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Question 1 Planning & Development

The Punjab PPP Act, governing partnerships between government and private firms, dates from which year?

- A. 2008
- B. 2010 ✓ **Predicted answer**

- D. 2013

Why this answer? Correct: the Punjab Public Private Partnership Act was enacted in 2010.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q23 (Punjab Public Private Partnership Act was promulgated in 2010)

Question 2 Planning & Development

When a government buys machinery and equipment, that spending is classified as what?

- A. Capital Expenditures ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Revenue Expenditures
- C. Tangible Expenditures
- D. Intangible Expenditures

Why this answer? Correct: spending on physical assets such as equipment and machinery is capital expenditure.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q24 (spending on physical assets is capital expenditure)

Question 3 Planning & Development

When the returns on two projects meet at a single discount rate, that crossover point is called what?

- A. Net present worth
- B. Internal rate of return (IRR)
- C. None of the above
- D. Fisher's rate of intersection ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: Fisher's rate is the discount rate at which the NPVs of two projects are equal — the crossover point where their returns become the same.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q32 (Fisher's rate is where returns on two projects become same)

Question 4 Planning & Development

Which of the listed years is the year of the Anti-Money Laundering Act?

- A. 2006
- B. 2008
- C. None of the above ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 2007

Why this answer? Correct: the Anti-Money Laundering Act was passed in 2010, which is not among the listed years.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q45 (Anti-Money Laundering Act was passed in 2010, none of the listed years)

Question 5 Planning & Development

ADP formulation includes resource estimates, a first draft and a list of schemes. Which item is not part of it?

- A. Preparation of resource estimates
- B. Detailed documentation of scheme ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. First draft of ADP
- D. Preparation of list of schemes

Why this answer? Correct: detailed documentation belongs to project preparation (the PC-1), not to ADP formulation itself.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q49 (detailed documentation of a scheme is not part of ADP formulation)

6 Planning & Development

The report on a project's survey and feasibility study is prepared on which proforma?

- A. PC-II ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. PC-I
- C. PC-III
- D. PC-IV

Why this answer? Correct: PC-II is the proforma for the survey and feasibility study of a project.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q50 (PC-II deals with the survey and feasibility study report)

Question 7 Planning & Development

Of income tax, salary tax, property tax and sales tax, which one does the federal government not collect as its own revenue?

- A. Tax on taxable income
- B. Tax on salaries
- C. Sales Tax
- D. Tax on properties ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: tax on immovable property is a provincial levy, not a federal revenue source.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q52 (tax on properties is not a federal revenue source)

Question 8 Planning & Development

A tax whose rate increases with the taxpayer's income is called what?

- A. Regressive Tax

- C. Progressive Tax ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Equitable Tax

Why this answer? Correct: income tax rates rise with income, so the tax is progressive.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q54 (federal income tax is a progressive tax)

Question 9 Planning & Development

Outlining a project's purpose and dividing it into manageable parts is the job of which technique?

- A. Terms of Reference
- B. Work breakdown structure ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Execution phase of the project
- D. Initial Phase of the Project

Why this answer? Correct: the work breakdown structure (WBS) divides a project into smaller, manageable parts.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q55 (work breakdown structure breaks a project into small parts)

Question 10 Planning & Development

Who heads each section of the Planning and Development Board?

- A. Chief of the Section ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Chief Secretary of the Punjab
- C. Chief Minister of the Punjab
- D. Chairman of the Board

Why this answer? Correct: each section of the Planning & Development Board is headed

Section — the very post this paper recruits for.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q56 (sections of the P and D Board are headed by the Chief of Section)

Question 11 Planning & Development

Pakistan set up formal planning machinery in the early 1950s. In which year did that happen?

- A. 1951
- B. 1952
- C. 1954
- D. 1953 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: the planning process was formalized in 1953 with the creation of the Planning Board.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q57 (planning process was formalised in 1953)

Question 12 Planning & Development

Block allocations and re-appropriations to development schemes are authorised by which body?

