PPSC Social Security Officer — GUESS PAPER 2026 (Set 1 of 2) · Predicted Questions

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Question 1 General Knowledge

Where is the headquarters of SAARC located?

- A. karachi
- B. Colombo
- C. Kathmandu ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Dhaka

Why this answer? the SAARC Secretariat is in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-

an-resource-2015 Q30 (verified item — correct answer: Kathmandu)

Question 2 General Knowledge

Near which city is Greenwich situated?

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

Why this answer? Greenwich is in south-east London, on the Thames.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q43 (verified item — correct answer: London)

Question 3 General Knowledge

Name the country that is known as the 'Cockpit of Europe'.

- A. Switzerland
- B. Belgium ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Italy
- D. Netherlands

Why this answer? Belgium is called the Cockpit of Europe because so many European battles were fought there.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q48 (verified item — correct answer: Belgium)

Question 4 General Knowledge

Name the country that is known as the 'Land of Rising Sun'.

- A. China

- C. Japan ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Malaysia

Why this answer? Japan is the Land of the Rising Sun (Nippon, 'origin of the sun').

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q52 (verified item — correct answer: Japan)

Question 5 General Knowledge

The 243 MW Warsak Dam was built on which river?

- A. Indus
- B. Jhelum
- C. Kunar
- D. Kabul ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the Warsak Dam (243 MW) is on the Kabul River near Peshawar.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q3 (verified item — correct answer: Kabul)

Question 6 General Knowledge

What is a parliament called in which no party has a majority?

- A. Rest Parliament
- B. Stuck Parliament
- C. Shackled Parliament
- D. Hung Parliament ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? a hung parliament is one in which no party has a majority.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q23 (verified item — correct answer: Hung Parliament)

7 General Knowledge

What does the abbreviation UNEP stand for?

- A. United Nations Environment Programme ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Environment Program of the United Nations
- C. United Nations Environment Plan
- D. United Nations Environment Poll

Why this answer? UNEP stands for the United Nations Environment Programme.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q34 (verified item — correct answer: United Nations Environment Programme)

Question 8 General Knowledge

Which one of these countries is an Islamic Republic?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Mauritania ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Turkmenistan

Why this answer? the Islamic Republic of Mauritania is an Islamic Republic.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q39 (verified item — correct answer: Mauritania)

Question 9 General Knowledge

Which is the longest river in Pakistan?

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

swer: the Indus is the longest river in Pakistan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q41 (verified item — correct answer: Indus)

Question 10 General Knowledge

Which nation's official news network is Al Jazeera?

- A. Yemen
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Qatar ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Al Jazeera is based in and funded by Qatar.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q54 (verified item — correct answer: Qatar)

Question 11 General Knowledge

Which of these best describes Marco Polo?

- A. Traveler ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Poet
- C. Psychologist
- D. Physiologist

Why this answer? Marco Polo was a Venetian merchant and traveller who journeyed to China.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q56 (verified item — correct answer: Traveler)

12 General Knowledge

Which ocean lies to the east of Asia?

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Antarctic Ocean
- C. Pacific Ocean ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. All of these

Why this answer? the Pacific Ocean lies to the east of Asia.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q59 (verified item — correct answer: Pacific Ocean)

Question 13 General Knowledge

Which is the largest province of Pakistan by area?

- A. Punjab
- B. Sindh
- C. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- D. Balochistan ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan by area.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — General Knowledge: the provinces of Pakistan recur in every sitting of this post.

Question 14 Pakistan Studies

After Pakistan's creation, who became the first Chief Minister of Punjab?

- A. Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan
- B. Nawab litikhar Hussain Mamdot ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Mian Mumtaz Khan Daultana
- D. Nawab Sir Khizar Tiwana

swer? Nawab Iftikhar Hussain Khan Mamdot (filed as printed, 'litikhar') was the first Chief Minister of Punjab (1947–1949).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q6 (verified item — correct answer: Nawab litikhar Hussain Mamdot)

Question 15 Pakistan Studies

Who laid the foundation stone of the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the holiest place of Sikhism?

