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Question 1 General Knowledge

The theory of 'Clash of Civilizations' was presented by:

- A. Francis Fukuyama
- B. Michael W. Doyle
- C. Fouad Ajami
- D. Samuel P. Huntington. ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Fukuyama wrote 'The End of History', not the Clash of Civilizations thesis.

B. Wrong: Doyle is known for democratic peace theory, not this thesis.

C. Wrong: Ajami wrote about Arab politics, but the thesis is Huntington's.

D. Correct: Samuel P. Huntington presented the 'Clash of Civilizations' thesis in 1993.

Question 2 General Knowledge

Which of the following countries has signed and ratified 'Kyoto Protocol' an International environmental protection treaty:

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Japan
- D. All of the above ✓ **Correct answer**

A. True on its own: Germany ratified the Kyoto Protocol.

B. True on its own: France ratified the Kyoto Protocol.

C. True on its own: Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol.

D. Correct: all three countries signed and ratified the Kyoto Protocol, so 'All of the above' is the answer.

3 General Knowledge

'Kohat Tunnel Project' is being completed with the financial assistance of:

- A. Japan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. South Korea
- C. China
- D. USA

A. Correct: the Kohat Tunnel was built with Japanese financial assistance.

B. Wrong: South Korea did not finance the Kohat Tunnel.

C. Wrong: China did not finance the Kohat Tunnel.

D. Wrong: the USA did not finance the Kohat Tunnel.

Question 4 General Knowledge

'Al-Jazeera' television network is based in:

- A. Iraq
- B. Bahrain
- C. Jordan
- D. Qatar ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Al-Jazeera is not based in Iraq.

B. Wrong: Al-Jazeera is not based in Bahrain.

C. Wrong: Al-Jazeera is not based in Jordan.

D. Correct: Al-Jazeera is based in Doha, Qatar.

Question 5 General Knowledge

Which country is situated below the sea level?

- B. Netherlands ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Australia
- D. Japan

A. Wrong: New Zealand is not below sea level.

B. Correct: much of the Netherlands lies below sea level.

C. Wrong: Australia is not below sea level.

D. Wrong: Japan is not below sea level.

Question 6 General Knowledge

In Pakistan, the largest share of electricity comes from the source of:

- A. Thermal ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hydel
- C. Nuclear
- D. Coal

A. Correct: thermal power (oil and gas) supplied the largest share of Pakistan's electricity.

B. Wrong: hydel was the second-largest source, not the largest.

C. Wrong: nuclear supplied only a small share.

D. Wrong: coal supplied only a small share at the time.

Question 7 General Knowledge

United Nations chief weapons inspector Hans Blinx belongs to:

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

A. Wrong: Hans Blix was not Norwegian.

B. Correct: Hans Blix (printed 'Hans Blinx') is Swedish; he led UNMOVIC.

C. Wrong: Hans Blix was not Italian.

D. Wrong: Hans Blix was not French.

Question 8 General Knowledge

'Pre-emptive attack' is an:

- A. attack before enemy's attack ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. attack with chemical weapons
- C. attack with conventional weapons
- D. diplomatic pressure on the rival country:

A. Correct: a pre-emptive attack is one launched before the enemy attacks.

B. Wrong: the weapons used do not define a pre-emptive attack.

C. Wrong: the weapons used do not define a pre-emptive attack.

D. Wrong: diplomatic pressure is not an attack at all.

Question 9 General Knowledge

Which of the following gases is mainly causing global warming:

- A. Nitrogen
- B. Methane
- C. Carbon dioxide ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Hydrogen

A. Wrong: nitrogen is not a greenhouse gas driving warming.

ethane is a potent greenhouse gas, but carbon dioxide is the main driver by volume.

C. Correct: carbon dioxide is the main gas causing global warming.

D. Wrong: hydrogen is not a greenhouse gas.

Question 10 General Knowledge

In South Asia, the highest per capita income is in:

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Pakistan's per capita income was lower than the Maldives'.

