# PPSC Field Assistant | BS-12 — GUESS PAPER 2026 (Set 2 of 2) · Predicted Questions

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## Question 1 English

The afternoon was sultry, so the air felt ___.

- A. Hot and humid ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Cold and dry
- C. Cool and breezy

: and windy

**Why this answer?** Sultry describes hot, humid, oppressive weather.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q72 (sultry — hot and humid)

## Question 2 English

His speech was vapid; in other words, it was ___.

- A. Dull ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Virtuous
- C. Vital
- D. Lustre

**Why this answer?** Vapid means flat, dull and lifeless, as in vapid talk.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q74 (vapid — dull)

## Question 3 English

Which word is nearest in meaning to ABANDON?

- A. Keep
- B. Hold
- C. Support
- D. Desert ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Abandon means to leave or give up completely, which is what desert means here.

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

## 4 English

Which word means the same as CONFIRM when we speak of checking a booking?

- A. Verify ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Ratify
- C. Obtain
- D. Approve

**Why this answer?** Confirm here means to check that the reservations are in order, which is what verify means.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q76 (confirm — verify)

## Question 5 English

Which word is opposite in meaning to ANCIENT?

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

**Why this answer?** Ancient means very old; modern is its opposite.

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

## Question 6 English

A room that is not clean is:

- A. Pure
- B. Dirty ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Lure

**Why this answer?** Dirty is the direct opposite of clean.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q78 (opposite of clean — dirty)

## Question 7 English

Choose the correctly spelt word.

- A. Occurence
- B. Ocurrence
- C. Occurrence ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Occurrance

**Why this answer?** Occurrence is spelt with double c and double r.

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

## Question 8 English

If a train departs from a station, the opposite action is to:

- A. Depend
- B. Come back ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Unknown
- D. Leave

**Why this answer?** Depart means to leave; coming back is its opposite.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q80 (opposite of depart — come back)

## 9 English

Which word is nearest in meaning to BRAVE?

- A. Courageous ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Cowardly
- C. Timid
- D. Fearful

**Why this answer?** Brave means showing courage, which is what courageous means.

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

## Question 10 English

CORRUGATED relates to STRIPED in the same way as PIT relates to:

- A. Box
- B. Dot ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Zebra
- D. Roughness

**Why this answer?** Corrugated describes a surface marked with ridges, as striped describes a pattern of stripes; likewise a pit is a small hollow and a dot is its mark, the same kind of surface-pattern pairing.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q82 (corrugated : striped — pit : dot)

## Question 11 English

Which word is opposite in meaning to VICTORY?

- A. Triumph
- B. Success

- D. Defeat ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Victory means winning; defeat is its opposite.

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

## Question 12 English

PINK is a weaker form of RED in the same way as SMILE is a weaker form of:

- A. Lake
- B. Sea
- C. Flower
- D. Laughter ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Pink is a lighter, weaker form of red, just as a smile is a lighter, weaker form of laughter: a matter of degree.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q84 (pink : red — smile : laughter)

## Question 13 English

A person who can use both hands equally well is called:

- A. Versatile
- B. Bilingual
- C. Ambidextrous ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Flexible

**Why this answer?** Ambidextrous means able to use both hands equally well.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — English: one-word substitutions recur in every sitting of this post.

## 14 English

TEDIOUS and BORING are near synonyms, just as ___ and ___ are near synonyms.

- A. Indefatigable : Untiring ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Boor : Oafish
- C. Pressing : Crushing
- D. Poor : Poverty

**Why this answer?** Tedious and boring are near synonyms, and indefatigable and untiring are also near synonyms, so the relation matches.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q86 (tedious : boring — indefatigable : untiring)

## Question 15 English

The idiom "to bite the dust" means:

- A. To eat dust
- B. To work hard
- C. To be defeated ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. To hide

**Why this answer?** To bite the dust means to be defeated or to fail.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — English: idioms recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 16 English

The author of the cricket passage believes that a cricketer who scores heavily:

- A. Must be a good cricketer
- B. Makes cricket enjoyable
- C. May still play unenjoyable cricket ✓ **Predicted answer**

ves cricket is monotonous

**Why this answer?** The author argues the opposite of the common view: a heavy scorer may still play unenjoyable cricket.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q88 (author's view — a heavy scorer may still play unenjoyable cricket)

## Question 17 English

Choose the correct passive form of "He writes a letter".