- A. Guru Nanak Devji
- B. Khawaja Ghareeb Nawaz
- C. Acharya Rakeshprasad pande
- D. Hazrat Mian Mir ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the Sufi saint Mian Mir laid the foundation stone of the Golden Temple in 1589.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q9 (verified item — correct answer: Hazrat Mian Mir)

Question 16 Pakistan Studies

In which year did Pakistan recognise the People's Republic of China?

- A. 1951
- B. 1950 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1949
- D. 1948

Why this answer? Pakistan recognised the People's Republic of China in January 1950, the first Muslim country to do so.

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q31 (verified item — correct answer: 1950)

Question 17 Pakistan Studies

The famous pamphlet "Now or Never " in 1933 was issued by whom?

- A. Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar
- B. Ch.Rahmat Ali ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Maulana Shakat Ali
- D. Allam Iqbal

Why this answer? Chaudhry Rahmat Ali issued 'Now or Never' in 1933, coining the name Pakistan.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q34 (verified item — correct answer: Ch.Rahmat Ali)

Question 18 Pakistan Studies

On which date was the Pakistan Resolution moved?

- A. 22 March, 1940
- B. 23 March, 1940 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 24 March,1940
- D. 25 March, 1940

Why this answer? the Pakistan Resolution was moved on 23 March 1940 and passed on 24 March.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q36 (verified item — correct answer: 23 March, 1940)

19 Pakistan Studies

Name the year in which Minto Morley Reforms were introduced in India.

- A. 1909 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1907
- C. 1911
- D. 1915

Why this answer? the Indian Councils Act 1909, the Minto-Morley Reforms, was passed in 1909.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q38 (verified item — correct answer: 1909)

Question 20 Pakistan Studies

Who headed the Cabinet Mission?

- A. Sir Stafford Cripps
- B. A.V.Alexander
- C. Lord Mayo
- D. Lord Pethick Lawrence ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the Cabinet Mission (1946) was headed by the Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q42 (verified item — correct answer: Lord Pethick Lawrence)

Question 21 Pakistan Studies

Which of these is an important river of the Pothohar Plateau?

- A. Hub river
- B. Bolan river

- D. Swan river ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the Soan (Swan) is the main river of the Pothohar Plateau.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q46 (verified item — correct answer: Swan river)

Question 22 Pakistan Studies

How was the fate of the North-West Frontier Province decided at independence?

- A. Referendum ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Election
- C. Jirga
- D. None of these

Why this answer? the NWFP's accession to Pakistan was decided by a referendum in July 1947.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q56 (verified item — correct answer: Referendum)

Question 23 Pakistan Studies

In which year did the Cripps Mission visit India?

- A. 1940
- B. 1942 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1943
- D. 1944

Why this answer? Sir Stafford Cripps came to India in March–April 1942 with his proposals.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-

an-resource-2015 Q65 (verified item — correct answer: 1942)

Question 24 Pakistan Studies

In which year did Pakistan come into being?

- A. 1945
- B. 1946
- C. 1947 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 1948

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

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

Question 25 Islamiat

What is the fifth Kalimah called?

- A. Kalimah Tauheed
- B. Kalima Istighfar ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Kalima Shahadat
- D. Kalimah Tamjeed

Why this answer? the fifth Kalimah is Kalimah Istighfar (Astaghfar).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q61 (verified item — correct answer: Kalima Istighfar)

Question 26 Islamiat

?participate last (ﷺ) In which Ghazwa did the Prophet Muhammad

- A. Mutah
- B. Hunain

uk ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Ahzab

Why this answer? Tabuk (9 AH) was the last Ghazwa in which the Prophet (PBUH) personally participated.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q63 (verified item — correct answer: Tabuk)

Question 27 Islamiat

Under the Treaty of Hudaibiya, for how many years was a truce declared between the Muslims and the Quraish?

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 10 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 12

Why this answer? the Treaty of Hudaibiya (6 AH) declared a ten-year truce between the Muslims and the Quraysh.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q66 (verified item — correct answer: 10)

Question 28 Islamiat

Whose son was Hazrat Yousif?

- A. Hazrat Ishaq
- B. Hazrat Yaqoob ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Hazrat Ismail
- D. Hazrat Loot

Why this answer? Yusuf (Joseph) was the son of Yaqub (Jacob).

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q68 (verified item — correct answer: Hazrat Yaqoob)

Question 29 Islamiat

By what name is the first Kalimah known?

