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Question 1 Planning & Development

In which year was the Punjab law on public-private partnerships enacted?

- A. 2010 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 2008
- C. 2012

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

Spending on equipment and machinery, which creates physical assets, falls under which budget heading?

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

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

The discount rate at which the net present values of two projects become equal is known by what name?

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

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

The statute that criminalises laundering money in Pakistan was passed in which year?

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

Which of these does NOT belong to ADP formulation, but to project preparation through the PC-1?

- A. Detailed documentation of scheme ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Preparation of resource estimates
- 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

Which PC proforma deals with the survey and feasibility study of a project?

- 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 Q50 (PC-II deals with the survey and feasibility study report)

Question 7 Planning & Development

Which levy belongs to the provinces, so the centre cannot count it among its own revenues?

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

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

Income tax rates rise as income rises. Federal income tax is therefore which kind of tax?

- A. Regressive Tax

gressive Tax ✓ **Predicted answer**

- C. Proportional Tax
- 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

Breaking a project down into its smallest manageable pieces is done with which planning tool?

- A. Work breakdown structure ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Terms of Reference
- 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

Each section of the provincial planning board has its own head. What is that head's title?

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

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's planning process was formalised with the creation of the Planning Board in which year?

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

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

Decisions on block funds, moving money between blocks and extra allocations to schemes are taken by which provincial body?

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

The Vision 2025 framework is organised around a number of themes. What is that number?

- A. 7 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 6
- 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

Benefit-cost ratio, IRR and NPV are the standard tools of which kind of project analysis?

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

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

Reduced water flow during dam construction, a side effect borne by others, is counted as which kind of cost?

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

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

Spending that falls on the project itself, rather than on outsiders, goes by which name in cost analysis?

- A. Secondary Cost
- B. Primary Cost ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Main Cost
- 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

Mega-projects and every project with outside funding need approval from which top economic committee?

cutive committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) ✓ **Predicted answer**

- B. Central Development Working Party (CDWP))
- 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

For approving schemes, which body sits at the top in a province?

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

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

The head of Punjab's economic research institute serves on which provincial working party?

- A. District Development Committee (DDC)
- B. Divisional Development Working Party (DDWP)

vincial Development Working (PDWP) ✓ **Predicted answer**

- D. Central Development Working Party (CDWP))

Why this answer? 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

ADP formulation begins with which stage?

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

The provincial Annual Development Programme is financed from which sources?

- A. All of the above ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Provincial revenues
- 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-

5 Q67 (ADP is financed from provincial revenues, federal assistance and foreign-aided funds)

Question 22 Planning & Development

The District Development Committee seats a certain number of executive district officers. How many?

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

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

A feasibility-study report on a project is prepared under which PC number?

- A. PC-I
- B. PC-III
- C. PC-II ✓ **Predicted answer**
- 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 Q69 (PC-II deals with the survey and feasibility study report)

24 Everyday Science

A weather station needs to record how heavy the air above it is. Which instrument gives that reading?

- A. Radio telescope
- B. Barometer ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 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

Which scientist is credited with the discovery of X-rays in 1895?

- A. Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Max Von Laue
- 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

About how fast does light travel through a vacuum each second?

- A. 500,000 Km

- C. 800,000 Km
- D. 300,000 Km ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Correct: light travels at about 300,000 kilometres per second in a vacuum (299,792 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

A dietitian wants the richest everyday source of vitamin C. Which food group should she recommend?

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

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

During photosynthesis, the oxygen gas released into the air comes from which substance that the plant splits?

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

swer? 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)

Question 29 Everyday Science

Whose 1953 double-helix model is credited in textbooks with the discovery of DNA's structure?

- A. Watson and Crick ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Jacob and Monod
- 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

Among a bat, a shark, an elephant and a blue whale, which animal is noted for the highest intelligence?

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

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.

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

Question 31 Everyday Science

Lentils, beans and chickpeas are valued in the diet mainly as a source of what?

- A. Vitamin
- B. Fat
- C. Protein ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Carbohydrates

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

Which planet orbits closest to the Sun?