B. Wrong: India's per capita income was lower than the Maldives'.

C. Wrong: Sri Lanka's per capita income was second to the Maldives' in South Asia (World Bank GNI per capita 2009: Sri Lanka $1,990, Maldives $3,870; CIA Factbook 2009 PPP: Maldives $5,000, Sri Lanka $4,300).

D. Correct: the Maldives had the highest per capita income in South Asia (the printed key's Sri Lanka is corrected here).

Question 11 General Knowledge

The headquarters of The Arab League are situated at:

- A. Doha
- B. Cairo ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Abu Dhabi
- D. Riyadh

e Arab League is not headquartered in Doha.

B. Correct: the Arab League is headquartered in Cairo, Egypt.

C. Wrong: the Arab League is not headquartered in Abu Dhabi.

D. Wrong: the Arab League is not headquartered in Riyadh.

Question 12 General Knowledge

Which of the following three countries have abolished Death Penalty for all offences during 2002?

- A. Turkey, Tanzania, Mexico
- B. Vietnam, Syria, Bangladesh
- C. Malaysia, South Korea, Egypt
- D. Cyprus, Serbia, Montenegro ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Turkey abolished the death penalty for ordinary crimes only in 2002 (full abolition 2004); Tanzania still retains it; Mexico abolished it in 2005.

B. Wrong: none of Vietnam, Syria or Bangladesh abolished the death penalty in 2002.

C. Wrong: none of Malaysia, South Korea or Egypt abolished the death penalty in 2002.

D. Correct: in 2002 Cyprus and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (now Serbia and Montenegro) abolished the death penalty for all crimes (Death Penalty Information Center). The printed key's (A) is corrected here.

Question 13 General Knowledge

According to a latest research, global warming would increase temperature on earth at least one degree centigrade in:

- A. 20 years
- B. 30 years

- D. 100 years

A. Wrong: at the IPCC's projected rate this is too fast for a full degree.

B. Wrong: at the IPCC's projected rate this is too fast for a full degree.

C. Correct: the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (2007) projected warming of about 0.2 degrees C per decade, so one degree in about 50 years.

D. Wrong: at the IPCC's projected rate this is too slow for a full degree.

Question 14 General Knowledge

Which International Organization was founded on 25th May 1981:

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

A. Wrong: the Arab League was founded in 1945.

B. Wrong: the OIC was founded in 1969.

C. Wrong: SAARC was founded in 1985.

D. Correct: the Gulf Cooperation Council was founded on 25 May 1981.

Question 15 General Knowledge

According to a recent report of 'Amnesty International' the largest number of death penalties during 2002 were awarded in:

- A. China ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Iran
- C. USA

A. Correct: Amnesty International recorded at least 1,060 executions in China in 2002 — 81% of all known executions worldwide that year were in China, Iran and the USA, with China by far the largest. The printed key's Saudi Arabia is corrected here.

B. Wrong: Iran recorded 113 executions in 2002, far fewer than China.

C. Wrong: the USA recorded 71 executions in 2002, far fewer than China.

D. Wrong: Saudi Arabia recorded far fewer executions than China in 2002.

Question 16 General Knowledge

Under the 'Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Ordinance 2002, the sale of cigarettes is prohibited in Pakistan for people below the age of:

- A. 14 years
- B. 16 years
- C. 18 years ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 20 years

A. Wrong: the Ordinance sets the age at 18, not 14.

B. Wrong: the Ordinance sets the age at 18, not 16.

C. Correct: the 2002 Ordinance prohibits the sale of cigarettes to people below 18 years of age.

D. Wrong: the Ordinance sets the age at 18, not 20.

Question 17 General Knowledge

Pakistan has how many seasons?