- A. Kalimath Shahdat
- B. Kalimath Tayyabah ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Kalimath Tamjeed
- D. Kalimath Tauheed

Why this answer? the first Kalimah is Kalimah Tayyaba ('La ilaha illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah').

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q71 (verified item — correct answer: Kalimath Tayyabah)

Question 30 Islamiat

In which Surah does Ayat-ul-Kursi appear?

- A. Surah Baqarah ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Surah Al-Imran
- C. Surah Nisa
- D. Surah-e-Yaseen

Why this answer? Ayat-ul-Kursi is verse 255 of Surah Al-Baqarah.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q65 (verified item — correct answer: Surah Baqarah)

Question 31 Islamiat

How many pillars of Islam are there?

✓ Predicted answer

- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Six

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

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

Question 32 Islamiat

Which is the first pillar of Islam?

- A. Salat
- B. Zakat
- C. Hajj
- D. Shahadah ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Shahadah, the declaration of faith, is the first pillar of Islam.

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

Question 33 Urdu

شعر 'کرو مہرباں تم اہل زمین پر خدا مہرباں ہوگا عرش بریں پر' کے شاعر کا نام کیا ہے؟

Predicted answer ✓ A. الطاف حسین حالی

B. اکبر الہ آبادی

C. علامہ اقبال

D. غالب

Why this answer? یہ شعر الطاف حسین حالی کا ہے۔

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q4 (verified item — correct answer: الطاف حسین حالی)

Question 34 Urdu

درست ہجے والا لفظ کون سا ہے؟

A. استعارا

Predicted answer ✓ B. استفادہ

C. محوش

D. منفعش

Why this answer? "استفادہ" کے ہجے درست ہیں۔

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q6 (verified item — correct answer: استفادہ)

Question 35 Urdu

'دھان پان' سے کیا مراد ہے؟

Predicted answer ✓ A. دبلا پتلا

B. فربہ

C. جدت پسند

D. کند ذہن

Why this answer? "دھان پان" کا مطلب ہے دبلا پتلا ہونا۔

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q11 (verified item — correct answer: دبلا پتلا)

36 Urdu

'زندان نامہ' کے مصنف کا نام بتائیے۔

- A. احمد فراز
- B. حبیب جالب
- C. ناصر کاظم
- D. فیض احمد فیض ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? "زندان نامہ" فیض احمد فیض کی تحریر ہے۔

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q15 (verified item — correct answer: فیض احمد فیض)

Question 37 Mathematics

Basit's weight rose by 25% between 2009 and 2014. If it was k kilograms in 2014, what was it in 2009?

- A. 1.75 k
- B. 0.80 k ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 1.25 k
- D. 0.75 k

Why this answer? 2009 weight × 1.25 = k, so 2009 weight = k / 1.25 = 0.80k.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q25 (verified item — correct answer: 0.80 k)

Question 38 Mathematics

How many packages of 4/7 kg each can be made from 100 kg of rice?

- A. 125

- C. 100
- D. 175 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? 100 ÷ (4/7) = 100 × 7/4 = 175.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q32 (verified item — correct answer: 175)

Question 39 Mathematics

What is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its radius?

- A. 1
- B. π/2
- C. √π
- D. 2π ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? circumference = 2πr, so circumference / radius = 2π.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q49 (verified item — correct answer: 2π)

Question 40 Mathematics

Wasim will be twice as old in 7 years as he was 8 years ago. What is his present age?

- A. 12
- B. 32
- C. 21
- D. 23 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? let his age be x; x + 7 = 2(x − 8) gives x + 7 = 2x − 16, so x = 23.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q58 (verified item — correct answer: 23)

41 Mathematics

If a : b = b : c, then c is the _____ proportional.

- A. 2nd
- B. 4th
- C. 3rd ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 1st

Why this answer? c is the third proportional, so the proportion is called the third proportion.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q72 (verified item — correct answer: 3rd)

Question 42 Mathematics

What is 15% of 200?

- A. 20
- B. 25
- C. 30 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- 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 43 English Vocabulary

What is the opposite of 'Cowardice'?

- A. Valour ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Admonition
- C. Injustice

Why this answer? valour (bravery) is the opposite of cowardice.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q86 (verified item — correct answer: Valour)

Question 44 English Vocabulary

What does 'Cataclysm' mean?

