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Question 1 Geography (World)

In which country is the committee which selects winners for the Nobel Peace Prize located?

- A. Finland
- B. Sweden
- C. Norway ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: the Nobel Peace Prize committee is not in Finland.

B. WRONG: the Nobel Peace Prize committee is not in Sweden (the other Nobel prizes are awarded in Sweden).

C. CORRECT: the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by a committee of the Norwegian Parliament (the Norwegian Nobel Committee) in Oslo, Norway.

D. WRONG: the Nobel Peace Prize committee is not in Denmark.

Question 2 Physics (Materials)

Which are the materials generally employed as solder in soldering operations in electronics?

- A. Iron and tin
- B. Aluminium and lead
- C. Lead and tin ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Aluminium and iron

A. WRONG: solder is not iron and tin; iron is not used in solder.

B. WRONG: solder is not aluminium and lead; aluminium is not used in solder.

C. CORRECT: solder is an alloy of lead and tin (about 60% tin, 40% lead).

D. WRONG: solder is not aluminium and iron.

Question 3 History (Ancient India)

Between which of the following was the ancient town of Taxila located?

- A. Indus and Jhelum ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Jhelum and Chenab
- C. Chenab and Ravi

A. CORRECT: the ancient town of Taxila lay between the Indus and the Jhelum rivers.

B. WRONG: Taxila lay between the Indus and the Jhelum, not the Jhelum and Chenab.

C. WRONG: Taxila lay between the Indus and the Jhelum, not the Chenab and Ravi.

D. WRONG: Taxila lay between the Indus and the Jhelum, not the Ravi and Beas.

Question 4 History (British India)

In the year 1613, where was the English East India Company given permission to set up a factory (trading post)?

- A. Bangalore
- B. Madras
- C. Masulipattam
- D. Surat ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: the East India Company was not given permission to set up a factory at Bangalore in 1613.

B. WRONG: Madras came later (1639); the 1613 permission was for Surat.

C. WRONG: Masulipattam was an early trading post but the 1613 permission was for Surat.

D. CORRECT: in 1613 the East India Company was permitted to set up a factory (trading post) at Surat.

Question 5 Physics (Sound)

In which one among the following is the speed of sound maximum?

- A. Air at 0°C
- B. Air at 100°C

- D. Wood ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: sound travels slower in cold air than in warm air or in solids.

B. WRONG: sound travels faster in air at 100 °C than at 0 °C, but slower than in water or wood.

C. WRONG: sound travels faster in water than in air, but slower than in wood.

D. CORRECT: sound travels fastest in solids — fastest of all in wood among these options (about 3,300 m/s).

Question 6 History (World War II)

Which is the biggest tank battle in military history, with 1,200 tanks slugging it out?

- A. Kursk ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Kasserine
- C. Kiev
- D. Kharkov

A. CORRECT: the Battle of Kursk (1943) was the biggest tank battle in military history, with about 1,200 tanks engaged on the German side and many more Soviet tanks.

B. WRONG: Kasserine was a 1943 battle in Tunisia, not the biggest tank battle.

C. WRONG: Kiev was a 1941 battle, not the biggest tank battle.

D. WRONG: Kharkov was a series of 1942–43 battles, not the biggest tank battle.

Question 7 History (Russo-Japanese War)

Where did the Japanese launch a successful attack on the Russian Pacific Fleet, using torpedoes to devastating effect during Russo-Japanese War?

- A. Pearl Harbor

t Arthur ✓ Correct answer

- C. Port Gibson
- D. Port Hudson

A. WRONG: Pearl Harbor was the 1941 Japanese attack on the US Pacific Fleet, not the Russo-Japanese War.

B. CORRECT: in 1904 the Japanese launched a surprise torpedo attack on the Russian Pacific Fleet at Port Arthur.

C. WRONG: Port Gibson was a Civil War battle in America, not a Russo-Japanese War attack.

D. WRONG: Port Hudson was a Civil War battle in America, not a Russo-Japanese War attack.

Question 8 History (Ancient Greece)

Although a Persian victory, which battle is most celebrated for the heroic defence of a crucial pass by 300 Spartans?

- A. Thymbra
- B. Thebes
- C. Thermopylae ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Trebbia

A. WRONG: Thymbra was a battle of Cyrus the Great, not the 300 Spartans.

B. WRONG: Thebes was a Greek city-state, not the battle of the 300 Spartans.

C. CORRECT: at Thermopylae (480 BC) 300 Spartans under Leonidas held a crucial pass against the Persians.

D. WRONG: Trebbia was a battle of the Second Punic War, not the 300 Spartans.

9 History (Napoleonic Wars)

Napoleon's last battle ended in his disastrous defeat. The Duke of Wellington, the Allied victor, famously said it was, "a damn' close run thing". Named after a small village in Belgium, where was this battle?

- A. Waterloo ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Kasserine
- C. Kiev
- D. Kharkov

A. CORRECT: Napoleon's last battle was Waterloo (1815), named after a small village in Belgium; Wellington called it "a damn' close run thing".

B. WRONG: Kasserine was a 1943 battle in Tunisia, not Napoleon's last battle.

C. WRONG: Kiev was not a Napoleonic battle.

D. WRONG: Kharkov was not a Napoleonic battle.

Question 10 History (Spain)

Moorish Kingdom of Granada (Spain) surrendered to Christians in the year:

- A. 1453
- B. 1492 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1526
- D. 1556

A. WRONG: 1453 was the fall of Constantinople, not the surrender of Granada.

B. CORRECT: the Moorish Kingdom of Granada surrendered to Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492.

C. WRONG: 1526 was the Battle of Panipat, not the surrender of Granada.

D. WRONG: 1556 was Akbar's accession, not the surrender of Granada.

11 Chemistry (Elements)

Which one of the following elements is found common in glass, cement, china clay and quartz?

- A. Carbon
- B. Silicon ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Calcium
- D. None of these

A. WRONG: carbon is not the common element in glass, cement, china clay and quartz.

B. CORRECT: silicon (as silica, silicon dioxide) is common to glass, cement, china clay and quartz.

C. WRONG: calcium is in cement but not in glass, china clay or quartz.

D. WRONG: there is a definite answer — silicon.

Question 12 Biology (Immunology)

What are Vaccines?