- A. Executive committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC))
- B. Central Development Working Party (CDWP)
- C. Planning & Development Board ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP)

Why this answer? Correct: the P&D Board is authorized for resource allocation, re-appropriation from blocks and supplementary allocations to development schemes.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-

6 Q58 (P and D Board is authorised for resource allocation and re-appropriation)

Question 13 Planning & Development

Count the pillars on which Pakistan Vision 2025 stands.

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

Why this answer? Correct: Pakistan Vision 2025 rests on seven pillars, including human capital, growth and governance.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q59 (Vision 2025 has seven pillars)

Question 14 Planning & Development

IRR, NPV and the benefit-cost ratio are tools of which branch of project appraisal?

- A. Financial Analysis ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Economic Analysis
- C. External Analysis
- D. Feasibility Analysis

Why this answer? Correct: benefit-cost ratio, IRR and NPV are the standard tools of financial analysis of a project.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q60 (benefit-cost ratio, IRR and NPV belong to financial analysis)

15 Planning & Development

When dredging for a dam reduces the flow of water, that loss is considered what type of cost?

- A. Direct Cost
- B. Tangible Cost
- C. Intangible Cost
- D. Indirect Cost ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: the loss from reduced water flow during construction is an indirect (secondary) cost of the project.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q61 (reduced water flow during dam construction is an indirect cost)

Question 16 Planning & Development

In cost analysis, spending that falls on the project itself is known by which name?

- A. Secondary Cost
- B. Main Cost
- C. Primary Cost ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: a cost borne directly by the project is its primary (direct) cost.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q62 (a cost directly borne by the project is a primary cost)

Question 17 Planning & Development

Very large projects and all foreign-aided projects go for approval to which committee?

- A. Central Development Working Party (CDWP))
- B. Executive committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) ✓ **Predicted**

- C. Planning & Development Board
- D. Provincial Development Working Party.(PDWP)

Why this answer? Correct: projects above 10,000 million, and all foreign-aided projects, go to ECNEC for approval.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q63 (projects above 10,000 million or with foreign aid are approved by ECNEC)

Question 18 Planning & Development

At the provincial level, project approval ultimately rests with which body?

- A. Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Executive committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC))
- C. Central Development Working Party (CDWP))
- D. Planning & Development Board

Why this answer? Correct: the PDWP is the highest project-approving body at the provincial level.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q64 (PDWP is the highest body at provincial level for project approval)

Question 19 Planning & Development

Which working party counts the PERI Director among its members?

- A. District Development Committee (DDC)
- B. Divisional Development Working Party (DDWP)
- C. Central Development Working Party (CDWP))
- D. Provincial Development Working (PDWP) ✓ **Predicted answer**

swer? Correct: the Director of the Punjab Economic Research Institute sits on the Provincial Development Working Party.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q65 (Director PERI is part of the Provincial Development Working Party)

Question 20 Planning & Development

What is the first stage in formulating the Annual Development Programme?

- A. First draft of ADP
- B. Preparation of list of schemes
- C. Preparation of resource estimates ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Detailed documentation of scheme

Why this answer? Correct: ADP formulation begins by estimating the resources available.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q66 (first stage of ADP formulation is preparation of resource estimates)

Question 21 Planning & Development

Which of these finance the Provincial ADP?

- A. Provincial revenues
- B. All of the above ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Federal Financial Assistance
- D. Foreign Aided funds

Why this answer? Correct: the provincial ADP is financed from provincial revenues, federal financial assistance and foreign-aided funds together.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q67 (ADP is financed from provincial revenues, federal assistance and foreign-aided funds)

22 Planning & Development

How many EDOs sit on the committee that plans development at district level?

- A. 3 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 2
- C. 5
- D. 6

Why this answer? Correct: three Executive District Officers sit on the District Development Committee.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q68 (three EDOs are in the District Development Committee)

Question 23 Planning & Development

Survey and feasibility work for a project is documented in which PC form?

- A. PC-I
- B. PC-III
- C. PC-IV
- D. PC-II ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: PC-II is the proforma for the survey and feasibility study of a project.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q69 (PC-II deals with the survey and feasibility study report)

Question 24 Everyday Science

Which device would a meteorologist use to measure atmospheric pressure?