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

A person sitting in front of a fire feels warmth without touching it. By which process does that heat arrive?

iations ✓ **Predicted answer**

- B. Conduction
- C. Convection
- D. None of the above

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

Why predicted [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

In the scientific method, what is the correct order of the first three steps?

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

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

According to E = mc squared, mass can be described as what form of energy?

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

swer? 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)

Question 36 Everyday Science

At roughly what height above the Earth is the ozone layer's main band found?

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

Human blood is slightly alkaline. About what pH is it normally held at?

- A. 7.4 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 7
- 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)

38 Everyday Science

Which is the largest living mammal, and indeed the largest animal ever known?

- A. Elephant
- B. Giraffe
- C. None of the above
- D. Blue whale ✓ **Predicted answer**

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

In school science, which state of matter is treated as non-compressible because its particles are already closely packed?

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

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

About how long does a human red blood cell live before being recycled by the spleen?

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

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

Why predicted [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

Who discovered radioactivity in 1896?

- A. Henry Becquerel ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Keivin
- 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

What does the abbreviation CNG stand for?

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

swer? 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

Which instrument measures very high temperatures, such as those inside furnaces, without contact?

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

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

Who wrote Mirat-ul-Uroos (1869), the first novel in Urdu?

- A. Saadat hasan Manto
- B. Deputy Nazir Ahmed ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Munshi Prem Chan
- 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)

45 Urdu

The word dada, meaning paternal grandfather, belongs to which language?

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

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

Rekhta, the early form of Urdu poetry, came into being during the reign of which Mughal king?

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

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

The word Urdu, from the Turkish ordu, literally means what?

- A. Ijtima

- C. Lashkar ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of the above

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-director-2016 Q36 (Urdu means lashkar)

Question 48 Urdu

In which year did the Urdu-Hindi controversy begin at Banaras?

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

The Urdu-Hindi controversy of 1867 began in which city?

- A. Banaras ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Delhi
- 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-

6 Q38 (Urdu-Hindi controversy started from Banaras)

Question 50 Urdu

Iqbal's poetry collection Bal-e-Jibril appeared in which year?

- A. 1931
- B. 1932
- C. 1937
- D. 1935 ✓ **Predicted answer**

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

Khakam Badhan (1969), a celebrated humorous work, was written by whom?

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

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

Who wrote Kapaas ka Phool?

- A. Abdul Haleem Sharar

- C. Munshi Prem Chand
- 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)

Question 53 Urdu

Who is the author of the novel Raja Gidh?

- A. Bano Qudsiya ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi
- 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

Both Khizr-e-Rah and Talu-e-Islam came from the pen of which poet?

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

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)

55 Urdu

A well-known character named Mirza Zahir Dar Baig was created by which Urdu novelist?

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

Why this answer? 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

Who wrote the novel Neela Pathar?

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

Bagh-o-Bahar (1804), the famous dastan written at Fort William College, is the creation of whom?

- A. Meer Aman Dahalvi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi

- 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)

Question 58 Urdu

Mazhab-e-Ishq, the Urdu dastan rendered at Fort William College in 1804, was written by whom?

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

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

The poet and critic Altaf Hussain Hali passed away in which year?

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

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

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

Question 60 Urdu

A famous 1957 novel about a Karachi neighbourhood is the work of which writer?

- A. Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi
- B. Shaukat Siddiqui ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Parveen Shakir
- D. None 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

Who wrote Mirat-ul-Uroos?

- A. Deputy Nazeer Ahmed ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Allama Rashid Al-khairi
- 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

Indra Sabha (1853), the first Urdu stage drama, was written by whom?

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

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)

Question 63 Urdu

A poetry collection called Pehli Barish belongs to which poet?

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

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

Choose the pair that correctly completes the sentence: Congressman ___ the weakness of the budget on the plea that the budget is ___ by the working party.

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

swer? 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

He has been ill ___ Monday. Which preposition correctly completes the sentence?

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

Here is a cup of tea to drink ___. Which word completes the sentence as the printed key gives it?