- A. Same as monoclonal antibodies
- B. Treated bacteria or viruses or one of their proteins ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. MHC proteins
- D. Strands of nucleic acids

A. WRONG: vaccines are not the same as monoclonal antibodies.

B. CORRECT: vaccines are treated (killed or weakened) bacteria or viruses, or one of their proteins, given to build immunity.

C. WRONG: MHC proteins are immune-system markers, not vaccines.

D. WRONG: vaccines are not strands of nucleic acids.

13 Chemistry (Materials)

Which of the following is an alloy?

- A. Gold
- B. Zinc
- C. Tin
- D. Bronze ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: gold is a pure metal (an element), not an alloy.

B. WRONG: zinc is a pure metal (an element), not an alloy.

C. WRONG: tin is a pure metal (an element), not an alloy.

D. CORRECT: bronze is an alloy of copper and tin.

Question 14 Physics (Sound)

The unit for measuring intensity of noise is called:

- A. Knot
- B. Calorie
- C. Ohm
- D. Decibel ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: a knot measures speed, not noise intensity.

B. WRONG: a calorie measures heat energy, not noise intensity.

C. WRONG: an ohm measures electrical resistance, not noise intensity.

D. CORRECT: the intensity of noise (sound) is measured in decibels.

Question 15 Chemistry (Household)

Which of the following will you use to remove rust stains on cloth?

- B. Oxalic Acid Solution ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Alcohol
- D. None of these

A. WRONG: kerosene oil does not remove rust stains from cloth.

B. CORRECT: oxalic acid solution dissolves rust (iron oxide) and removes rust stains from cloth.

C. WRONG: alcohol does not remove rust stains from cloth.

D. WRONG: there is a definite answer — oxalic acid solution.

Question 16 Chemistry (Gases)

The chemical name of laughing gas is:

- A. Nitric oxide
- B. Nitrogen dioxide
- C. Nitrogen pent oxide
- D. Nitrous oxide ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: nitric oxide (NO) is not laughing gas.

B. WRONG: nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) is not laughing gas.

C. WRONG: nitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5) is not laughing gas.

D. CORRECT: laughing gas is nitrous oxide (N_2O).

Question 17 Chemistry (Elements)

Which of the following is the lightest substance known?

- A. Oxygen
- B. Nitrogen

rogen ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Carbon

A. WRONG: oxygen is far heavier than hydrogen.

B. WRONG: nitrogen is far heavier than hydrogen.

C. CORRECT: hydrogen, the lightest element, is the lightest substance known.

D. WRONG: carbon is far heavier than hydrogen.

Question 18 Physics (Temperature)

Which of the following scales was devised by Celsius?

- A. Absolute
- B. Centigrade ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Fahrenheit
- D. None of these

A. WRONG: the absolute (Kelvin) scale was devised by Lord Kelvin, not Celsius.

B. CORRECT: the centigrade (Celsius) scale was devised by Anders Celsius.

C. WRONG: the Fahrenheit scale was devised by Daniel Fahrenheit, not Celsius.

D. WRONG: there is a definite answer — centigrade.

Question 19 Physics (Heat)

When water is heated from 0° C to 10° C, the volume of water

- A. Increase steadily
- B. Decrease steadily
- C. First increases, then decreases
- D. First decreases, then increases ✓ **Correct answer**

water does not increase steadily from 0 °C to 10 °C; it first contracts.

B. WRONG: water does not decrease steadily; it contracts to 4 °C then expands.

C. WRONG: water first decreases in volume (to 4 °C) and then increases — the reverse order.

D. CORRECT: water contracts as it warms from 0 °C to 4 °C (its maximum density) and then expands to 10 °C.

Question 20 Physics (Heat)

What is the freezing point of heavy water?

- A. 3 82 °C ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 2 82 °C
- C. 1.82 °C
- D. 0.82 °C

A. CORRECT: the freezing point of heavy water (D2O) is 3.82 °C (the source prints "3 82 °C" with the decimal point missing).

B. WRONG: the freezing point of heavy water is 3.82 °C, not 2.82 °C.

C. WRONG: the freezing point of heavy water is 3.82 °C, not 1.82 °C.

D. WRONG: the freezing point of heavy water is 3.82 °C, not 0.82 °C.

Question 21 Physics (Motion)

A satellite moving round the earth with a uniform speed has

- A. An accelerated motion
- B. No acceleration at all
- C. Uniform acceleration ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Uneven acceleration

a satellite in uniform circular motion does have an accelerated motion, but the precise description — and the bank's intended answer — is uniform acceleration.

B. WRONG: a satellite in orbit is constantly accelerated towards the Earth (centripetal acceleration).

C. CORRECT: a satellite moving round the Earth with uniform speed has uniform acceleration — centripetal acceleration, constant in magnitude and always directed towards the centre.

D. WRONG: the acceleration is uniform in magnitude, not uneven.

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — both A ("an accelerated motion") and C ("uniform acceleration") are true of a satellite in uniform circular motion; C is the precise intended answer, since the acceleration is centripetal and constant in magnitude. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 22 Sociology (Anthropology)

Which of the following is called the study of study of human cultures?

- A. anthropology ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. archaeology
- C. Both a & b
- D. apiology

A. CORRECT: anthropology is the study of human cultures (the stem prints "study of study of" — a duplicated word).

B. WRONG: archaeology is the study of past human life through material remains, not of living cultures.

C. WRONG: only anthropology is the study of human cultures.

D. WRONG: apiology is the study of bees, not of human cultures.

23 Physics (Optics)

For being able to see three-dimensional pictures we have to use

- A. A stereoscope ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. A camera
- C. An epidiascope
- D. None of these

A. CORRECT: a stereoscope presents a slightly different image to each eye, producing a three-dimensional effect.

B. WRONG: an ordinary camera records a flat (two-dimensional) image; it does not show 3D pictures.

C. WRONG: an epidiascope projects opaque objects onto a screen; it does not produce three-dimensional viewing.

D. WRONG: there is a definite answer — a stereoscope.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys C (an epidiascope); the correct answer is A (a stereoscope — the instrument for viewing three-dimensional pictures). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 24 Physics (Optics)

In a photographic camera fitted with a convex lens, which of the following types of images will be formed on the film?

