mahdia on the Tunisian coast as his capital.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q51 (verified fact — Mahdia).

Question 86 Islamiat

Soon after the Hijrah, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) bound the Muslims of Madina in one community with which group?

- A. The Muslims and the Quraysh of Makkah
- B. The Muslims and the Christians of Najran
- C. The Muslims and the Persians
- D. The Muslims and the Jews of Madina ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Soon after the Hijrah, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) drew up the Charter of Madina, which bound the Muhajirin, the Ansar and the Jewish tribes of Madina into one community.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q74 (verified fact — The Muslims and the Jews of Madina).

Question 87 Islamiat

How soon after the Hijrah was the Madina agreement drawn up — in which Hijri year?

- A. 1 AH ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 2 AH
- C. 5 AH
- D. 6 AH

Why this answer? The Charter of Madina was drawn up in 1 AH (622 AD), in the first months after the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) migration.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q75 (verified fact — 1 AH).

Question 88 Islamiat

Which is the first month of the Islamic calendar?

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

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

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Islamiat: Islamic calendar recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 89 Islamiat

How many pillars does Islam have?

- B. Four
- C. Six
- D. Seven

Why this answer? Islam has five pillars: Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj.

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

Question 90 Current Affairs

Who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2016?

- A. Malala Yousafzai
- B. The Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet
- C. Denis Mukwege
- D. Juan Manuel Santos ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The 2016 Nobel Peace Prize went to Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia, for the peace agreement with the FARC.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q12 (verified fact — Juan Manuel Santos).

Question 91 Current Affairs

The king who died in October 2016 after the longest reign of his time ruled which country?

- A. Cambodia
- B. Nepal
- C. Thailand ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Saudi Arabia

swer? King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand died on 13 October 2016 after reigning seventy years since 1946.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q15 (verified fact — Thailand).

Question 92 Current Affairs

Which city was chosen to host the 2020 Summer Olympic Games?

- A. Paris
- B. Los Angeles
- C. Tokyo ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Istanbul

Why this answer? Tokyo won the right to host the 2020 Summer Olympics in 2013, defeating Istanbul and Madrid; the Games were held in 2021 but kept the name Tokyo 2020.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q27 (verified fact — Tokyo).

Question 93 Current Affairs

The Chrysanthemum Throne that Akihito left in 2019 belongs to which country?

- A. Japan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. China
- C. Thailand
- D. South Korea

Why this answer? Akihito reigned as Emperor of Japan from 1989 until he abdicated in April 2019 in favour of his son Naruhito.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q61

— Japan).

Question 94 Current Affairs

Whose killing on 8 July 2016 set off months of protests in the Kashmir Valley?

- A. A young Kashmiri commander of Hizbul Mujahideen ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. An Indian army officer
- C. A Pakistani journalist
- D. An Afghan Taliban leader

Why this answer? Burhan Muzaffar Wani was a young commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen in Indian-held Kashmir who became widely known through social media; his killing on 8 July 2016 set off months of mass protests in the Kashmir Valley.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q73 (verified fact — A young Kashmiri commander of Hizbul Mujahideen).

Question 95 Current Affairs

Where is the headquarters of the United Nations?

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

Why this answer? The headquarters of the United Nations is in New York City.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Current Affairs: international organisations recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 96 Mathematics

A, B and C share Rs 1,360: A takes two-thirds of B, and B takes a quarter of C. Find B's

- A. Rs 160
- B. Rs 320
- C. Rs 240 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Rs 960

Why this answer? Let C = x; B = x/4; A = (2/3)(x/4) = x/6; x + x/4 + x/6 = 17x/12 = 1360, so x = 960 and B = 960/4 = 240.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q24 (verified fact — Rs 240).

Question 97 Mathematics

How far would you get in 50 minutes walking at 3 yards every 2 minutes?

- A. 60
- B. 100
- C. 150
- D. 75 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? The rate is 1.5 yards per minute, so 1.5 x 50 = 75 yards.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q25 (verified fact — 75).

Question 98 Mathematics

A father's age today is double his son's; two decades back it was twelvefold. What is his age now?

- A. 40 years
- B. 48 years
- C. 44 years ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Let the son's present age be s, so the father is 2s. Twenty years ago: 2s - 20 = 12(s - 20), giving 10s = 220 and s = 22; the father is 44.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q26 (verified fact — 44 years).

Question 99 Mathematics

How many days are there in a leap year?

- A. 364 days
- B. 365 days
- C. 367 days
- D. 366 days ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? A leap year has 366 days because an extra day, 29 February, is added roughly every four years.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-branch-officer-2016 Q76 (verified fact — 366 days).

Question 100 Mathematics

What is the square root of 144?

- A. 14
- B. 12 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 16
- D. 11

Why this answer? The square root of 144 is 12, because 12 x 12 = 144.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Mathematics: square roots recurs in every sitting of this post.

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