- A. Radio telescope
- B. Compass

- D. Electrometer

Why this answer? Correct: a barometer measures atmospheric (air) pressure, mercury and aneroid types both being standard instruments.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q1 (barometer measures air pressure)

Question 25 Everyday Science

The discovery of X-rays, which later won the first Nobel Prize in Physics, belongs to which researcher?

- A. Max Von Laue
- B. Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Max Planck
- D. Marie Curie

Why this answer? Correct: Rontgen discovered X-rays in 1895 while working with cathode rays, and won the first Nobel Prize in Physics for it.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q2 (Rontgen discovered X-rays)

Question 26 Everyday Science

Which of these figures is closest to the speed of light in a vacuum?

- A. 300,000 Km ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 500,000 Km
- C. 600,000 Km
- D. 800,000 Km

Why this answer? Correct: light travels at about 300,000 kilometres per second in a

,792 km/s).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q3 (speed of light about 300,000 km per second)

Question 27 Everyday Science

Which of these provides vitamin C in the largest amounts?

- A. Beans
- B. Green vegetables
- C. Sea food
- D. Fresh juice & Fruits ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: citrus and other fresh fruits and their juices are the richest everyday sources of vitamin C.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q4 (fresh fruit and juice are the richest source of vitamin C)

Question 28 Everyday Science

Plants give out oxygen while making food. That oxygen originates in which raw material?

- A. Carbon dioxide
- B. Glucose
- C. Water ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Starch

Why this answer? Correct: in photosynthesis water is split and its oxygen is released as O2 gas.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q5 (oxygen released in photosynthesis comes from water)

29 Everyday Science

The double-helix structure of DNA was proposed by which pair of scientists?

- A. Jacob and Monod
- B. Watson and Crick ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Khorana
- D. Baltimore and Temin

Why this answer? Correct: Watson and Crick proposed the double-helix structure of DNA in 1953, the discovery credited in textbooks.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q6 (Watson and Crick proposed the DNA double helix)

Question 30 Everyday Science

Which of these animals shows self-recognition, long memory and tool use, marking it as highly intelligent?

- A. Elephant ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Bat
- C. Shark
- D. Blue Whale

Why this answer? Correct: among the four, the elephant shows self-recognition, long memory, tool use and social learning — the marks of high mammalian intelligence.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q7 (elephant is the highly intelligent mammal)

Question 31 Everyday Science

What nutrient do pulses supply in especially large amounts?

- A. Vitamin

- C. Carbohydrates
- D. Protein ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: lentils, beans and chickpeas are rich in plant protein.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q8 (pulses are a good source of protein)

Question 32 Everyday Science

The first planet out from the Sun is which one?

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

Why this answer? Correct: Mercury orbits closest to the Sun.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q9 (Mercury is nearest to the Sun)

Question 33 Everyday Science

Heat from a fire reaches someone seated facing it mainly through which mode of transfer?

- A. Conduction
- B. Radiations ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Convection
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: heat reaches the seated person as infrared radiation travelling through the air.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q10 (heat from a fire reaches a person by radiation)

Question 34 Everyday Science

Put the stages of scientific work in their proper order, starting with watching nature carefully.

- A. Observation, Hypothesis, Experiment ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Hypothesis, Observation, Experiment
- C. Experiment. Hypothesis, Observation
- D. Experiment, Observation, Hypothesis

Why this answer? Correct: science starts by observing, then frames a testable hypothesis, then tests it by experiment.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q11 (scientific sequence is observation, hypothesis, experiment)

Question 35 Everyday Science

Mass and energy are interchangeable. Mass is best described as energy in which form?

- A. Weight
- B. Force
- C. None of the above
- D. Energy ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: by E = mc squared, mass and energy are interchangeable — mass is energy in concentrated form.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q12 (mass is the concentrated form of energy)

36 Everyday Science

The greatest concentration of ozone lies in which height range above the surface?

- A. 10-20 Km
- B. 30-40 Km
- C. 20-30 Km ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 40-50 Km

Why this answer? Correct: the ozone layer's greatest concentration lies roughly 20 to 30 km above the Earth.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q13 (ozone layer is 20 to 30 km high)

Question 37 Everyday Science

Blood is slightly alkaline, a little above neutral. What is its usual pH value?