- A. Erect and real
- B. lnverted and real ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Imaginary and erect
- D. The type of image formed will depend on the distance between the lens and the object

A. WRONG: a camera's convex lens forms an inverted image on the film, not an erect one.

a photographic camera's convex lens forms an inverted and real image on the film (the source prints "lnverted" with a lowercase L).

C. WRONG: the image on the film is real, not imaginary.

D. WRONG: the image on the film is always inverted and real for a camera, whatever the object distance.

Question 25 Physics (Computers)

In the modern-day computers, when operational, the electrical impulses travel

- A. At the speed of sound
- B. At seven times the speed of sound
- C. At half the speed of light
- D. Nearly at the speed of light ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: electrical impulses travel far faster than the speed of sound.

B. WRONG: electrical impulses travel far faster than seven times the speed of sound.

C. WRONG: electrical impulses travel at nearly the speed of light, not half of it.

D. CORRECT: in a working computer the electrical impulses travel at nearly the speed of light.

Question 26 Economics (National Income)

We measure national income by this method

- A. Expenditure method
- B. Income method
- C. Product method
- D. All of the above ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: the expenditure method is one method of measuring national income, but not

B. WRONG: the income method is one method of measuring national income, but not the only one.

C. WRONG: the product method is one method of measuring national income, but not the only one.

D. CORRECT: national income can be measured by the expenditure, income and product methods — all of the above.

Question 27 Economics (National Income)

GNPIs

- A. Total sales in the economy
- B. Total monetary transactions in an economy
- C. The market value of all goods and services produced in an economy ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Total spending in an economy

A. WRONG: total sales counts intermediate goods and double-counts; GNP is the market value of final goods and services produced.

B. WRONG: total monetary transactions include transfers and intermediate sales; GNP is the market value of final goods and services produced.

C. CORRECT: GNP (gross national product) is the market value of all final goods and services produced by a country's residents in a year.

D. WRONG: total spending is the expenditure approach to measuring GNP, not its definition.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys A (total sales); the correct answer is C (GNP is the market value of all goods and services produced in an economy).

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Question 28 Geography (World Cities)

Which is the world's second most populous city of the world?

- A. Shanghai ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Tokyo
- C. London
- D. Mexico city

A. CORRECT: by city-proper population Shanghai (about 24 million) was among the world's most populous cities; the bank's intended answer is Shanghai.

B. WRONG: Tokyo is the largest metropolitan area, not the second most populous city by city-proper count.

C. WRONG: London is far smaller than Shanghai or Mexico City.

D. WRONG: Mexico City is larger than Shanghai by metropolitan agglomeration, but by city-proper population the bank's intended answer is Shanghai.

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — Shanghai (A) is the intended answer by city-proper population; Mexico City (D) is larger by metropolitan agglomeration. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 29 Economics (Finance)

With which activity is the Wall Street in New York, USA associated?

- A. Films
- B. Banking & Finance ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Defence
- D. Literacy arts

A. WRONG: Wall Street is not associated with films (that is Hollywood).

Wall Street in New York is the centre of banking and finance (the New York Stock Exchange).

C. WRONG: Wall Street is not associated with defence.

D. WRONG: Wall Street is not associated with literary arts.

Question 30 Economics (Exchange Rates)

Pakistan follows the policy of

- A. Flexible exchange rate ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Fixed exchange rate
- C. Controlled exchange rate
- D. Increasing exchange rate

A. CORRECT: Pakistan follows a flexible (market-determined, managed-float) exchange rate policy.

B. WRONG: Pakistan does not follow a fixed exchange rate.

C. WRONG: Pakistan's rate is market-determined, not a controlled (officially fixed) rate.

D. WRONG: there is no policy called an "increasing exchange rate".

Question 31 Pakistan Studies (Alliances)

In which year Pakistan joined South East Asia Treaty Organization?

- A. 1954 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1955
- C. 1956
- D. 1957

A. CORRECT: Pakistan joined the South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) in 1954, signing the Manila Pact on 8 September 1954.

Pakistan joined SEATO in 1954, not 1955.

C. WRONG: Pakistan joined SEATO in 1954, not 1956.

D. WRONG: Pakistan joined SEATO in 1954, not 1957.

Question 32 Pakistan Studies (US Aid)

When US President Jimmy Carter administration cut off the military and economic aid to Pakistan?

- A. Sept, 1977 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Oct, 1977
- C. Nov, 1977
- D. Dec, 1977

A. CORRECT: the Carter administration cut off military and economic aid to Pakistan in September 1977 (the Symington Amendment suspension; the declassified National Security Archive record dates the cut-off to September 1977).

B. WRONG: the aid cut-off was in September 1977, not October.

C. WRONG: the aid cut-off was in September 1977, not November.

D. WRONG: the aid cut-off was in September 1977, not December.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys C (November 1977); the correct answer is A (September 1977 — the Carter administration's aid cut-off, per the National Security Archive declassified record). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 33 Pakistan Studies (Durand Line)

When US informed Pakistan that America recognised the Durand line as the Pak-Afghan international boundary?

- il, 1979 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. May, 1979
- C. June, 1979
- D. July, 1979

A. CORRECT: in April 1979 the United States informed Pakistan that it recognised the Durand Line as the Pak-Afghan international boundary (President Carter's letter to President Zia, April 1979).

B. WRONG: the US communication on the Durand Line was in April 1979, not May.

C. WRONG: the US communication on the Durand Line was in April 1979, not June.

D. WRONG: the US communication on the Durand Line was in April 1979, not July.

Question 34 Pakistan Studies (Simla Accord)

When Shimla accord was signed by President of Pakistan and Indian Premier?

- A. 1972 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1973
- C. 1974
- D. 1975

A. CORRECT: the Simla Agreement was signed by President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 2 July 1972.

B. WRONG: the Simla Agreement was signed in 1972, not 1973.

C. WRONG: the Simla Agreement was signed in 1972, not 1974.

D. WRONG: the Simla Agreement was signed in 1972, not 1975.

Question 35 Pakistan Studies (Agra Summit)

Indian PM Atal Bihari Vajpaee and General Pervaiz Musharraf met at Agra?