- A. Two seasons
- B. Eight seasons

r seasons ✓ Correct answer

- D. Five Seasons

A. Wrong: Pakistan has more than two seasons.

B. Wrong: Pakistan does not have eight seasons.

C. Correct: Pakistan has four seasons — summer, monsoon/autumn, winter and spring.

D. Wrong: Pakistan is not counted as having five seasons.

Question 18 General Knowledge

The hottest place in Pakistan is?

- A. Sibi
- B. Kashmore
- C. Jacobabad ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Lahore

A. Wrong: Sibi is very hot, but Jacobabad records the highest temperatures.

B. Wrong: Kashmore is hot, but Jacobabad records the highest temperatures.

C. Correct: Jacobabad is the hottest place in Pakistan, regularly recording above 50 degrees C.

D. Wrong: Lahore is much cooler than Jacobabad.

Question 19 General Knowledge

Which of the following rivers do not flow in Africa?

- A. Nile
- B. Congo
- C. Zamberi
- D. Tigris ✓ **Correct answer**

e Nile flows in Africa.

B. Wrong: the Congo flows in Africa.

C. Wrong: the Zambezi (printed 'Zamberi') flows in Africa.

D. Correct: the Tigris flows in Asia (Turkey, Iraq), not in Africa.

Question 20 General Knowledge

The lower Indus plain starts from?

- A. Mithan Kot ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sahiwal
- C. Punjab
- D. Thatta

A. Correct: the lower Indus plain starts from Mithan Kot, where the five rivers join the Indus.

B. Wrong: Sahiwal lies in the upper Indus plain.

C. Wrong: Punjab is a province, not the starting point of the lower Indus plain.

D. Wrong: Thatta lies near the Indus delta, at the end of the lower plain.

Question 21 General Knowledge

Name the author who created 'The Adventure of Tom Sawyer'?

- A. Chaucer
- B. Sinclair Lewis
- C. Mark Twin ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. James Barrier

A. Wrong: Chaucer wrote The Canterbury Tales, not Tom Sawyer.

nclair Lewis wrote Main Street, not Tom Sawyer.

C. Correct: Mark Twain (printed 'Mark Twin') created Tom Sawyer.

D. Wrong: James Barrie (printed 'James Barrier') created Peter Pan, not Tom Sawyer.

Question 22 General Knowledge

Canterbury Tales was written by:

- A. Earnest Hamingway
- B. Geoffery Chaucer ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Harold Robbins
- D. Jane Austin

A. Wrong: Ernest Hemingway (printed 'Earnest Hamingway') wrote The Old Man and the Sea, not The Canterbury Tales.

B. Correct: Geoffrey Chaucer (printed 'Geoffery Chaucer') wrote The Canterbury Tales.

C. Wrong: Harold Robbins wrote novels, not The Canterbury Tales.

D. Wrong: Jane Austen (printed 'Jane Austin') wrote Pride and Prejudice, not The Canterbury Tales.

Question 23 General Knowledge

Picture printed on the back of Rs. 5000 note is:

- A. Lahore Fort
- B. Faisal Mosque ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Shalimar Garden
- D. Harappa

A. Wrong: Lahore Fort is not the picture on the back of the Rs. 5000 note.

B. Correct: the back of the Rs. 5000 note carries the Faisal Mosque, Islamabad.

Jahangir Garden is not the picture on the back of the Rs. 5000 note.

D. Wrong: Harappa is not the picture on the back of the Rs. 5000 note.

Question 24 General Knowledge

Which of the following states of USA is called 'mother of states'?

- A. Alaska
- B. California
- C. Virginia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Texas

A. Wrong: Alaska is not called the mother of states.

B. Wrong: California is not called the mother of states.

C. Correct: Virginia is called the 'Mother of States' because eight later states were carved from the original Virginia territory. The printed key's Alaska is corrected here.

D. Wrong: Texas is not called the mother of states.

Question 25 General Knowledge

DeWitt Wallace was the founder of magazine:

- A. Time
- B. Newsweek
- C. Forbes
- D. Reader's Digest ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Time was founded by Henry Luce.