- A. Upheaval ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Catalyst
- C. Moderator
- D. Catcall

Why this answer? a cataclysm is a violent upheaval or disaster.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q88 (verified item — correct answer: Upheaval)

Question 45 English Vocabulary

What does 'Majestic' mean?

- A. Regal ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Authoritative
- C. Magic
- D. Magisterial

Why this answer? majestic means regal, kingly and grand.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q90 (verified item — correct answer: Regal)

46 English Vocabulary

Which word is a synonym of 'happy'?

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

Why this answer? 'Joyful' means full of joy, a synonym of 'happy'.

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

Question 47 Urdu Literature

شوکت صدیقی کا کون سا ناول پی ٹی وی پر ڈرامے کی شکل میں پیش کیا گیا، جس میں غربت اور معاشی ناہمواری دکھائی گئی؟

Predicted answer ✓ A. خدا کی بستی

B. چاند گرہن

C. تلاش بہاراں

D. جانگلوس

Why this answer? 'Khuda Ki Basti' (1967) was dramatised by PTV and portrays poverty and economic inequality in society.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q73 (verified item — correct answer: خدا کی بستی)

Question 48 Urdu Literature

ڈرامہ 'نیا نشان' کس ڈرامہ نگار نے لکھا؟

B. اشفاق احمد

Predicted answer ✓ C. خواجہ معین الدین

D. آغا حشر

Why this answer? 'Naya Nishan' is a drama by Khwaja Moinuddin.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q75 (verified item — correct answer: خواجہ معین الدین)

Question 49 Science

Which part of the body does trachoma affect?

- A. Brain
- B. Spinal Cord
- C. Eye ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Larynx

Why this answer? trachoma is a bacterial infection of the eye (conjunctiva), a leading cause of blindness.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q15 (verified item — correct answer: Eye)

Question 50 Science

Which gas is commonly used to fill balloons?

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

swer: Helium is light and non-flammable, so it is used in balloons.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q17 (verified item — correct answer: Helium)

Question 51 Science

By what means does an ordinary mobile phone communicate?

- A. Sound waves
- B. Infranred waves
- C. Radio waves ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. NV waves

Why this answer? mobile phones communicate with base stations by radio waves.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q19 (verified item — correct answer: Radio waves)

Question 52 Science

Which of these is an example of a hereditary disease?

- A. Polio
- B. Haemophilia ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Cholera
- D. Typhoid

Why this answer? haemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q22 (verified item — correct answer: Haemophilia)

Question 53 Science

What is the chemical symbol for water?

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

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

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

Question 54 Sports

Which country is NOT among the 'Big Three' of the International Cricket Council?

- A. England
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. South Africa ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the Big Three are India, England and Australia; South Africa is not among them.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q12 (verified item — correct answer: South Africa)

Question 55 Sports

In which country was the 2014 Hockey Champions Trophy held?

- A. Malaysia
- B. India ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Germany
- D. Australia

swer: the 2014 Champions Trophy was held in Bhubaneswar, India.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q14 (verified item — correct answer: India)

Question 56 Computer Science

What kind of program is Task Manager?

- A. Utility Program
- B. Modern Application
- C. Printer Guide
- D. Software ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Task Manager is a software (a system program) in Windows.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q25 (verified item — correct answer: Software)

Question 57 Computer Science

Which type of file helps recover lost data when a program or computer halts abnormally?

- A. BAT
- B. DOC
- C. TEMP ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. DLL

Why this answer? temporary (TEMP) files help recover data after an abnormal halt.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q44 (verified item — correct answer: TEMP)

58 Computer Science

What does CPU stand for?

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

Why this answer? CPU stands for Central Processing Unit, the brain of the computer.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Computer Science: computer abbreviations recur in every sitting of this post.

Question 59 English

Which word is a synonym of 'Despair'?

- A. Hope
- B. Misery ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Joy
- D. Gullible

Why this answer? despair is a state of misery and hopelessness.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q26 (verified item — correct answer: Misery)

Question 60 English

What does the phrase 'to wipe out' mean?

- A. Eradicate something ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. End something
- C. Help something
- D. Win

swer? to wipe out is to eradicate or destroy completely.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q28 (verified item — correct answer: Eradicate something)

Question 61 Everyday Science

Which of these is the odd one out?