- A. A letter was written by him
- B. A letter has been written by him
- C. A letter is being written by him
- D. A letter is written by him ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** In the simple present, the passive is formed with is + past participle.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — English: active and passive voice recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 18 English

Why does the author quote "much paper and much poverty may coexist" in the cricket passage?

- A. To praise Jam Sahib's wealth
- B. To show Shrewsbury was poor
- C. To prove cricket is monotonous
- D. To show that many runs do not mean enjoyable cricket ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** The quotation means that a large output (many runs, much paper) can coexist with poverty of spirit, so a heavy scorer may still play unenjoyable cricket.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q90

- heavy scorer may not play enjoyable cricket)

## Question 19 English

He is good ___ English.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. of

**Why this answer?** The correct preposition with good in this sense is at: good at English.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — English: prepositions recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 20 English

Which of these words is spelt correctly?

- A. Embarrass ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Embarass
- C. Embarras
- D. Embarasss

**Why this answer?** Embarrass is spelt with double r and double s.

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

## Question 21 Pakistan Studies

Melmastia, the tradition of hospitality, is most associated with which province?

- A. Sindh
- B. Balochistan

- D. KPK ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is traditionally called the land of hospitality (melmastia) in Pakistani general knowledge.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q3 (land of hospitality — KPK)

## Question 22 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's capital was shifted from Karachi to Islamabad in which year?

- A. 1959
- B. 1971
- C. 1967 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 1947

**Why this answer?** The capital was shifted from Karachi to Islamabad in 1967.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the making of the capital and the early history of Pakistan recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 23 Pakistan Studies

Which of these is the textbook figure for Pakistan's total area in square kilometres?

- A. 6,96,096
- B. 7,96,096 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 8,96,096
- D. 9,96,096

**Why this answer?** The standard textbook figure for Pakistan's area, 796,096 sq km (310,400 square miles).

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q13

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## Question 24 Pakistan Studies

Who presented the Pakistan Resolution at Lahore in 1940?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Quaid-e-Azam
- C. A.K. Fazlul Haq ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Allama Iqbal

**Why this answer?** A.K. Fazlul Haq presented the Pakistan Resolution at the Lahore session of the Muslim League on 23 March 1940.

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

## Question 25 Pakistan Studies

Which province covers about 43.6% of Pakistan's area?

- A. Sindh
- B. Baluchistan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Punjab
- D. NWFP

**Why this answer?** Balochistan covers 347,190 sq km, about 43.6% of Pakistan, making it the largest province by area.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q15 (largest province by area — Baluchistan)

## Question 26 Pakistan Studies

The first Constitution of Pakistan was enforced in:

- B. 1956 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1962
- D. 1973

**Why this answer?** The first Constitution of Pakistan was enforced on 23 March 1956.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the constitutions of Pakistan recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 27 Pakistan Studies

The lower Indus plain begins at the meeting of the Indus and the Panjnad at:

- A. Mithankot ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Multan
- C. D.G. Khan
- D. Bahawalpur

**Why this answer?** The lower Indus plain runs from Mithankot, where the Indus meets the Panjnad, south to the Arabian Sea.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q17 (lower Indus plain — Mithankot to Arabian Sea)

## Question 28 Pakistan Studies

Which is the national animal of Pakistan?

- A. Lion
- B. Tiger
- C. Markhor ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Deer

**Why this answer?** The markhor, the screw-horned wild goat, is the national animal of

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

## Question 29 Pakistan Studies

Which of these was the number of districts in Punjab in 2019?

- A. 34
- B. 36 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 38
- D. 40

**Why this answer?** Punjab had 36 districts in 2019, so this is the correct answer.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q19 (Punjab's districts in 2019 — 36)

## Question 30 Pakistan Studies

Which is the longest river of Pakistan?

- A. Jhelum
- B. Indus ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Chenab
- D. Ravi

**Why this answer?** The Indus is the longest river of Pakistan, flowing from the north to the Arabian Sea.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the rivers of Pakistan recur in every sitting of this post.