B. Wrong: Newsweek was founded by Thomas J. C. Martyn.

C. Wrong: Forbes was founded by B. C. Forbes.

ewitt Wallace founded Reader's Digest in 1922.

Question 26 General Knowledge

Reader's Digest magazine was first published in:

- A. 1898
- B. 1900
- C. 1920
- D. 1922 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Reader's Digest was not published in 1898.

B. Wrong: Reader's Digest was not published in 1900.

C. Wrong: Reader's Digest was not published in 1920.

D. Correct: the first issue of Reader's Digest appeared in February 1922.

Question 27 General Knowledge

February 5 is observed annually as:

- A. Black Day
- B. Maritime Day
- C. Accession Day
- D. Kashmir Solidarity Day ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: 5 February is not observed as Black Day in Pakistan.

B. Wrong: Maritime Day is observed on another date.

C. Wrong: Accession Day is observed on another date.

D. Correct: 5 February is observed every year in Pakistan as Kashmir Solidarity Day.

28 General Knowledge

Who was the founder of the oil company Shell?

- A. John D Rockefeller
- B. Marcus Samuel ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. James J. Hill
- D. Norman Kittson

A. Wrong: Rockefeller founded Standard Oil, not Shell.

B. Correct: Marcus Samuel founded the Shell Transport and Trading Company.

C. Wrong: James J. Hill built railways, not Shell.

D. Wrong: Norman Kittson was a fur trader, not the founder of Shell.

Question 29 General Knowledge

Which is the shortest river of the world?

- A. Mekong
- B. Lena
- C. Congo
- D. Roe River ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the Mekong is one of Asia's longest rivers.

B. Wrong: the Lena is one of the longest rivers in the world.

C. Wrong: the Congo is one of the longest rivers in the world.

D. Correct: the Roe River in Montana, USA, at 61 metres, is the shortest river in the world.

Question 30 General Knowledge

What is the length of shortest river of the world 'Roe River'?

neters ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. 65 miles
- C. 69 miles
- D. 71 metres

A. Correct: the Roe River is 61 metres (200 feet) long.

B. Wrong: the Roe is 61 metres, not 65 miles.

C. Wrong: the Roe is 61 metres, not 69 miles.

D. Wrong: the Roe is 61 metres, not 71 metres.

Question 31 General Knowledge

Rome, the capital of Italy is located beside the river:

- A. Danube
- B. Rhine
- C. Tiber ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Po

A. Wrong: the Danube does not flow through Rome.

B. Wrong: the Rhine does not flow through Rome.

C. Correct: Rome stands on the River Tiber.

D. Wrong: the Po flows through northern Italy, not Rome.

Question 32 General Knowledge

Which continent is without glaciers?

- A. Asia
- B. Europe
- C. Africa

tralia ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Asia has many glaciers, in the Himalayas and Karakoram.

B. Wrong: Europe has glaciers, in the Alps and Scandinavia.

C. Wrong: Africa has glaciers on Kilimanjaro, Mount Kenya and the Rwenzori. The printed key's Africa is corrected here.

D. Correct: glaciers exist on every continent except Australia.

Question 33 General Knowledge

Burgeon Glacier is located in:

- A. China
- B. Nepal
- C. India
- D. Chile ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the glacier in question is not in China.

B. Wrong: the glacier in question is not in Nepal.

C. Wrong: the glacier in question is not in India.

D. Correct: 'Burgeon' is a misprint of Brüggen — the Brüggen (Pío XI) Glacier of southern Chile, the largest western outflow of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. The printed key's Chile is filed on that reading; the misprint is flagged in the paper note.

Question 34 General Knowledge

The highest of Koh-e-Sulaiman range is

- A. Tirichmir
- B. K-2
- C. Takhat-e-Sulaiman ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Tirich Mir is in the Hindu Kush, not the Sulaiman range.