- A. Spinach ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Mango
- C. Orange
- D. Guava

Why this answer? spinach is a leafy vegetable, while mango, orange and guava are fruits.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q49 (verified item — correct answer: Spinach)

Question 62 Everyday Science

Lockjaw is a medical condition observed in cases of which disease?

- A. Tetanus ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Diarrhea
- C. Cholera
- D. Malaria

Why this answer? lockjaw (trismus) is the classic symptom of tetanus.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-2018 Q51 (verified item — correct answer: Tetanus)

Question 63 Geography (Pakistan Dams)

On which river was Ghulam Muhammad Barrage constructed?

- B. Indus ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Swat
- D. Jehlum

Why this answer? Ghulam Muhammad Barrage (Kotri Barrage) was constructed on the River Indus. The source stem carries a stray "(M Kabul" (the misprinted (A) label for the Kabul option, filed as option A).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q68 (verified item — correct answer: Indus)

Question 64 Geography (Pakistan Dams)

The Mangla Dam stands on which river?

- A. Indus
- B. Chenab
- C. None of these
- D. Jhelum ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Mangla Dam is built on the River Jhelum.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q70 (verified item — correct answer: Jhelum)

Question 65 English Grammar

Which verb best completes this sentence: 'The police must ___ enough evidence.'

- A. hoard
- B. store
- C. gather ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. capture

swer? the police must gather enough evidence, the stem is garbled in the source but 'gather' is the verb that fits.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q5 (verified item — correct answer: gather)

Question 66 Geography (Rivers)

Name the river that is Africa’s second longest river.

- A. Limpopo
- B. Congo ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Zambezi
- D. Nile

Why this answer? the Congo is Africa's second longest river (after the Nile).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q46 (verified item — correct answer: Congo)

Question 67 Geography (Pakistan Rivers)

Of which region are Soan and Haro famous rivers?

- A. Baluchistan Plateau
- B. Hindu Kush Range
- C. Potwar Plateau ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of these

Why this answer? the Soan and Haro are famous rivers of the Potwar Plateau.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q76 (verified item — correct answer: Potwar Plateau)

68 Pakistan Studies (Books)

The Revolution in Pakistan was written by whom?

- A. K.B. Saeed
- B. K.K.Aziz
- C. Herbert Feldman ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. None of these

Why this answer? "Revolution in Pakistan" was written by Herbert Feldman. The stem prints "PakiQtan" for "Pakistan".

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q90 (verified item — correct answer: Herbert Feldman)

Question 69 World Leaders

Alija Izetbegovic held which office?

- A. President of Croatia
- B. President of Yugoslavia
- C. President of Bosnia-Herzegovina ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. President of Macedonia

Why this answer? Alija Izetbegovic was the first President of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q16 (verified item — correct answer: President of Bosnia-Herzegovina)

Question 70 Literature (Authors)

Roald Dahl, the author, was of which nationality?

- A. Swedish
- B. Norwegian
- C. Danish

sh ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff, Cardiff, Wales — Welsh by birth and nationality in the bank's answer.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q44 (verified item — correct answer: Welsh)

Question 71 English Spelling

Which of these is a correctly spelt English word?

- A. Violit
- B. Voilance
- C. Violance
- D. Voile ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? voile is a real English word, a thin fabric.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q2 (verified item — correct answer: Voile)

Question 72 Labour Law

The Punjab Employees Social Security Institution collects which of the following?

- A. Property Tax
- B. Education Cess
- C. Social Security Contribution ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Both A and C

Why this answer? PESSI collects the Social Security Contribution from employers under the Provincial Employees' Social Security Ordinance 1965.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q11 (verified item — correct answer: Social Security

Question 73 Labour Law

Which institution administers employees' social security in Punjab?

- A. Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution
- B. Punjab Employees Social Security Institution ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Workers Welfare Fund
- D. Labour Department of Sindh

Why this answer? The Punjab Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI) administers social security for employees in Punjab under the 1965 Ordinance.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Labour Law: PESSI and the 1965 Ordinance recur in every sitting of this post.

Question 74 Labour Law

Under the Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance, 1965, who pays the social security contribution?