## 31 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's census of 2017 was its:

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 7th
- D. 6th ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** The census held in 2017 was Pakistan's sixth population census.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q42 (2017 census — 6th population census)

## Question 32 Pakistan Studies

Which is the largest desert of Pakistan?

- A. Thal
- B. Cholistan
- C. Thar ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Kharan

**Why this answer?** The Thar desert, in Sindh, is the largest desert of Pakistan.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Pakistan Studies: the deserts and geography of Pakistan recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 33 Pakistan Studies

Sir George Cunningham served as the first Governor of the NWFP during which period?

- A. 1949–1950
- B. August 1947 to April 1948 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. August 1948 to April 1949
- D. 1947 to 1952

**swer?** Sir George Cunningham was the first Governor of the North-West Frontier Province after independence, serving from August 1947 to April 1948.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q46 (first Governor of NWFP — Sir George Cunningham)

## Question 34 Pakistan Studies

The Kilik Pass, on the Pakistan–China border in Gilgit-Baltistan, lies in which range?

- A. Karakoram ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Hindukush
- C. Sulaiman
- D. Himalaya

**Why this answer?** The Kilik Pass lies in the Karakoram range on the Pakistan–China border in Gilgit-Baltistan.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q51 (Kilik Pass — Karakoram)

## Question 35 Everyday Science

Boiling water into steam is an example of:

- A. A chemical reaction
- B. Digestion
- C. A physical change ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Combustion

**Why this answer?** Boiling only changes water's state from liquid to gas; no new substance is formed, so it is a physical change, not a chemical reaction.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q23 (conversion of water into steam — a physical change)

## 36 Everyday Science

What is the chemical symbol of water?

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

**Why this answer?** Water is made of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom, written H2O.

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

## Question 37 Everyday Science

An electron is about how many times lighter than a proton?

- A. 1/100
- B. 1/1836 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1/2
- D. 1/1000

**Why this answer?** The electron is the lightest of the particles, about 1/1836 the mass of a proton.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q25 (electron — about 1/1836 the mass of a proton)

## Question 38 Everyday Science

Which planet is known as the Red Planet?

- A. Mars ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Venus

- D. Saturn

**Why this answer?** Mars is known as the Red Planet because of its reddish appearance.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: the solar system recurs in every sitting of this post.

## Question 39 Everyday Science

The first effective polio vaccine, announced in 1955, was developed by:

- A. Albert Sabin
- B. Salman Waksman
- C. Jonas Salk ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of these

**Why this answer?** Jonas Salk developed the first effective polio vaccine, the injected inactivated vaccine, announced in 1955.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q27 (first polio vaccine — Jonas Salk)

## Question 40 Everyday Science

Which gas do plants use for photosynthesis?

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

**Why this answer?** Plants take in carbon dioxide from the air for photosynthesis and release oxygen.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Everyday Science:

sis and plant life recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 41 Everyday Science

The Pascaline, an early mechanical calculating machine of the 1640s, was invented by:

- A. Laszlo Biro
- B. Blaise Pascal ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Waterman
- D. Wilson

**Why this answer?** Pascal invented the Pascaline, an early mechanical calculating machine, in the 1640s.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q29 (Blaise Pascal — calculation machine)

## Question 42 Everyday Science

What is the SI unit of force?

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

**Why this answer?** Force is measured in newtons in the SI system.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: SI units recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 43 Everyday Science

The waves produced by earthquakes are studied in:

- A. Seismology ✓ **Predicted answer**

- C. Numismatics
- D. None of these

**Why this answer?** Seismology is the scientific study of earthquakes and the waves they produce.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q31 (study of earthquakes — seismology)

## Question 44 Everyday Science

Which vitamin is produced in the skin by sunlight?

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

**Why this answer?** Sunlight on the skin produces vitamin D.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Everyday Science: vitamins and the human body recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 45 Everyday Science

Why are bulb filaments made of tungsten?

- A. It has a very high melting point ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. It is cheap
- C. It is a good conductor of cold
- D. It glows red at low heat

**Why this answer?** Bulb filaments are made of tungsten because it has a very high melting point (about 3,422 °C) and glows without melting.

**ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q37 (bulb filament — tungsten)

## Question 46 Everyday Science

Crossing over is the exchange of segments between non-sister chromatids of:

- A. Sister chromatids
- B. Homologous chromosomes ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Non-homologous chromosomes
- D. None of these

**Why this answer?** Crossing over is the exchange of segments between non-sister chromatids of homologous chromosomes during meiosis.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q38 (crossing over — homologous chromosomes)

## Question 47 Islamiat

The Shahadah, the declaration of faith, is which pillar of Islam?

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. Fifth
- D. First ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** The first pillar of Islam is the Shahadah, the declaration of faith (Kalimah), "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger."

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q52 (first pillar of Islam — Kalimah)

## 48 Islamiat

How many pillars of Islam are there?

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

**Why this answer?** Islam has five pillars: Shahadah, Salat, Zakat, Saum and Hajj.

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

## Question 49 Islamiat

In which surah is the Holy Prophet (PBUH) described as the best example (uswa hasana)?

- A. Surah Al-Ahzab ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Surah Kausar
- C. Surah Akhlas
- D. Surah Falaq

**Why this answer?** Surah Al-Ahzab describes the Prophet as the best example (uswa hasana) and speaks of his high position.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q54 (surah on the Prophet's character and position — Surah Al-Ahzab)

## Question 50 Islamiat

Which was the first mosque built in Islam?

- A. Masjid Nabawi
- B. Masjid al-Haram
- C. Masjid Aqsa

sjid Quba ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Masjid Quba, near Madinah, was the first mosque built in Islam.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the early mosques and the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 51 Islamiat

Hazrat Usman (RA) was which number among the Pious Caliphs?

- A. First
- B. Third ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Second
- D. Fourth

**Why this answer?** Hazrat Usman (RA), one of the Ashra Mubashara, was the third Pious Caliph.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q56 (third Pious Caliph — Hazrat Usman (RA))

## Question 52 Islamiat

The Holy Quran was first revealed in which month?

- A. Ramazan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Shawwal
- C. Zil Hajj
- D. Muharram

**Why this answer?** The first revelation of the Holy Quran came in the month of Ramazan.

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

## 53 Islamiat

Hazrat Musa (AS) is mentioned by name in the Holy Quran how many times?

- A. 25
- B. 100
- C. 50
- D. 136 ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Hazrat Musa (AS) is mentioned by name 136 times in the Quran, more than any other prophet.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q58 (Prophet mentioned most in the Quran — Hazrat Musa (AS), 136 times)

## Question 54 Islamiat

Who was the first Caliph of Islam?

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

**Why this answer?** Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) was the first Caliph of Islam after the passing of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the Pious Caliphs recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 55 Islamiat

The arrangement of the Holy Quran as ordered by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) himself is called:

- A. Tarteeb-e-Nuzuli

- C. Tauqifi Tarteeb ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Madni Tarteeb

**Why this answer?** Tauqifi tarteeb is the arrangement of the Quran as ordered by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) himself, so it cannot be changed.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q60 (Taufiqee Tarteeb — order given by the Holy Prophet (PBUH))

## Question 56 Islamiat

How many Surahs are there in the Holy Quran?

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

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

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Islamiat: the Holy Quran and its Surahs recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 57 Islamiat

"Al-Zikr", the Reminder, is a name of:

- A. The Torah
- B. The Zabur
- C. The Injil
- D. The Holy Quran ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Al-Zikr (adh-Dhikr) means "the Reminder", the book that reminds people of Allah, and it is a name of the Holy Quran.

**ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q61 (Al-Zikr — a name of the Holy Quran)

## Question 58 Mathematics

The trace of the rotation matrix [[cos t, −sin t], [sin t, cos t]] equals:

- A. 2 cos t ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. cos t
- C. sin t
- D. 2 sin t

**Why this answer?** The trace is the sum of the diagonal entries, cos t + cos t = 2 cos t; the sum of the eigenvalues equals the trace.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q63 (rotation matrix — trace 2 cos t)

## Question 59 Mathematics

What is 15% of 200?