B. Wrong: K-2 is in the Karakoram, not the Sulaiman range.

C. Correct: Takht-e-Sulaiman is the highest peak of the Koh-e-Sulaiman range.

D. Wrong: Sakar is not the highest peak of the Sulaiman range.

Question 35 General Knowledge

Who among the following is regarded as the 'Father of Russian Revolution'?

- A. Lenin ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Trotsky
- C. Karl Marx
- D. Kerensky

A. Correct: Vladimir Lenin led the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 and is regarded as the father of the Russian Revolution.

B. Wrong: Trotsky was a leading revolutionary, but Lenin is called the father of the Revolution.

C. Wrong: Marx provided the theory, but he died in 1883, long before the Revolution.

D. Wrong: Kerensky led the Provisional Government that the Bolsheviks overthrew.

Question 36 General Knowledge

Which of the following pass connects Peshawar with Chitral?

- A. Malakand Pass ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Dargai Pass
- C. Bolan Pass
- D. Baroghil Pass

The Peshawar–Chitral road runs through the Malakand Pass (and then the Lowari Pass into Chitral; Lowari is not among the options, and Malakand is the standard textbook answer for this route).

B. Wrong: the Dargai Pass is not the pass on the Peshawar–Chitral route.

C. Wrong: the Bolan Pass is in Balochistan, on the Quetta route.

D. Wrong: the Baroghil Pass is in the Wakhan, on the Afghan border.

Question 37 General Knowledge

Who said these words "I want to die in an independent country instead of a slave Hindustan"?

- A. Ch. Rahmat Ali
- B. Maulana Hafeez Jallandhari
- C. Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Chaudhry Rahmat Ali coined the name 'Pakistan', but this quote is not his.

B. Wrong: Hafeez Jallandhari wrote the national anthem, but this quote is not his.

C. Correct: Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar said he would rather die in a free country than live in a slave Hindustan.

D. Wrong: the quote is Johar's, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 38 General Knowledge

Saudi billionaire Osama Bin Laden made his money through which business?

- A. Drug trafficking
- B. Weapons trading
- C. Petroleum trading

struction ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Bin Laden did not make his money from drugs.

B. Wrong: Bin Laden did not make his money from weapons trading.

C. Wrong: Bin Laden did not make his money from petroleum trading.

D. Correct: the Bin Laden family fortune came from the Saudi Binladin construction group.

Question 39 General Knowledge

Who was the Prime Minister of UK at the time of creation of Pakistan?

- A. Lord Chelmsford
- B. Churchill
- C. Attlee ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Lord Chelmsford was a Viceroy of India, not a British Prime Minister.

B. Wrong: Churchill was Prime Minister until 1945; Attlee succeeded him.

C. Correct: Clement Attlee was the British Prime Minister when Pakistan was created on 14 August 1947.

D. Wrong: Attlee was Prime Minister, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 40 General Knowledge

Gwadar Port is being constructed in the province of:

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

Gwadar is not in Punjab.

B. Wrong: Gwadar is not in Sindh.

C. Wrong: Gwadar is not in NWFP (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa).

D. Correct: Gwadar Port is in Balochistan, on the Makran coast.

Question 41 General Knowledge

Chennai is the new name of which Indian state?

- A. Haryana
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Calcutta
- D. Madras ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Haryana's capital is Chandigarh, not Chennai.

B. Wrong: Chandigarh is a city, not the old name of Chennai.

C. Wrong: Calcutta was renamed Kolkata, not Chennai.

D. Correct: Chennai is the new name of Madras (the city; the question calls it a state, but the intended answer is Madras).

Question 42 General Knowledge

Which film won eight Oscar Awards in 2008?