- A. 7
- B. 7.4 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 4
- D. 8

Why this answer? Correct: normal human blood pH is about 7.35 to 7.45, given as 7.4.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q14 (normal pH of human blood is 7.4)

Question 38 Everyday Science

The largest animal ever known, reaching about 30 metres, is which mammal?

- A. Blue whale ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Elephant
- C. Giraffe

ne of the above

Why this answer? Correct: the blue whale is the largest animal ever known, reaching about 30 metres and 150 tonnes.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q20 (blue whale is the largest living mammal)

Question 39 Everyday Science

Whose volume barely changes under pressure, so school texts call it non-compressible?

- A. Solid
- B. Gases.
- C. None of the above
- D. Liquid ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct as the book's answer: liquids are treated as non-compressible because their particles are already closely packed and their volume barely changes under pressure.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q31 (liquid is treated as non-compressible in the book's answer)

Question 40 Everyday Science

The life span of a red blood cell is how many days?

- A. 50 Days
- B. 180 Days
- C. 120 Days ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 150 Days

Why this answer? Correct: a human red blood cell lives about 120 days before being recycled by the spleen.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q94 (life span of red blood cells is 120 days)

Question 41 Everyday Science

The discovery of radioactivity belongs to which scientist?

- A. Keivin
- B. Henry Becquerel ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Ronald
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Henri Becquerel discovered radioactivity in 1896 and shared the 1903 Nobel Prize for it.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q97 (Henry Becquerel discovered radioactivity)

Question 42 Everyday Science

Expand the letters CNG, the fuel used in many Pakistani vehicles.

- A. Compressed Natural Gas ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Condensed Natural Gas
- C. Converted Natural Gas
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: CNG stands for Compressed Natural Gas.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q99 (CNG stands for Compressed Natural Gas)

Question 43 Everyday Science

Furnace temperatures are far too high for an ordinary thermometer. Which instrument

them?

- A. Thermometer
- B. Hygrometer
- C. Chronometer
- D. Pyrometer ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: a pyrometer measures very high temperatures, such as those inside furnaces, without contact.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q100 (pyrometer measures very high temperature)

Question 44 Urdu

The first Urdu novel, Mirat-ul-Uroos, was written by whom?

- A. Saadat hasan Manto
- B. Munshi Prem Chan
- C. Deputy Nazir Ahmed ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Deputy Nazir Ahmad wrote Mirat-ul-Uroos (1869), the first novel in Urdu.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q33 (Deputy Nazir Ahmad wrote the first Urdu novel)

Question 45 Urdu

The Urdu word for a paternal grandfather is dada. Which language does it come from?

- A. Arabic
- B. Urdu ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Farsi

Why this answer? Correct: dada (paternal grandfather) is a Hindustani/Urdu word, inherited from Prakrit dadda.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q34 (dada is a word of Urdu)

Question 46 Urdu

In the era of which Mughal emperor did Rekhta emerge as a literary idiom?

- A. Aurangzaib ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Akbar
- C. Babar
- D. Humayon

Why this answer? Correct: Rekhta came into being in the era of Aurangzeb, when Wali Deccani and others gave Urdu its early poetic form.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q35 (Rekhta came into existence in the era of Aurangzeb)

Question 47 Urdu

What is the literal meaning of the word Urdu?

- A. Ijtima
- B. Tajweed
- C. None of the above
- D. Lashkar ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: "Urdu" comes from the Turkish "ordu", meaning army or camp — a lashkar.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-

6 Q36 (Urdu means lashkar)

Question 48 Urdu

The dispute over Urdu and Hindi as court languages began in which year?

- A. 1662
- B. 1864
- C. 1867 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 1868

Why this answer? Correct: the Urdu-Hindi controversy began in 1867 at Banaras.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q37 (Urdu-Hindi controversy started in 1867)

Question 49 Urdu

Where did the Urdu-Hindi controversy start?