- A. 20
- B. 30 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 25
- D. 35

**Why this answer?** 15% of 200 is 15 × 200 / 100 = 30.

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

## Question 60 Mathematics

Can a subset of a finite set be infinite?

always

- B. Yes, sometimes
- C. No, never ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Only if it is empty

**Why this answer?** A subset of a finite set has at most as many members as the set, so it cannot be infinite.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q65 (subset of a finite set — finite)

## Question 61 Mathematics

What is the square root of 144?

- A. 11
- B. 13
- C. 14
- D. 12 ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** 12 × 12 = 144, so the square root of 144 is 12.

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

## Question 62 Mathematics

Which decimal equals 2%?

- A. 0.2
- B. 0.02 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 0.002
- D. 0.0002

**Why this answer?** A percentage is divided by 100 to give the decimal, so 2% is 0.02.

**ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q67 (0.2% as a decimal — 0.002; the same division by 100 gives 2% = 0.02)

## Question 63 Mathematics

If x + 7 = 15, what is x?

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

**Why this answer?** Subtracting 7 from both sides gives x = 15 − 7 = 8.

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

## Question 64 Mathematics

A shop's value rose by Rs 24,000 over three years. What was the average yearly increase?

- A. Rs 4,000
- B. Rs 12,000
- C. Rs 24,000
- D. Rs 8,000 ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** The total increase is Rs 24,000 over three years, i.e. Rs 8,000 a year.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q69 (average yearly increase — Rs 8,000 a year on a Rs 24,000 rise over three years)

## Question 65 Mathematics

What is the sum of the angles of a triangle?

- A. 90°

- C. 180° ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 360°

**Why this answer?** The three angles of any triangle add up to 180°.

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

## Question 66 Mathematics

A girl will be 8 years old in three years. How old is she now?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 6

**Why this answer?** She will be 8 in three years, so she is 8 − 3 = 5 now.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q70 (daughter's age — 5 now, 8 in three years)

## Question 67 Mathematics

What is 40% of 52%?

- A. 8.1%
- B. 26.8%
- C. 38.2%
- D. 20.8% ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** 40% of 52% equals 0.40 × 0.52 = 0.208, i.e. 20.8%.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q71 (40% of 52% — 20.8%)

# 68 General Knowledge

Sierra Leone's capital and largest city is:

- A. Dakar
- B. Freetown ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Conakry
- D. Monrovia

**Why this answer?** Freetown is the capital and largest city of Sierra Leone, on its Atlantic coast.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q1 (Freetown — capital of Sierra Leone)

# Question 69 General Knowledge

What is the capital of Japan?

- A. Kyoto
- B. Tokyo ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Osaka
- D. Nagoya

**Why this answer?** Tokyo is the capital of Japan.

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

# Question 70 General Knowledge

The first Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences went to Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen in which year?

- A. 1969 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1901

- D. 1968

**Why this answer?** The first Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded in 1969, to Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q5 (first Nobel Prize in Economics — 1969)

## Question 71 General Knowledge

Which is the largest ocean in the world?

- A. Atlantic
- B. Indian
- C. Pacific ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Arctic

**Why this answer?** The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean in the world.

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

## Question 72 General Knowledge

The Monroe Doctrine was announced by President James Monroe in his annual message to Congress in which year?

- A. 1823 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1829
- C. 1845
- D. 1869

**Why this answer?** President James Monroe announced the Monroe Doctrine in his annual message to Congress on 2 December 1823.

**ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q7 (Monroe Doctrine — 2 December, 1823)

## Question 73 General Knowledge

Who wrote the play "Hamlet"?

- A. Charles Dickens
- B. John Milton
- C. Jane Austen
- D. William Shakespeare ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Hamlet was written by William Shakespeare.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: famous books and authors recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 74 General Knowledge

John Bull is the personification of England; Uncle Sam is the personification of:

- A. U.S.A ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Australia
- C. Germany
- D. England

**Why this answer?** Uncle Sam is the long-standing nickname and personification of the United States of America.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q9 (Uncle Sam — U.S.A)

## Question 75 General Knowledge

What is the currency of the United Kingdom?