- A. Slumdog Millionnaire ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Traffic
- C. Crash
- D. Harry Potter and Half Prince

A. Correct: Slumdog Millionaire (printed 'Slumdog Millionnaire') won eight Academy Awards in 2009 for the 2008 film year.

affic won five Oscars, in 2001.

C. Wrong: Crash won three Oscars, in 2006.

D. Wrong: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (printed 'Half Prince') won no Oscar.

Question 43 General Knowledge

'Agerpres' is the news agency of:

- A. South Africa
- B. Romania ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Argentina
- D. Georgia

A. Wrong: Agerpres is not South Africa's news agency.

B. Correct: Agerpres is the national news agency of Romania.

C. Wrong: Agerpres is not Argentina's news agency.

D. Wrong: Agerpres is not Georgia's news agency.

Question 44 General Knowledge

Schwab Klaus was the founder of:

- A. Red Cross
- B. Amnesty international
- C. World Economic Forum ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Human rights Watch

A. Wrong: the Red Cross was founded by Henry Dunant.

B. Wrong: Amnesty International was founded by Peter Benenson.

C. Correct: Klaus Schwab founded the World Economic Forum in 1971.

Human Rights Watch was founded by Robert L. Bernstein and Aryeh Neier.

Question 45 General Knowledge

The plain areas in Sindh, Bahawalpur and Rachna Doab are called?

- A. Cover flood plain ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Meander plain
- C. Non area plain
- D. Reverine plain

A. Correct: in Pakistan geography the old flood plains of Sindh, Bahawalpur and the Rachna Doab are called cover flood plains.

B. Wrong: a meander plain is formed by a winding river, not the name used for these areas.

C. Wrong: 'Non area plain' is a misprint with no geographical meaning.

D. Wrong: a riverine plain lies along the river's active channel, not the cover plain.

Question 46 General Knowledge

The major part of the lower Indus plain is?

- A. Sindh plain ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Thal desert
- C. Sindh Doaab
- D. None of these

A. Correct: the major part of the lower Indus plain is the Sindh plain.

B. Wrong: the Thal desert lies in the upper Indus plain.

C. Wrong: the Sindh Doab is not the name for the major part of the lower Indus plain.

D. Wrong: the Sindh plain is the answer, so 'None of these' is wrong.

47 General Knowledge

Active flood plain is also known as bet or

- A. Meander land
- B. Khaddar land ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Reverine land
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: meander land is not the name for the active flood plain.

B. Correct: the active flood plain (bet) is the khaddar — the new alluvium deposited by floods.

C. Wrong: riverine land is a general term, not the name for the bet.

D. Wrong: khaddar land is the answer, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 48 General Knowledge

The world is celebrating the 200th birthday in 2009 of which scientist?

- A. Charles Darwin ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Roger Bacon
- C. Isaac Newton
- D. Alexander Fleming

A. Correct: Charles Darwin was born on 12 February 1809, so 2009 was his 200th birthday.

B. Wrong: Roger Bacon lived in the 13th century.

C. Wrong: Isaac Newton was born in 1643.

D. Wrong: Alexander Fleming was born in 1881.

49 General Knowledge

Which country is the largest trading partner of Pakistan?

- A. UK
- B. USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Canada
- D. UAE

A. Wrong: the UK was an important partner, but not the largest.

B. Correct: the USA was Pakistan's largest trading partner at the time of this paper.

C. Wrong: Canada was not Pakistan's largest trading partner.

D. Wrong: the UAE was a large partner, but not the largest.

Question 50 General Knowledge

Where are the headquarters of Human Rights Watch?

- A. New York ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Paris
- C. Hague
- D. Rome

A. Correct: Human Rights Watch is headquartered in New York.

B. Wrong: Human Rights Watch is not headquartered in Paris.

C. Wrong: The Hague hosts international courts, not Human Rights Watch.

D. Wrong: Human Rights Watch is not headquartered in Rome.

Question 51 General Knowledge

Who is the current managing director of IMF?