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

Why this answer? Correct: the Urdu-Hindi controversy started at Banaras in 1867.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q38 (Urdu-Hindi controversy started from Banaras)

Question 50 Urdu

Iqbal's Bal-e-Jibril came out in which year?

- A. 1935 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1931

- D. 1937

Why this answer? Correct: Iqbal's Bal-e-Jibril appeared in 1935.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q39 (Bal-e-Jibril was published in 1935)

Question 51 Urdu

Who is the author of Khakam Badhan?

- A. Abdul Haleem Sharar
- B. Deputy Nazeer Ahme
- C. None of the above
- D. Mushtaq Ahmed Yusufi ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: Khakam Badhan (1969) is a celebrated humorous work by Mushtaq Ahmad Yusufi.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q40 (Khakam Badhan was written by Mushtaq Ahmed Yusufi)

Question 52 Urdu

Kapaas ka Phool is the work of which writer?

- A. Abdul Haleem Sharar
- B. Munshi Prem Chand
- C. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Kapaas ka Phool is a work of Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q41 (Kapaas ka Phool was written by Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi)

53 Urdu

The novel Raja Gidh was written by whom?

- A. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi
- B. Bano Qudsiya ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Munshi Prem Chan
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Raja Gidh (1981) is Bano Qudsia's best-known novel.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q42 (Raja Gidh was authored by Bano Qudsia)

Question 54 Urdu

Who wrote both Khizr-e-Rah and Talu-e-Islam?

- A. Allama Iqbal ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Khadija Mastoor
- C. Parveen Shakir
- D. Ahmed Naseem Qasmi

Why this answer? Correct: Khizr-e-Rah and Talu-e-Islam are both poems of Allama Iqbal.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q43 (Khizr-e-Rah and Talu-e-Islam were written by Allama Iqbal)

Question 55 Urdu

Mirza Zahir Dar Baig appears in the fiction of which writer?

- A. Allama Rashid Al-khairi
- B. Abdul Haleem Sharar
- C. None of the above
- D. Deputy Nazeer Ahmed ✓ **Predicted answer**

swer? Correct: Mirza Zahir Dar Baig is a character of Deputy Nazir Ahmad's fiction (Ibn-ul-Vaqt).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q44 (Mirza Zahir Dar Baig is a creation of Deputy Nazir Ahmad)

Question 56 Urdu

A novel titled Neela Pathar was written by which Urdu writer?

- A. Parveen Shakir
- B. Khadija Mastoor
- C. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Deputy Nazeer Ahmed

Why this answer? Correct: Neela Pathar is a novel by Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q46 (Neela Pathar was written by Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi)

Question 57 Urdu

The dastan Bagh-o-Bahar, written at Fort William College, is the work of which author?

- A. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi
- B. Meer Aman Dahalvi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Khadija Mastoor
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Bagh-o-Bahar (1804) is the famous dastan of Mir Amman Dehlavi, written at Fort William College.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q48 (Bagh-o-Bahar is the creation of Mir Amman Dehlavi)

58 Urdu

Who wrote the book Mazhab-e-Ishq?

- A. Nehal Candar Lahori ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ahmed Naseem Qasmi
- C. Khadija Mastoor
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Mazhab-e-Ishq (Qissa Gul Bakawali) is the Urdu dastan rendered by Munshi Nihal Chand Lahori, published at Fort William College in 1804.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q51 (Mazhab-e-Ishq was written by Nihal Chand Lahori)

Question 59 Urdu

In which year did Altaf Husain Hali pass away?

- A. 1904
- B. 1912
- C. 1909
- D. 1914 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: Altaf Husain Hali died in 1914.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q53 (Altaf Hussain Hali died in 1914)

Question 60 Urdu

Which writer is behind the 1957 novel Khuda Ki Basti?

- A. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi
- B. Parveen Shakir
- C. Shaukat Siddiqui ✓ **Predicted answer**

ne of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Khuda Ki Basti (1957) is the famous novel of Shaukat Siddiqui.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q70 (Khuda Ki Basti is the novel of Shaukat Siddiqui)

Question 61 Urdu

The first Urdu novel, Mirat-ul-Uroos, came from which writer's pen?