- A. The employee alone
- B. The federal government
- C. The employer ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. The trade union

Why this answer? The employer pays the social security contribution for each secured employee under the Ordinance.

Why predicted [C] — Syllabus anchor: syllabus anchor — Labour Law: the social security contribution and who pays it recur in every sitting of this post.

75 Geography (Mountains)

Between which two countries is the summit of Mont Blanc disputed?

- A. Russia and Greece
- B. Croatia and Czech
- C. None of these
- D. France and Italy ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the summit of Mont Blanc is disputed between France and Italy (each claims the highest point lies on its side).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q3 (verified item — correct answer: France and Italy)

Question 76 Sports (Cricket)

The Asia Cup of 2012 was won by which country?

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

Why this answer? Pakistan won the Asia Cup 2012 (beating Bangladesh in the final).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q7 (verified item — correct answer: Pakistan)

Question 77 History (Afghanistan)

In which year did the Soviet Union send its forces into Afghanistan?

- A. 1979 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 1976
- C. 1977

Why this answer? the Soviet Union sent its forces into Afghanistan in December 1979.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q15 (verified item — correct answer: 1979)

Question 78 History (India)

In which year was the Third Battle of Panipat fought?

- A. 1763
- B. 1765
- C. 1764
- D. 1761 ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the Third Battle of Panipat was fought on 14 January 1761.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q24 (verified item — correct answer: 1761)

Question 79 Geography (Pakistan Lakes)

In which district of Punjab can Kallar Kahar Lake be found?

- A. Jhelum
- B. Chakwal ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Sargodha
- D. Mianwali

Why this answer? Kallar Kahar Lake is in Chakwal District, Punjab.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q62 (verified item — correct answer: Chakwal)

80 Mathematics (Weights)

How many kilograms are there in one pound?

- A. 0.482
- B. 0.445
- C. 0.454 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. 0.431

Why this answer? one pound is equal to 0.454 kilograms.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q83 (verified item — correct answer: 0.454)

Question 81 General Knowledge (Un)

Population matters are dealt with by which UN body?

- A. UNDP
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNICEF
- D. UNFPA ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) deals with population.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q87 (verified item — correct answer: UNFPA)

Question 82 Current Affairs

Which country was designated a major non-NATO ally of the United States in 2004?

- A. Turkey
- B. India
- C. Italy
- D. Pakistan ✓ **Predicted answer**

swer? Pakistan was designated a major non-NATO ally of the US in 2004.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: ppsc-social-security-officer-labour-human-resource-2015 Q29 (verified item — correct answer: Pakistan)

Question 83 Sports (Football)

The football World Cup of 2010 was won by which country?

- A. Brazil
- B. Netherlands
- C. Spain ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Germany

Why this answer? Spain won the FIFA World Cup in 2010 (beating the Netherlands in the final).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q4 (verified item — correct answer: Spain)

Question 84 Geography (Capitals)

Which city is the capital of Ghana?

- A. Harare
- B. Kinshasa
- C. Accra ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Banjul

Why this answer? Accra is the capital of Ghana.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q10 (verified item — correct answer: Accra)

85 General Knowledge (National Symbols)

Which bird is the national bird of China?

- A. Ceibo
- B. Red-crowned Crane ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Rufous-bellied Thrush
- D. Golden Wattle

Why this answer? the red-crowned crane is the national bird of China.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q12 (verified item — correct answer: Red-crowned Crane)

Question 86 Geography (Earth History)

How would the usual temperature 2,000 million years ago be described?

- A. Freezing ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Hot
- C. Warm
- D. Cool

Why this answer? about 2,000 million years ago the Earth was in the Huronian glaciation (about 2.4–2.1 billion years ago), a freezing period — so the usual temperature is described as freezing.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q14 (verified item — correct answer: Freezing)

Question 87 History (China)

The Long March of 1934 was undertaken by whom?

- A. Chinese Communist ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. George W. Marshall

- D. All of these

Why this answer? the Long March of 1934–35 was undertaken by the Chinese Communists (the Red Army).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q18 (verified item — correct answer: Chinese Communist)

Question 88 History (Partition)

Under the Mountbatten Plan of 1947, the people of which area were given the right to decide by plebiscite whether to join Pakistan or India?