14, 2001 ✓ Correct answer

- B. July 10, 2001
- C. July 16, 2001
- D. July 15, 2001

A. CORRECT: the Agra summit between Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and President Pervez Musharraf opened on 14 July 2001.

B. WRONG: the Agra summit opened on 14 July 2001, not 10 July.

C. WRONG: the Agra summit opened on 14 July 2001 (the talks ran 14–16 July).

D. WRONG: the Agra summit opened on 14 July 2001, not 15 July.

Question 36 Pakistan Studies (Kashmir)

When Pakistan and India agree to start bus service from Sri Nagar to Muzaffarabad?

- A. Jan 13, 2005
- B. Jan 16, 2005
- C. Jan 15,2005
- D. Jan 17,2005

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. NO CORRECT OPTION — DEFECTIVE-excluded (decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation)

A. WRONG: the Srinagar–Muzaffarabad bus agreement was promulgated on 16 February 2005, not 13 January 2005.

B. WRONG: the agreement was promulgated on 16 February 2005, not 16 January 2005.

C. WRONG: the agreement was promulgated on 16 February 2005, not 15 January 2005.

D. WRONG: the agreement was promulgated on 16 February 2005, not 17 January 2005.

37 Pakistan Studies (Defence)

Pakistan bought Mirage Fighter Aircrafts from:

- A. UK
- B. France ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. China
- D. America

A. WRONG: Pakistan bought its Mirage fighter aircraft from France, not the UK.

B. CORRECT: Pakistan bought Mirage fighter aircraft from France (Dassault).

C. WRONG: Pakistan bought Mirage fighters from France, not China.

D. WRONG: Pakistan bought Mirage fighters from France, not America.

Question 38 Pakistan Studies (US Aid)

When President Bush senior suspended the economic aid to Pakistan?

- A. 1990 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1991
- C. 1992
- D. 1994

A. CORRECT: President George H. W. Bush suspended economic aid to Pakistan in October 1990 under the Pressler Amendment.

B. WRONG: the aid suspension was in 1990, not 1991.

C. WRONG: the aid suspension was in 1990, not 1992.

D. WRONG: the aid suspension was in 1990, not 1994.

39 Pakistan Studies (Tashkent)

By agreement hostility between India and Pakistan came to an end in 1966?

- A. SAFTA
- B. Kargill
- C. Tashkand ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. A and B Both

A. WRONG: SAFTA (the South Asian Free Trade Area) is a trade agreement, not the 1966 peace agreement.

B. WRONG: Kargil was a 1999 conflict, not the agreement that ended hostilities in 1966.

C. CORRECT: the Tashkent Declaration (January 1966) ended the hostilities of the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war.

D. WRONG: neither SAFTA nor Kargil ended the 1965 war; the Tashkent Declaration did.

Question 40 Pakistan Studies (US Relations)

Pakistan was declared by the US as great ally of Non NATO?

- A. 2003
- B. 2002
- C. 2001
- D. 2004 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: Pakistan was designated a Major Non-NATO Ally in June 2004, not 2003.

B. WRONG: Pakistan was designated a Major Non-NATO Ally in June 2004, not 2002.

C. WRONG: Pakistan was designated a Major Non-NATO Ally in June 2004, not 2001.

D. CORRECT: the United States designated Pakistan a Major Non-NATO Ally in June 2004.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys C (2001); the correct answer is

Pakistan was designated a Major Non-NATO Ally in June 2004). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 41 Pakistan Studies (War on Terror)

When America declared Pakistan as front line state against terrorism war?

- A. 1999
- B. 2001 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 2002
- D. 2003

A. WRONG: Pakistan was declared a frontline state in 2001, not 1999.

B. CORRECT: after the 11 September 2001 attacks, the United States declared Pakistan a frontline state in the war against terrorism (2001).

C. WRONG: Pakistan became a frontline state in 2001, not 2002.

D. WRONG: Pakistan became a frontline state in 2001, not 2003.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys A (1999); the correct answer is B (2001 — Pakistan became a frontline state after 11 September 2001). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 42 Pakistan Studies (Kargil)

Kargil Issue was the main cause of war between Pakistan and India in 1999 and war was stopped by intervention of?

- A. UK
- B. Russia
- C. USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. China

A. WRONG: the Kargil war was not stopped by British intervention.

he Kargil war was not stopped by Russian intervention.

C. CORRECT: the Kargil war (1999) was stopped by US intervention (President Clinton's meeting with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in July 1999).

D. WRONG: the Kargil war was not stopped by Chinese intervention.

Question 43 Pakistan Studies (Foreign Policy)

A U-Turn came in foreign policy of Pakistan after the world launched war against terrorism in?

- A. 1999
- B. 2001 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 2002
- D. 2003

A. WRONG: the U-turn in Pakistan's foreign policy came in 2001, not 1999.

B. CORRECT: after 11 September 2001 Pakistan reversed its Afghan policy — the U-turn in foreign policy came in 2001.

C. WRONG: the U-turn came in 2001, not 2002.

D. WRONG: the U-turn came in 2001, not 2003.

Question 44 Pakistan Studies (Sanctions)

Pakistan faced sanctions under the pressler amendment's in 1992 by?

- A. Britain
- B. UNO
- C. USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Russia

A. WRONG: the Pressler Amendment sanctions were imposed by the USA, not Britain.

he Pressler Amendment sanctions were imposed by the USA, not the UNO.

C. CORRECT: the Pressler Amendment sanctions were imposed by the United States (the stem's "in 1992" is wrong — they were imposed in October 1990).

D. WRONG: the Pressler Amendment sanctions were imposed by the USA, not Russia.

Question 45 Pakistan Studies (Books)

“Pakistan's Foreign Policy, A Historical Analysis" was written by?

- A. Agha Shahi
- B. Hasan Askari Rizvi
- C. SM Bruke and Lawrence Ziring ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Dr. Zafar Mahmood

A. WRONG: "Pakistan's Foreign Policy: A Historical Analysis" was not written by Agha Shahi.

B. WRONG: it was not written by Hasan Askari Rizvi.

C. CORRECT: "Pakistan's Foreign Policy: A Historical Analysis" was written by S. M. Burke and Lawrence Ziring.

D. WRONG: it was not written by Dr. Zafar Mahmood.

Question 46 Pakistan Studies (Presidents)

First president of Pakistan who visited Bosnia-Herzegovina?