- A. Allama Rashid Al-khairi
- B. Deputy Nazeer Ahmed ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Abdul Haleem Sharar
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Mirat-ul-Uroos (1869), the first Urdu novel, was written by Deputy Nazir Ahmad.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q72 (Mirat-ul-Uroos was written by Deputy Nazir Ahmad)

Question 62 Urdu

The first Urdu stage drama, Indra Sabha, was written by whom?

- A. Agha Amanat ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Amanat Chan Lakhvi
- C. Deputy Nazeer Ahmed
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: Indra Sabha (1853), the first Urdu stage drama, was written by Agha Hasan Amanat.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q79 (Indra Sabha was written by Agha Amanat)

63 Urdu

Who wrote the poetry of Pehli Barish?

- A. Allama Iqbal
- B. Parveen Shakir
- C. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi
- D. Nasir Kazmi ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: Pehli Barish is a poetry collection of Nasir Kazmi.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q81 (Pehli Barish was written by Nasir Kazmi)

Question 64 English

Complete the sentence: Congressman ___ the weakness of the budget on the plea that the budget is ___ by the working party.

- A. Rejected, created
- B. Neglected, made
- C. Overlooked, examined ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: the Congressman overlooked the weakness of the budget on the plea that the budget is examined by the working party.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q71 (overlooked, examined completes the Congressman sentence)

Question 65 English

Choose the correct preposition: He has been ill ___ Monday.

- A. From
- B. Since ✓ **Predicted answer**

- D. Of

Why this answer? Correct: "has been ill since Monday" — since marks the starting point of a continuing state.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q73 (has been ill since Monday)

Question 66 English

Which preposition fills the blank in: Here is a cup of tea to drink ___?

- A. For ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. From
- C. With
- D. To

Why this answer? Filed as the keyed answer: "Here is a cup of tea to drink for" is the answer the printed key gives.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q74 (cup of tea to drink for, as per the printed key)

Question 67 English

Choose the right preposition: He is afraid ___ elephant.

- A. From
- B. For
- C. To
- D. Of ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: "afraid of" is the fixed phrase — he is afraid of the elephant.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-

6 Q75 (afraid of is the fixed phrase)

Question 68 English

Complete the sentence: Her parents strongly object ___ her travelling.

- A. From
- B. of
- C. To ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. For

Why this answer? Correct: "object to" is the fixed phrase — her parents strongly object to her travelling.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q76 (object to is the fixed phrase)

Question 69 English

Complete the sentence: He was indifferent to all good counsels of his parents and got ___ troubles.

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

Why this answer? Correct: "got into trouble(s)" is the fixed phrase for falling into difficulty.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q77 (got into troubles is the fixed phrase)

70 English

Which word means the opposite of impromptu?

- A. Prepared ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Cooperative
- C. haste
- D. none of these

Why this answer? Correct: impromptu means done without preparation, so its opposite is prepared.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q80 (opposite of impromptu is prepared)

Question 71 English

Which word is the antonym of incriminate?

- A. Implicate
- B. Punishment
- C. Division
- D. Exonerate ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: to incriminate is to show someone guilty; to exonerate is to clear them — the opposite.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q83 (opposite of incriminate is exonerate)

Question 72 English

What is the antonym of plethora?

- A. Lower
- B. Abundant

rth ✓ **Predicted answer**

- D. Sublime

Why this answer? Correct: plethora means a great abundance, and dearth means a scarcity — the opposite.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q85 (opposite of plethora is dearth)

Question 73 English

Which word is the intended opposite of assert?

- A. Desert
- B. Abandon ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Flow
- D. Follow

Why this answer? Correct among the options: to assert is to state or claim firmly, and to abandon a claim is to give it up — the intended opposite.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q86 (opposite of assert as given in the key is abandon)

Question 74 English

Which of these is given as the opposite of undermine?

- A. Unearth ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ambitious
- C. Dent
- D. Upper

Why this answer? Correct as the book's answer: to undermine is literally to dig beneath, and unearth (to dig up) is the digging word among the options.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q87 (opposite of undermine as given in the key is unearth)

Question 75 English

What is a synonym of affinity?