- A. N.W.F.P. and the Sylhet district of Assam ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Assam
- C. Punjab
- D. Bengal

Why this answer? under the Mountbatten Plan of 1947 the people of the North-West Frontier Province and the Sylhet district of Assam were given the right to decide by plebiscite whether to join Pakistan or India.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q20 (verified item — correct answer: N.W.F.P. and the Sylhet district of Assam)

Question 89 History (British India)

Name the person who was the Viceroy when Mr Attlee declared Britain's intention to transfer power to Indians.

- A. Lord Irwin
- B. Lord Wavell ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Lord Mountbatten
- D. Lord Linlithgow

swer? Lord Wavell was Viceroy when Clement Attlee declared in February 1947 that Britain intended to transfer power to Indians.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q25 (verified item — correct answer: Lord Wavell)

Question 90 Geography (Central Asia)

On which date does Kazakhstan observe its Independence Day each year?

- A. December 16 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. December 17
- C. December 18
- D. December 19

Why this answer? Kazakhstan observes its Independence Day on 16 December (independence declared 16 December 1991).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q30 (verified item — correct answer: December 16)

Question 91 Geography (India)

In which country is the Malabar Coast located?

- A. South Africa
- B. Chile
- C. India ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Spain

Why this answer? the Malabar Coast is on the south-west coast of India (Kerala).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q32 (verified item — correct answer: India)

92 Mathematics (Roman Numerals)

Which number is written as CIX in Roman numerals?

- A. 119
- B. 109 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. 49
- D. 99

Why this answer? CIX is 100 (C) + 9 (IX) = 109.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q37 (verified item — correct answer: 109)

Question 93 Sports (Billiards)

A game of billiards is played with how many balls?

- A. 22 ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. 15
- C. 24
- D. 18

Why this answer? a game of billiards uses 22 balls (15 reds, 6 colours and the cue ball).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q39 (verified item — correct answer: 22)

Question 94 Geography (Fishing)

The world's largest fishing industry belongs to which country?

- A. Japan
- B. China ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Norway
- D. Iceland

swer? China has the world's largest fishing industry (by catch and aquaculture).

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q41 (verified item — correct answer: China)

Question 95 Geography (Uk)

Liverpool's airport was named in honour of the murdered ex-Beatle John Lennon. What had the airport been called before?

- A. Speke ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Mungo
- C. Park
- D. Livingstone

Why this answer? Liverpool airport was formerly called Speke Airport; it was renamed Liverpool John Lennon Airport in 2001.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q43 (verified item — correct answer: Speke)

Question 96 Geography (Usa)

Six states in northeast USA make up 'New England'. Which of these states is NOT one of them?

- A. Massachusetts
- B. New Hampshire
- C. Rhode Island
- D. Maryland ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? Maryland is not part of New England (the six New England states are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut).

ed [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q47 (verified item — correct answer: Maryland)

Question 97 General Knowledge (Snakes)

Which is the largest venomous snake in the world?

- A. Anaconda
- B. King cobra ✓ **Predicted answer**
- C. Reticulated python
- D. Rattlesnake

Why this answer? the king cobra is the largest venomous snake in the world.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q49 (verified item — correct answer: King cobra)

Question 98 Biology (Animals)

Apart from the blue whale, the world's largest mammal, which type of animal is the world's smallest mammal?

- A. Bat ✓ **Predicted answer**
- B. Monkey
- C. Opossum
- D. Shrew

Why this answer? the bat (the bumblebee bat) is the smallest mammal by skull and body length, and the bank's intended answer.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q51 (verified item — correct answer: Bat)

99 Religion (Bible)

On which mountain did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?

- A. Ararat
- B. Meron
- C. Olympus
- D. Sinai ✓ **Predicted answer**

Why this answer? God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q55 (verified item — correct answer: Sinai)

Question 100 History (Ancient Greece)

Who ran from Marathon to Athens to announce the Athenian victory over the invading Persians?

- A. Prometheus
- B. Nike
- C. Pheidippides ✓ **Predicted answer**
- D. Marathon

Why this answer? Pheidippides ran 26 miles from Marathon to Athens to announce the victory over the Persians.

Why predicted [B] — Verified fact, predicted to recur: PPSC-SOCIAL-SECURITY-OFFICER-2012 Q60 (verified item — correct answer: Pheidippides)

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