- A. Farooq Laghari
- B. Rafique Tarar
- C. Gen Musharraf ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of them

A. WRONG: Farooq Leghari was not the first Pakistani president to visit Bosnia-

B. WRONG: Rafique Tarar was not the first Pakistani president to visit Bosnia-Herzegovina.

C. CORRECT: General Pervez Musharraf was the first President of Pakistan to visit Bosnia-Herzegovina.

D. WRONG: there is a definite answer — General Musharraf.

Question 47 Pakistan Studies (Books)

Name president who wrote the book “Foreign Policy of Pakistan”?

- A. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Gen. Zia-ul-Haq
- C. Ishaq Khan
- D. none of them

A. CORRECT: "Foreign Policy of Pakistan" was written by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

B. WRONG: it was not written by General Zia-ul-Haq.

C. WRONG: it was not written by Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

D. WRONG: there is a definite answer — Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Question 48 Current Affairs (Diplomacy)

Which country recently opened his embassy for first time in Pakistan?

- A. Chile
- B. Paraguay
- C. Monaco
- D. Cuba ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: Chile did not open an embassy in Pakistan for the first time at the exam date.

Paraguay did not open an embassy in Pakistan for the first time at the exam date.

C. WRONG: Monaco did not open an embassy in Pakistan for the first time at the exam date.

D. CORRECT: Cuba opened its embassy in Pakistan for the first time (in 2007–2008, shortly before this 2008 paper).

Question 49 Current Affairs (Nuclear)

Which country declared in 2007 that it will establish 8 nuclear power plants in Pakistan?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. China ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. France

A. WRONG: the USA did not declare in 2007 that it would establish 8 nuclear power plants in Pakistan.

B. WRONG: Russia did not make that 2007 declaration about Pakistan.

C. CORRECT: in 2007 China declared it would help establish nuclear power plants in Pakistan (the Chashma programme).

D. WRONG: France did not make that 2007 declaration about Pakistan.

Question 50 Pakistan Studies (Nuclear)

When did USA for first time declared Pakistan and India as nuclear states?

- A. May 20, 2004 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Oct 25, 2005
- C. Sept 15, 2006
- D. June 10, 2004

the United States first declared Pakistan and India to be nuclear states on 20 May 2004 (Secretary of State Colin Powell's statement of 19 May 2004, reported 20 May 2004).

B. WRONG: the first US declaration was in May 2004, not October 2005.

C. WRONG: the first US declaration was in May 2004, not September 2006.

D. WRONG: the first US declaration was on 20 May 2004, not 10 June 2004.

Question 51 General Knowledge (Film)

Who has hosted the Academy Awards the most times?

- A. Billy Crystal
- B. Bob Hope ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Whoopi Goldberg
- D. Steve Martin

A. WRONG: Billy Crystal hosted the Academy Awards 9 times, fewer than Bob Hope.

B. CORRECT: Bob Hope hosted the Academy Awards 19 times, more than anyone else.

C. WRONG: Whoopi Goldberg hosted 4 times, fewer than Bob Hope.

D. WRONG: Steve Martin hosted 3 times, fewer than Bob Hope.

Question 52 General Knowledge (Film)

Slumdog Millionaire won Oscar Awards

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

A. WRONG: Slumdog Millionaire won 8 Academy Awards, not 6.

Slumdog Millionaire won 8 Academy Awards (at the 2009 ceremony, including Best Picture and Best Director).

C. WRONG: Slumdog Millionaire won 8 Academy Awards, not 9.

D. WRONG: Slumdog Millionaire won 8 Academy Awards, not 7.

Question 53 General Knowledge (Music)

Highest number of songs sung by a single person

- A. Whitney Houston
- B. Lata Mangeshkar ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Britney Spears
- D. Madonna

A. WRONG: Whitney Houston did not sing the highest number of songs by a single person.

B. CORRECT: Lata Mangeshkar holds the record for the highest number of songs sung by a single person (over 25,000).

C. WRONG: Britney Spears did not sing the highest number of songs by a single person.

D. WRONG: Madonna did not sing the highest number of songs by a single person.

Question 54 Geography (World)

Name the city which is a seat of UNO International Court of Justice

- A. Hamburg
- B. Greenwich
- C. Geneva
- D. Hague ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: Hamburg is not the seat of the International Court of Justice.

B. WRONG: Greenwich is not the seat of the International Court of Justice.

Geneva hosts UN agencies but not the International Court of Justice.

D. CORRECT: the International Court of Justice sits at The Hague (the Peace Palace), Netherlands.

Question 55 Geography (World)

Sharjah is located in:

- A. Qatar
- B. UAE ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Kuwait
- D. Saudi Arabia

A. WRONG: Sharjah is not in Qatar.

B. CORRECT: Sharjah is one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates.

C. WRONG: Sharjah is not in Kuwait.

D. WRONG: Sharjah is not in Saudi Arabia.

Question 56 General Knowledge (Vocabulary)

Seraglio is a

- A. Anicient residnece of the sultan of Turkey at Istanbul ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. A roof with smal regular opening
- C. A kind of piller supporting a building
- D. Passage for he escape of smoke

A. CORRECT: a seraglio is the ancient residence (palace, harem quarters) of the Sultan of Turkey at Istanbul (the source's options are misspelled: "Anicient residnece").

B. WRONG: a roof with small regular openings is not a seraglio.

C. WRONG: a pillar supporting a building is not a seraglio.

a passage for the escape of smoke is not a seraglio.

Question 57 Geography (World)

Which of the following cities was known earlier as 'Pearl of the Antilles'?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Cuba ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Manila
- D. Shangai

A. WRONG: Mumbai was never known as the Pearl of the Antilles.

B. CORRECT: Cuba was known as the Pearl of the Antilles (the stem says "cities" but the options are countries/islands; Cuba is the Pearl of the Antilles).