- B. Dollar
- C. Pound Sterling ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Franc

**Why this answer?** The currency of the United Kingdom is the pound sterling.

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

## Question 76 Agriculture

Covering the soil with crop residue to conserve moisture and check weeds is called:

- A. Tillage
- B. Mulching ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Sheet erosion
- D. Nitrogen fixation

**Why this answer?** Mulching is covering the soil surface with crop residue or other material to conserve moisture and check weeds.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q32 (covering soil with crop residue — mulching)

## Question 77 Agriculture

Which of these is a kharif crop?

- A. Wheat
- B. Rice ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Gram
- D. Barley

**Why this answer?** Rice is a kharif crop, sown in summer; wheat, gram and barley are rabi

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Agriculture: the rabi and kharif cropping seasons recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 78 Agriculture

Which of these is a well-known high-yielding wheat variety released in Pakistan?

- A. Basmati-385
- B. IRRI-6
- C. NIAB-78
- D. Inqalab-91 ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Inqalab-91 is a well-known high-yielding wheat variety released in Pakistan.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q36 (Inqalab-91 — wheat variety)

## Question 79 Agriculture

Which is the main cereal crop of Pakistan?

- A. Wheat ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Rice
- C. Maize
- D. Sugarcane

**Why this answer?** Wheat is the main cereal crop of Pakistan.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Agriculture: the crops of Pakistan recur in every sitting of this post.

## 80 Agriculture

Gypsum (CaSO4) supplies which two nutrients to the soil?

- A. Calcium + Zinc
- B. Potassium + Nitrogen
- C. Calcium + Sulphur ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of these

**Why this answer?** Gypsum is calcium sulphate (CaSO4), so it supplies both calcium and sulphur to the soil.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q39 (gypsum — calcium + sulphur)

## Question 81 Agriculture

Which of these is a legume crop?

- A. Wheat
- B. Rice
- C. Cotton
- D. Gram ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Gram is a legume (pulse) crop; wheat, rice and cotton are not legumes.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Agriculture: crop types recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 82 Agriculture

Organic matter binds soil particles into aggregates, improving the soil's:

- A. Texture
- B. Weed cover
- C. Structure ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Organic matter binds soil particles into aggregates, improving structure, aeration and water holding.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q41 (organic matter in soil — improving soil structure)

## Question 83 Agriculture

Drip irrigation is used mainly to:

- A. Increase weeds
- B. Wash salts
- C. Save water ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Cool the soil

**Why this answer?** Drip irrigation delivers water drop by drop to the plant roots, saving water.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Agriculture: irrigation methods recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 84 Agriculture

Growing two or more crops together on the same field is called:

- A. Intercropping ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Monocropping
- C. Crop rotation
- D. Fallowing

**Why this answer?** Intercropping is growing two or more crops together on the same field at the same time.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Agriculture: cropping systems

y sitting of this post.

## Question 85 Current Affairs

Major General Asif Ghafoor became DG ISPR in December 2016, succeeding:

- A. Major General Athar Abbas
- B. Major General Waheed Arshad
- C. None of these
- D. Lt General Asim Saleem Bajwa ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Asim Saleem Bajwa was the DG ISPR before December 2016, and Asif Ghafoor took over from him on 15 December 2016.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q44 (new DG ISPR, 15 December 2016 — Major General Asif Ghafoor, succeeding Asim Saleem Bajwa)

## Question 86 Current Affairs

The United Nations was founded in which year?

- A. 1919
- B. 1945 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1939
- D. 1950

**Why this answer?** The United Nations was founded in 1945.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Current Affairs: the United Nations and its bodies recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 87 Current Affairs

Task Force-88 of the Pakistan Navy was raised to protect:

- C. sea routes and Gwadar port ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. The Indus delta
- C. The Karachi harbour alone
- D. The Makran coast fisheries

**Why this answer?** The Pakistan Navy raised Task Force-88 in December 2016 to protect CPEC sea routes and Gwadar port.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q47 (Navy task force for CPEC, December 2016 — Task Force 88)

## Question 88 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.

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Current Affairs: the United Nations and its bodies recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 89 Current Affairs

The APEC Secretariat has been based in Singapore since which year?