- B. Guy Quaden
- C. Nout Wellink
- D. Dominique Strauss-Kahn ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Alistair Darling (printed 'Alistiar Darling') was the British Chancellor, not the IMF managing director.

B. Wrong: Guy Quaden was a Belgian central banker, not the IMF managing director.

C. Wrong: Nout Wellink was president of the Dutch central bank, not the IMF managing director.

D. Correct: Dominique Strauss-Kahn was the IMF managing director from 2007 to 2011.

Question 52 General Knowledge

Which of the following categories of Nobel Prizes was not created by Swedish Scientist Alfred Nobel?

- A. Peace
- B. Literature
- C. Economics ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Medicine

A. Wrong: the Peace Prize was in Nobel's will.

B. Wrong: the Literature Prize was in Nobel's will.

C. Correct: the Economics Prize (the Sveriges Riksbank Prize) was created in 1968, long after Nobel's death; it is not one of his five prizes.

D. Wrong: the Medicine (Physiology or Medicine) Prize was in Nobel's will.

53 General Knowledge

Autopsy is connected with

- A. Post-mortem ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Study of living cells
- C. Cancer
- D. None of these

A. Correct: an autopsy is a post-mortem examination of a body.

B. Wrong: the study of living cells is cytology, not autopsy.

C. Wrong: cancer is a disease, not what autopsy means.

D. Wrong: post-mortem is the answer, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 54 General Knowledge

Russia supply natural gas to European countries which transit through the state of:

- A. Latvia
- B. Ukraine ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Estonia
- D. Lithuania

A. Wrong: Russian gas did not mainly transit through Latvia.

B. Correct: most Russian gas to Europe transited through Ukraine.

C. Wrong: Russian gas did not mainly transit through Estonia.

D. Wrong: Russian gas did not mainly transit through Lithuania.

Question 55 General Knowledge

Who founded the famous Philips Company in 1891?

ard Philips ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Thomas Alva Edison
- C. John Logi Baird
- D. Charles Goodyear

A. Correct: Gerard Philips founded Philips in Eindhoven in 1891.

B. Wrong: Edison founded General Electric, not Philips.

C. Wrong: John Logie Baird pioneered television, not Philips.

D. Wrong: Charles Goodyear pioneered vulcanised rubber, not Philips.

Question 56 General Knowledge

ASEM (Asia Europe meeting) was initiated by Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of:

- A. Singapore ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. North Korea
- C. Japan
- D. China

A. Correct: Goh Chok Tong was the Prime Minister of Singapore when he proposed ASEM in 1994.

B. Wrong: Goh Chok Tong was not the Prime Minister of North Korea.

C. Wrong: Goh Chok Tong was not the Prime Minister of Japan.

D. Wrong: Goh Chok Tong was not the Prime Minister of China.

Question 57 General Knowledge

World's longest street is:

- A. Yonge Street ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Fleet Street

| Street

- D. Lombard Street

A. Correct: Yonge Street in Toronto, at about 56 km (1,896 km with the former Highway 11 claim), is the world's longest street.

B. Wrong: Fleet Street in London is short and famous for newspapers, not length.

C. Wrong: Wall Street in New York is short and famous for finance, not length.

D. Wrong: Lombard Street in San Francisco is short and famous for its curves, not length.

Question 58 General Knowledge

Parliament of Kuwait is known as:

- A. Majlis-al-Nawab
- B. Majlis Shoora
- C. Majlis-i-Umma ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Majlis-ul-Umma

A. Wrong: Majlis al-Nawab is not the name of Kuwait's parliament.

B. Wrong: Majlis al-Shura is the consultative council of Saudi Arabia, not Kuwait's parliament.

C. Correct: Kuwait's parliament is the Majlis al-Umma (National Assembly).

D. Wrong: the spelling 'Majlis-ul-Umma' is not the name used for Kuwait's parliament.

Question 59 General Knowledge

'Order of Cloud and Banner' is the most prestigious military award of:

- A. Japan
- B. China ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. India

A. Wrong: Japan's highest military award is the Order of the Golden Kite.

B. Correct: the Order of Cloud and Banner is the most prestigious military award of China (Republic of China).

C. Wrong: India's highest military award is the Param Vir Chakra.

D. Wrong: South Korea's highest military award is the Taegeuk Order of Military Merit.

Question 60 General Knowledge

Monsoon season in Pakistan starts in July and ends in?