C. WRONG: Manila was known as the Pearl of the Orient, not the Pearl of the Antilles.

D. WRONG: Shanghai was never known as the Pearl of the Antilles.

Question 58 Geography (Institutions)

The International Rice Research Institute is located in:

- A. Malaysia
- B. Thailand
- C. Philippines ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Indonesia

A. WRONG: the International Rice Research Institute is not in Malaysia.

B. WRONG: the International Rice Research Institute is not in Thailand.

C. CORRECT: the International Rice Research Institute is at Los Baños, Philippines.

D. WRONG: the International Rice Research Institute is not in Indonesia.

59 Geography (World)

Kirkuk famous for its oil fields is the city of

- A. Iran
- B. Syria
- C. Iraq ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Saudi Arabia

A. WRONG: Kirkuk is not in Iran.

B. WRONG: Kirkuk is not in Syria.

C. CORRECT: Kirkuk, famous for its oil fields, is a city of Iraq.

D. WRONG: Kirkuk is not in Saudi Arabia.

Question 60 Geography (World)

The official residence of the Pope is in:

- A. Vatican City ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. America
- C. England
- D. Rome

A. CORRECT: the official residence of the Pope is in Vatican City (the Apostolic Palace).

B. WRONG: the Pope's official residence is not in America.

C. WRONG: the Pope's official residence is not in England.

D. WRONG: the Pope's official residence is in Vatican City, not Rome proper (though Vatican City lies within Rome).

61 Current Affairs (Treaties)

On July 23, 2008 Pakistan signed the agreement for extradition of criminals with?

- A. Iran ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Afghanistan
- D. US

A. CORRECT: on 23 July 2008 Pakistan signed an agreement for the extradition of criminals with Iran.

B. WRONG: the 23 July 2008 extradition agreement was with Iran, not Saudi Arabia.

C. WRONG: the 23 July 2008 extradition agreement was with Iran, not Afghanistan.

D. WRONG: the 23 July 2008 extradition agreement was with Iran, not the US.

Question 62 English (Synonyms)

SAVVY

- A. Deform
- B. Understand ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Destroy
- D. Taste

A. WRONG: "deform" is not the meaning of savvy.

B. CORRECT: savvy means shrewdness or practical knowledge — to understand.

C. WRONG: "destroy" is not the meaning of savvy.

D. WRONG: "taste" is not the meaning of savvy.

63 English (Synonyms)

GOOEY

- A. Evasive
- B. Sentimental ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Ideal
- D. Realistic

A. WRONG: "evasive" is not the meaning of gooey.

B. CORRECT: gooey means sticky and sentimental (overly sweet or emotional).

C. WRONG: "ideal" is not the meaning of gooey.

D. WRONG: "realistic" is the opposite of gooey in the sentimental sense, not its meaning.

Question 64 English (Synonyms)

FORAY

- A. Indulgence
- B. Raid ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Repentance
- D. Pilgrimage

A. WRONG: "indulgence" is not the meaning of foray.

B. CORRECT: a foray is a sudden attack or raid (also, a first venture into a new field).

C. WRONG: "repentance" is not the meaning of foray.

D. WRONG: "pilgrimage" is not the meaning of foray.

Question 65 English (Synonyms)

ABSOLUTE

sonable

- B. Narrow
- C. Limitless ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Reliable

A. WRONG: "reasonable" is not the meaning of absolute.

B. WRONG: "narrow" is the opposite of absolute in the sense of unlimited.

C. CORRECT: absolute means complete and unlimited — limitless.

D. WRONG: "reliable" is not the meaning of absolute.

Question 66 English (Synonyms)

GLITZY

- A. Glamorous ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Boring
- C. Interesting
- D. Serious

A. CORRECT: glitzy means showy and glamorous.

B. WRONG: "boring" is the opposite of glitzy.

C. WRONG: "interesting" is not the meaning of glitzy.

D. WRONG: "serious" is not the meaning of glitzy.

Question 67 English (Synonyms)

VENALITY

- A. Hope
- B. Sacrifice
- C. Respect

ruption ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: "hope" is not the meaning of venality.

B. WRONG: "sacrifice" is not the meaning of venality.

C. WRONG: "respect" is the opposite of venality.

D. CORRECT: venality is the quality of being open to bribery — corruption.

Question 68 English (Synonyms)

COMMISERATE

- A. Sympathise ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Placate
- C. Commemorate
- D. Consecrate

A. CORRECT: to commiserate is to sympathise (to express pity or sorrow).

B. WRONG: "placate" means to calm or appease, not to commiserate.

C. WRONG: "commemorate" means to honour the memory of, not to commiserate.

D. WRONG: "consecrate" means to make sacred, not to commiserate.

Question 69 English (Synonyms)

REIN

- A. Overcome
- B. Fling
- C. Control ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Pour

A. WRONG: "overcome" is not the meaning of rein (as a verb).

filing" is not the meaning of rein.

C. CORRECT: to rein is to control or restrain (as with the reins of a horse).

D. WRONG: "pour" is not the meaning of rein.

Question 70 English (Synonyms)

WARY

- A. Vigilant ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Distorted
- C. Tired
- D. Sad

A. CORRECT: wary means cautious and watchful — vigilant.

B. WRONG: "distorted" is not the meaning of wary.

C. WRONG: "tired" is not the meaning of wary.

D. WRONG: "sad" is not the meaning of wary.

Question 71 English (Synonyms)

PIQUE

- A. Subdue
- B. Irritate ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Repent
- D. Request

A. WRONG: "subdue" is not the meaning of pique (as a verb).

B. CORRECT: to pique is to irritate or provoke (also, to arouse interest).

C. WRONG: "repent" is not the meaning of pique.

'request' is not the meaning of pique.

Question 72 English (Synonyms)

No civilised society can allow the subversion of its institutions by extremists.

- A. domination
- B. subservience
- C. destruction ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. subordination

A. WRONG: "domination" is rule over others, not the meaning of subversion.

B. WRONG: "subservience" is obedience, not the meaning of subversion.

C. CORRECT: subversion is the overthrow or undermining of an institution — destruction (the thesaurus synonym: overthrow, ruin, destruction).

D. WRONG: subordination means placing in a lower rank; it is not a synonym of subversion.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys D (subordination); the correct answer is C (destruction — subversion is the overthrow or ruin of an institution; subordination means placing in a lower rank). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 73 English (Synonyms)

It is the Prime Minister's prerogative to appoint or dismiss a Minister.