- A. Simplicity
- B. Enemy
- C. Relative
- D. Liking ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: affinity is a natural liking or attraction between people or things.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q88 (synonym of affinity is liking)

Question 76 English

Which word is closest in meaning to envisage?

- A. Participate
- B. Guess
- C. Visualize ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Random

Why this answer? Correct: to envisage is to picture or visualize something in the mind.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q89 (synonym of envisage is visualize)

Question 77 English

Which word is a synonym of frugal?

- B. Thrifty ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Common
- D. Simple

Why this answer? Correct: frugal means careful with money — thrifty.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q90 (synonym of frugal is thrifty)

Question 78 English

Which phrase best gives the meaning of mesh as a verb?

- A. To combine ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. To Complete
- C. To Spit
- D. To Destroy

Why this answer? Correct: as a verb, to mesh is to engage or combine together, as gears mesh.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q91 (mesh means to combine)

Question 79 English

Which word is closest in meaning to ominous?

- A. Single
- B. Combination
- C. Consequence
- D. Threaten ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct as the book's answer: ominous means giving the impression

ng bad will happen — threatening.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q92 (ominous means threaten in the book's answer)

Question 80 English

What do you call a person who is expert in art and knowledgeable about many things?

- A. Prosaic
- B. Adaptive
- C. Versatile ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

Why this answer? Correct: a versatile person is expert in many fields and able to turn to many things.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q93 (a person expert in many fields is called versatile)

Question 81 General Knowledge

The UN Charter came into force, marking the UN's formal birth, on which date?

- A. September 25, 1945
- B. October 24, 1945 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. September 30, 1945
- D. September 10, 1945

Why this answer? Correct: the UN Charter came into force on 24 October 1945, now marked as United Nations Day.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q15 (UNO came into existence on 24 October 1945)

82 General Knowledge

Which US president first called the wartime allies the United Nations?

- A. F.D Roosevelt ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Stalin
- C. Winston Churchill
- D. Austin Mills

Why this answer? Correct: US President Franklin D. Roosevelt first used "United Nations" in 1942 for the wartime allies.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q16 (F. D. Roosevelt coined the name United Nations)

Question 83 General Knowledge

SAARC's first Secretary General, from Bangladesh, was who?

- A. Ibrahim Hussain Zak
- B. Q.A.M.A Rahim
- C. Naeem-ul-Hasan
- D. Abu-ul-Hassan ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: Abul Ahsan of Bangladesh was the first Secretary General of SAARC (1985-1989).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q26 (Abul Ahsan was the first SAARC Secretary General)

Question 84 General Knowledge

NATO came into being with a treaty signed on 4 April of which year?

- A. 1947
- B. 1948

9 ✓ **Predicted answer**

- D. 1950

Why this answer? Correct: the North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington on 4 April 1949.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q29 (NATO was signed in 1949)

Question 85 General Knowledge

Among Nepal, Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan, where is literacy highest?

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

Why this answer? Correct: Sri Lanka has the highest literacy rate among SAARC countries, above 90 percent.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q47 (Sri Lanka has the highest literacy rate among SAARC)

Question 86 General Knowledge

The organisation founded on 25 May 1981 is which one?

- A. Gulf Cooperation Council ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. The Arab League
- C. OIC
- D. SAARC

Why this answer? Correct: the Gulf Cooperation Council was founded on 25 May 1981.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-

6 Q82 (Gulf Cooperation Council was founded on 25 May 1981)

Question 87 General Knowledge

Greek and Turkish Cypriots ended up on opposite sides of a divided island in which year?

- A. 1970
- B. 1978
- C. 1980
- D. 1974 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: after the 1974 Turkish intervention, Cyprus was divided into Greek and Turkish parts.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q84 (Cyprus was divided into Greek and Turkish parts in 1974)

Question 88 General Knowledge

Of Afghanistan, Vatican City and Vietnam, which one is not a UN member state?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Vietnam
- C. Vatican City ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above.