- A. 1979
- B. 1989 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1999
- D. 2009

**Why this answer?** The APEC Secretariat has been based in Singapore since 1989.

**ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q49 (APEC headquarters — Singapore, since 1989)

## Question 90 Current Affairs

SAARC was founded in which year?

- A. 1985 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1975
- C. 1995
- D. 2005

**Why this answer?** The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was founded in 1985.

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

## Question 91 Current Affairs

The Arab League was formed on 22 March 1945 in:

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

**Why this answer?** The Arab League was formed in Cairo, Egypt, on 22 March 1945, and its headquarters is in Cairo.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q50 (Arab League formed — Cairo)

## 92 Urdu

اقبال کا پہلا مجموعہ کلام جس میں نظم ''شکوہ'' شامل ہے، کون سا ہے؟

A. ارمغان حجاز

B. بال جبریل

C. ضرب کلیم

**Predicted answer** ✓ D. بانگ درا

**Why this answer?** شکوہ اقبال کے پہلے مجموعہ کلام بانگ درا میں شامل ہے۔

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q97 (شکوہ — بانگ درا)

## Question 93 Urdu

اردو کا پہلا شاعر کسے کہا جاتا ہے؟

**Predicted answer** ✓ A. امیر خسرو

B. میر تقی میر

C. غالب

D. اقبال

**Why this answer?** امیر خسرو کو اردو کا پہلا شاعر کہا جاتا ہے۔

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Urdu: the history of Urdu literature recurs in every sitting of this post.

## Question 94 Urdu

پطرس بخاری شاعر ہیں یا مزاح نگار؟

B. ناول نگار

C. افسانہ نگار

**Predicted answer** ✓ D. مزاح نگار

**Why this answer?** پطرس بخاری اپنی مزاح نگاری کی وجہ سے مشہور ہیں۔

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q99 (پطرس بخاری — مزاح نگاری)

## Question 95 Urdu

''غالب'' کا اصل نام کیا تھا؟

**Predicted answer** ✓ A. مرزا اسد اللہ خان غالب

B. الطاف حسین حالی

C. محمد حسین آزاد

D. میر تقی میر

**Why this answer?** غالب کا اصل نام مرزا اسد اللہ خان غالب تھا۔

**Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Urdu: famous poets and their names recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 96 Urdu

''بوڑھی گھوڑی لال لگام'' کیا ہے؟

A. محاورہ

B. قول

**Predicted answer** ✓ C. ضرب المثل

**Why this answer?** ''بوڑھی گھوڑی لال لگام'' ایک ضرب المثل ہے جو بڑھاپے میں بناؤ سنگھار پر طنز کے طور پر بولی جاتی ہے۔

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q101 (ضرب المثل — بوڑھی گھوڑی لال لگام)

## Question 97 Computer Studies

When a computer is switched on, the process of loading its operating system is called:

- A. Shutting down
- B. Logging out
- C. Formatting
- D. Booting ✓ **Predicted answer**

**Why this answer?** Booting is the process of starting a computer and loading its operating system.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q92 (BOOT — to start a computer)

## Question 98 Computer Studies

What does "CPU" stand for?

- A. Central Processing Unit ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Central Program Unit
- C. Computer Personal Unit
- D. Central Peripheral Unit

**Why this answer?** CPU stands for Central Processing Unit, the main processor of a computer.

**ed [C] — Syllabus anchor:** syllabus anchor — Computer Studies: computer abbreviations recur in every sitting of this post.

## Question 99 Computer Studies

Microsoft was co-founded by:

- A. Bill Clinton
- B. Bill Gates ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Dick Cheney
- D. None of above

**Why this answer?** Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft and was its owner and chief, so he is the intended answer.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q94 (owner of Microsoft — Bill Gates)

## Question 100 Geography

On a weather map, lines joining places of equal temperature are isotherms; lines joining places of equal pressure are:

- A. Isobars ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Isopleths
- C. Isotherms
- D. None of these

**Why this answer?** Isobars are lines on a weather map joining places of equal atmospheric pressure.

**Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur:** ppsc-field-assistant-2019 Q96 (lines of equal pressure — isobars)

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