- A. function
- B. monopoly
- C. authority
- D. privilege ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: "function" is not the meaning of prerogative.

monopoly" is exclusive control, not the meaning of prerogative.

C. WRONG: "authority" is close to prerogative, but the standard synonym here is privilege.

D. CORRECT: a prerogative is a special right or privilege.

Question 74 English (Synonyms)

He cast a cursory glance over the papers before signing them.

- A. short
- B. eager
- C. inquisitive
- D. hurried ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: "short" is close to cursory, but the standard synonym here is hurried.

B. WRONG: "eager" is not the meaning of cursory.

C. WRONG: "inquisitive" is not the meaning of cursory.

D. CORRECT: cursory means hasty and hurried (done quickly, without attention to detail).

Question 75 English (Synonyms)

He had to curtail his leave as a lot of work was pending in his office.

- A. shorten ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. extend
- C. cancel
- D. postpone

A. CORRECT: to curtail is to shorten (to cut short).

B. WRONG: "extend" is the opposite of curtail.

C. WRONG: "cancel" is not the meaning of curtail.

'postpone' is not the meaning of curtail.

Question 76 English (Synonyms)

The traditional methods of doing things have now become obsolescent

- A. harmful
- B. out of date ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. unrewarding
- D. all unpopular

A. WRONG: "harmful" is not the meaning of obsolescent.

B. CORRECT: obsolescent means becoming out of date (no longer used).

C. WRONG: "unrewarding" is not the meaning of obsolescent.

D. WRONG: "unpopular" is not the meaning of obsolescent.

Question 77 English (Synonyms)

This was his maiden performance on the stage and he did very well.

- A. primary
- B. first ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. opening
- D. girlish

A. WRONG: "primary" is close to maiden, but the standard synonym here is first.

B. CORRECT: a maiden performance is a first performance.

C. WRONG: "opening" is close to maiden, but the standard synonym here is first.

D. WRONG: "girlish" is not the meaning of maiden here.

78 English (Synonyms)

In the absence of the Grief Guest, the host himself acted as his surrogate and presided over the function.

- A. counterpart
- B. alliance
- C. assistant
- D. substitute ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: a "counterpart" is a matching person or thing, not a surrogate.

B. WRONG: "alliance" is not the meaning of surrogate.

C. WRONG: an "assistant" helps, but a surrogate stands in for someone — a substitute.

D. CORRECT: a surrogate is a substitute (someone acting in place of another). The stem prints "Grief Guest", evidently "Chief Guest".

Question 79 English (Synonyms)

The incident affected him so much that he could not forget it for several days.

- A. influenced ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. changed
- C. upset
- D. controlled

A. CORRECT: to affect (in this sense) is to influence.

B. WRONG: "changed" is close to affected, but the standard synonym here is influenced.

C. WRONG: "upset" is a narrower effect than affected, and the standard synonym here is influenced.

D. WRONG: "controlled" is not the meaning of affected here.

80 English (Synonyms)

It is the inherent quality of matter to expand on being heated.

- A. eternal
- B. hidden
- C. internal
- D. natural ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: "eternal" is not the meaning of inherent.

B. WRONG: "hidden" is not the meaning of inherent.

C. WRONG: "internal" is close to inherent, but the standard synonym here is natural.

D. CORRECT: inherent means existing as a natural part of something — natural.

Question 81 English (Synonyms)

The isolated and dilapidated palace has become a rendezvous for the unsocial elements.

- A. resort
- B. hiding place
- C. public place
- D. meeting place ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: a "resort" is a place for holidays, not a rendezvous.

B. WRONG: a "hiding place" is not the meaning of rendezvous.

C. WRONG: a "public place" is not the meaning of rendezvous.

D. CORRECT: a rendezvous is a meeting place (an agreed place to meet).

Question 82 English (Antonyms)

DEFIANCE

may

- B. Suspicion
- C. Obedience ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Anxiety

A. WRONG: "dismay" is not the opposite of defiance.

B. WRONG: "suspicion" is not the opposite of defiance.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of defiance (open resistance) is obedience.

D. WRONG: "anxiety" is not the opposite of defiance.

Question 83 English (Antonyms)

EVOLVING

- A. Retreating
- B. Stifling
- C. Stagnating ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Suffering

A. WRONG: "retreating" is not the opposite of evolving.

B. WRONG: "stifling" is not the opposite of evolving.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of evolving (developing, progressing) is stagnating (not developing).

D. WRONG: "suffering" is not the opposite of evolving.

Question 84 English (Antonyms)

OVERWEENING

- A. Humble ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sedate

- D. Clever

A. CORRECT: the opposite of overweening (excessively proud, arrogant) is humble.

B. WRONG: "sedate" is not the opposite of overweening.

C. WRONG: "miserly" is not the opposite of overweening.

D. WRONG: "clever" is not the opposite of overweening.

Question 85 English (Antonyms)

PRESUMPTION

- A. Resumption
- B. Porosities
- C. Humility ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Assumption

A. WRONG: "resumption" means starting again; it is not the opposite of presumption.

B. WRONG: "porosities" is not the opposite of presumption.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of presumption (arrogant assumption, overconfidence) is humility.

D. WRONG: "assumption" is a synonym of presumption, not its opposite.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — the source keys A (resumption); the correct answer is C (humility — the antonym of presumption is humility). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 86 English (Antonyms)

REDOLENT

king ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Sickly
- C. Yellowish
- D. Gloomy

A. CORRECT: the opposite of redolent (fragrant, sweet-smelling) is stinking (foul-smelling).

B. WRONG: "sickly" is not the opposite of redolent.

C. WRONG: "yellowish" is not the opposite of redolent.

D. WRONG: "gloomy" is not the opposite of redolent.

Question 87 English (Antonyms)

KOOK

- A. Illiterate
- B. Sane ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Peculiar
- D. Foolish

A. WRONG: "illiterate" is not the opposite of kook.

B. CORRECT: the opposite of a kook (a crazy or eccentric person) is a sane person.

C. WRONG: "peculiar" is a synonym of kook, not its opposite.

D. WRONG: "foolish" is close to kook, not its opposite.

Question 88 English (Antonyms)

DEBONAIR

- A. Worried
- B. Pensive
- C. Grim

ous ✓ Correct answer

A. WRONG: "worried" is not the opposite of debonair.

B. WRONG: "pensive" is not the opposite of debonair.

C. WRONG: "grim" is close to the opposite of debonair, but the standard antonym in this set is serious.

D. CORRECT: the opposite of debonair (charming, light-hearted, carefree) is serious.

Question 89 English (Antonyms)

CONCEALMENT

- A. Identification
- B. Broaenens
- C. Evidence
- D. Indication ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: "identification" is not the opposite of concealment.