Why this answer? Correct: the Vatican (Holy See) is a permanent observer, not a UN member state.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q96 (Vatican City is not a member country of UNO)

Question 89 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's financial capital, home to its central bank and stock exchange, is which city?

- B. Karachi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Islamabad
- D. Faisalabad

Why this answer? Correct: Karachi hosts the State Bank, the stock exchange and the country's main banks and port.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q17 (Karachi is the financial capital of Pakistan)

Question 90 Pakistan Studies

Which of Pakistan's barrages was built first?

- A. Sukkur ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Taunsa
- C. Chashma
- D. Guddu

Why this answer? Correct: Sukkur Barrage, completed in 1932, is the oldest barrage in Pakistan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q22 (Sukkur is the oldest barrage of Pakistan)

Question 91 Pakistan Studies

Under whose supervision was Rohtas Fort constructed for Sher Shah Suri?

- A. Bairam Khan
- B. AbulFazl
- C. Raja Birbal
- D. Raja Todar Mal ✓ **Predicted answer**

swer? Correct. Rohtas Fort was built under Sher Shah Suri in 1541-48, supervised by his minister Raja Todar Mal.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q25 (Rohtas Fort was built under Raja Todar Mal)

Question 92 Pakistan Studies

According to the count used in the GK material for this question, Pakistan has how many link canals?

- A. 4
- B. 6
- C. 10 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 7

Why this answer? Filed as the book's answer: the printed key says 10, and 10 is the count quoted in Pakistani GK material for this question.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q27 (10 link canals in Pakistan as per the book's answer)

Question 93 Pakistan Studies

When did the All Parties Hurriyat Conference come into being?

- A. April, 1991
- B. April, 1993 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. April, 1992
- D. April 1994

Why this answer? Correct: the All Parties Hurriyat Conference was formed in 1993 as an alliance of Kashmiri parties.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-

6 Q28 (All Parties Hurriyat Conference came into being in April 1993)

Question 94 Pakistan Studies

In which year did India move onto the Siachen heights?

- A. 1984 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1980
- C. 1982
- D. 1986

Why this answer? Correct: India occupied the Siachen heights in April 1984 (Operation Meghdoot).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q78 (India occupied parts of Siachen Glacier in 1984)

Question 95 Current Affairs

CPEC belongs to which broader Chinese initiative?

- A. One belt two rows
- B. Two belt one row
- C. Two belt two rows
- D. One belt one road ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: CPEC is the flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative, the "One Belt, One Road" framework.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q18 (CPEC is based on One Belt One Road)

Question 96 Current Affairs

In which year did Hamid Karzai become Afghanistan's elected president after the 2004

- A. 2001
- B. 2003
- C. 2004 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 2005

Why this answer? Correct: Karzai won Afghanistan's first presidential election in October 2004 and took office as president in December 2004.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q19 (Hamid Karzai became president of Afghanistan in 2004)

Question 97 Current Affairs

The long-range projection cited in this paper's source material places Pakistan among the top ten economies by which centenary year?

- A. 2048
- B. 2047 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 2049
- D. 2050

Why this answer? Correct as the book's answer: the projection quoted in Pakistani GK material puts Pakistan among the world's ten largest economies by 2047, its centenary year.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q21 (projection puts Pakistan among top ten economies by 2047)

Question 98 Current Affairs

Pakistan became a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in which year?

7 ✓ Predicted answer

- B. 2015
- C. 2016
- D. 2018

Why this answer? Pakistan joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation as a full member in 2017, alongside India.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Current Affairs: Pakistan's membership of regional organisations recurs in every sitting of this post.

Question 99 Islamiat

Ismail, son of Hajra, and Ishaq, son of Sarah, shared the same father. They were therefore what to each other?

- A. Real Brother
- B. Cousin
- C. Father & Son
- D. Step Brother ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: both were sons of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) — Ismail by Hajra and Ishaq by Sarah — so they were half-brothers, given here as step brothers.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-chief-of-section-edo-director-2016 Q30 (Ismail and Ishaq were step brothers)

Question 100 Islamiat

Which is the first month of the Islamic calendar?

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

swer? Muharram is the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

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

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