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

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-

5 Q74 (cup of tea to drink for, as per the printed key)

Question 67 English

He is afraid ___ elephant. Which preposition completes this fixed phrase?

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

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-director-2016 Q75 (afraid of is the fixed phrase)

Question 68 English

Her parents strongly object ___ her travelling. Which preposition is correct here?

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

He was indifferent to all good counsels of his parents and got ___ troubles. Which preposition fits?

✓ Predicted answer

- B. In
- 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)

Question 70 English

What is the opposite of the word impromptu?

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

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

What is the opposite of incriminate?

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

swer? 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

Which word is the opposite of plethora?

- A. Lower
- B. Dearth ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Abundant
- 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

Among the options, which word is given as the opposite of assert?

- A. Abandon ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Desert
- 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)

74 English

Which word is given in the key as the opposite of undermine?

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

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.

Why predicted [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

Which word is closest in meaning to affinity?

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

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

To envisage something is to do what in the mind?

- A. Participate
- B. 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

A frugal person is careful with money. Which word means the same?

- A. Thrifty ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Fragile
- 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

As a verb, to mesh means to do what, as gears do?

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

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)

79 English

Ominous gives the impression that something bad will happen. Which word captures that sense?

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

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

A person expert in many fields, with wide knowledge, is called what?

- A. Prosaic
- B. Versatile ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Adaptive
- 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

On which date did the United Nations formally come into existence?

- A. October 24, 1945 ✓ **Predicted answer**

tember 25, 1945

- 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)

Question 82 General Knowledge

Which wartime leader first used the name United Nations in 1942?

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

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

Who served as the first Secretary General of SAARC from 1985 to 1989?

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

Why this answer? Correct: Abul Ahsan of Bangladesh was the first Secretary General of

-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

The North Atlantic Treaty, founding NATO, was signed in Washington in which year?

- A. 1947
- B. 1949 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1948
- 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

Which SAARC country has the highest literacy rate, above 90 percent?

- A. Sri Lanka ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Nepal
- 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)

86 General Knowledge

An organisation of Gulf states was set up on 25 May 1981. Which one is it?

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

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-director-2016 Q82 (Gulf Cooperation Council was founded on 25 May 1981)

Question 87 General Knowledge

The island of Cyprus was split into Greek and Turkish parts in which year?

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

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

One of the four listed places has never joined the UN as a member state. Which one?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Vatican City ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Vietnam

ne 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

Which Pakistani city hosts the State Bank, the stock exchange and the main banks, making it the financial capital?

- A. Karachi ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Lahore
- 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

Pakistan's earliest barrage, completed in 1932, is which one?

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

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

ed [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

Sher Shah Suri ordered a great fort built in the 1540s. Which minister supervised its construction?

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

Why this answer? 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

How many link canals does the count quoted in Pakistani GK material give for Pakistan?

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

93 Pakistan Studies

The All Parties Hurriyat Conference, an alliance of Kashmiri parties, was formed in which month and year?

- A. April, 1993 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. April, 1991
- 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-director-2016 Q28 (All Parties Hurriyat Conference came into being in April 1993)

Question 94 Pakistan Studies

Indian forces took the Siachen heights in an operation codenamed Meghdoot. When did that happen?

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

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

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is the flagship project of which Chinese

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

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

Hamid Karzai won Afghanistan's first presidential election and took office as president in which year?

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

According to the projection quoted in Pakistani GK material, Pakistan is expected to join the world's ten largest economies by which year?

- A. 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

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor links Gwadar port with which region of China?

- A. Tibet
- B. Yunnan
- C. Sichuan
- D. Xinjiang ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? CPEC runs from Gwadar on Pakistan's coast to Kashgar in Xinjiang, western China.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Current Affairs: CPEC and its route recur in every sitting of this post.

Question 99 Islamiat

Hazrat Ismail and Hazrat Ishaq were both sons of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) by different mothers. What was their relationship?

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

swer? 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

How many pillars of Islam are there?

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

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

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

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