B. WRONG: "broaenens" is a garbled word in the source, kept as printed; it is not the opposite of concealment.

C. WRONG: evidence is what concealment hides, so it opposes concealment in sense, but the direct antonym — and the bank's intended answer — is indication.

D. CORRECT: the opposite of concealment (hiding) is indication (showing, revealing).

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — both C ("evidence") and D ("indication") oppose concealment; D is the direct antonym. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 90 English (Antonyms)

That was a dauntless action!

- B. cowardly ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. secret
- D. subtle

A. WRONG: "devious" is not the opposite of dauntless.

B. CORRECT: the opposite of dauntless (fearless, bold) is cowardly.

C. WRONG: "secret" is not the opposite of dauntless.

D. WRONG: "subtle" is not the opposite of dauntless.

Question 91 English (Antonyms)

The duty of a true citizen is to thwart social evils as untouchability, dowry system etc

- A. favour
- B. sustain
- C. promote ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. frustrate

A. WRONG: "favour" is close to the opposite of thwart, but the standard antonym in this set is promote.

B. WRONG: "sustain" is close to the opposite of thwart, but the standard antonym in this set is promote.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of to thwart (to prevent, frustrate) is to promote (to advance, encourage).

D. WRONG: "frustrate" is a synonym of thwart, not its opposite.

Question 92 English (Antonyms)

CALLOUS

fident

- B. Sentimental
- C. Sensitive ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Capable

A. WRONG: "confident" is not the opposite of callous.

B. WRONG: "sentimental" is close to the opposite of callous, but the standard antonym in this set is sensitive.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of callous (hard-hearted, unfeeling) is sensitive.

D. WRONG: "capable" is not the opposite of callous.

Question 93 English (Antonyms)

SUBJUGATE

- A. Enrich
- B. Liberate ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Enslave
- D. Free

A. WRONG: "enrich" is not the opposite of subjugate.

B. CORRECT: the opposite of to subjugate (to conquer and enslave) is to liberate (to set free).

C. WRONG: "enslave" is a synonym of subjugate, not its opposite.

D. WRONG: "free" is also an antonym of subjugate, but the precise verb antonym — and the bank's intended answer — is liberate.

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — both B ("liberate") and D ("free") are antonyms of subjugate; B is the precise verb antonym. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

94 English (Antonyms)

Sunil spent most of his time in recreation.

- A. work
- B. boredom ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. leisure
- D. diversion

A. WRONG: work is the opposite of recreation in the work/leisure sense, but the direct antonym of recreation as an activity — and the bank's intended answer — is boredom.

B. CORRECT: the opposite of recreation (enjoyable activity, diversion) is boredom.

C. WRONG: "leisure" is a synonym of recreation, not its opposite.

D. WRONG: "diversion" is a synonym of recreation, not its opposite.

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — both A ("work") and B ("boredom") oppose recreation; B is the direct antonym of recreation as an activity/feeling. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 95 English (Antonyms)

The guard was given explicit orders about whom to admit.

- A. ambiguous ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. inadequate
- C. no
- D. wrong

A. CORRECT: the opposite of explicit (clearly stated) is ambiguous (open to more than one meaning).

B. WRONG: "inadequate" is not the opposite of explicit.

C. WRONG: "no" is not the opposite of explicit.

'wrong' is not the opposite of explicit.

Question 96 English (Antonyms)

Adversity teaches man to be humble and self- reliant.

- A. Prosperity ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Curiosity
- C. Animosity
- D. Sincerity

A. CORRECT: the opposite of adversity (hardship, misfortune) is prosperity.

B. WRONG: "curiosity" is not the opposite of adversity.

C. WRONG: "animosity" is not the opposite of adversity.

D. WRONG: "sincerity" is not the opposite of adversity.

Question 97 English (Antonyms)

He appears to be a phony person.

- A. ugly
- B. genuine ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. unreal
- D. beautiful

A. WRONG: "ugly" is not the opposite of phony.

B. CORRECT: the opposite of phony (fake, false) is genuine.

C. WRONG: "unreal" is close to phony, not its opposite.

D. WRONG: "beautiful" is not the opposite of phony.

98 English (Antonyms)

There is scarcity of milk in Karachi.

- A. shortage
- B. abundance
- C. excess ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. sufficiency

A. WRONG: "shortage" is a synonym of scarcity, not its opposite.

B. WRONG: abundance is also an antonym of scarcity, but the direct antonym in the bank's scarcity/excess pair — and the intended answer — is excess.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of scarcity (a lack) is excess (more than enough).

D. WRONG: "sufficiency" (enough) is close to the opposite of scarcity, but the direct antonym in this set is excess.

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — both B ("abundance") and C ("excess") are antonyms of scarcity; C is the direct antonym in the bank's scarcity/excess pair. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 99 English (Antonyms)

Why do you disparage him all the time?

- A. abuse
- B. criticise
- C. encourage
- D. glorify ✓ **Correct answer**

A. WRONG: "abuse" is a synonym of disparage, not its opposite.

B. WRONG: "criticise" is close to disparage, not its opposite.

C. WRONG: "encourage" is close to the opposite of disparage, but the standard antonym

D. CORRECT: the opposite of to disparage (to belittle, speak ill of) is to glorify (to praise highly).

Question 100 English (Antonyms)

Political differences introduced a note of discord into their relationship.

- A. tranquility
- B. familiarity
- C. concord ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. benevolence

A. WRONG: "tranquility" is not the opposite of discord.

B. WRONG: "familiarity" is not the opposite of discord.

C. CORRECT: the opposite of discord (disagreement, conflict) is concord (harmony, agreement).

D. WRONG: "benevolence" is not the opposite of discord.

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