- A. August
- B. September ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. October
- D. November

A. Wrong: the monsoon does not end in August.

B. Correct: the monsoon season in Pakistan runs from July to September.

C. Wrong: the monsoon does not run into October.

D. Wrong: the monsoon does not run into November.

Question 61 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

INCONTINENT

- A. Inconstant
- B. Restless
- C. Unrestrained ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Uncertain

constant means changeable, not incontinent.

B. Wrong: restless means unable to rest, not incontinent.

C. Correct: incontinent means unrestrained, lacking self-control.

D. Wrong: uncertain means not sure, not incontinent.

Question 62 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

RECIPROCATE

- A. Grant
- B. Interchange ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Receive
- D. Deliver

A. Wrong: grant means to give, not to reciprocate.

B. Correct: to reciprocate is to interchange — to give in return.

C. Wrong: receive is the opposite direction of reciprocate.

D. Wrong: deliver means to hand over, not to reciprocate.

Question 63 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

HELM

- A. Corner
- B. Handle
- C. Head ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Edge

A. Wrong: a corner is not a helm.

B. Wrong: a handle is not a helm (a helm is steered by a wheel or tiller).

The helm is the steering position — to be at the helm is to be at the head, in control.

D. Wrong: an edge is not a helm.

Question 64 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

OCCULT

- A. Mysterious ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Harmless
- C. Dreadful
- D. Amazing

A. Correct: occult means hidden or mysterious — beyond ordinary knowledge.

B. Wrong: harmless means causing no harm, not occult.

C. Wrong: dreadful means terrible, not occult.

D. Wrong: amazing means astonishing, not occult.

Question 65 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

REPURCUSSION

- A. Remuneration
- B. Consequence ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Reaction
- D. Recollection

A. Wrong: remuneration means payment, not repercussion.

B. Correct: a repercussion is an unintended consequence of an action (the word is printed 'REPURCUSSION'). The printed key's Reaction is corrected here.

C. Wrong: a reaction is a response, not quite a repercussion, which is a consequence.

collection means remembering, not repercussion.

Question 66 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

ABSTAIN

- A. Assist
- B. Refrain ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Resist
- D. Attain

A. Wrong: assist means to help — the opposite of abstain.

B. Correct: to abstain is to refrain — to deliberately hold back from something. The printed key's Resist is corrected here.

C. Wrong: resist means to oppose, not to abstain.

D. Wrong: attain means to achieve, not to abstain.

Question 67 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

NIMBLE

- A. Agile ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Clean
- C. Soft
- D. Delicate

A. Correct: nimble means quick and light in movement — agile.

B. Wrong: clean means free of dirt, not nimble.

C. Wrong: soft means not hard, not nimble.

D. Wrong: delicate means fragile, not nimble.

68 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

OFFAL

- A. Tendency
- B. Sacrifice
- C. Refuse ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Poison

A. Wrong: a tendency is an inclination, not offal.

B. Wrong: a sacrifice is an offering, not offal.

C. Correct: offal is the waste parts of a slaughtered animal — refuse.

D. Wrong: poison is a harmful substance, not offal.

Question 69 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

COLOSSUS

- A. Towering
- B. Tall
- C. Lofty
- D. Huge ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Close but not the best answer: towering describes great height, and a colossus is tall, but the dictionary definition is a thing of immense size or power.

B. Wrong: tall describes height only, not the immense size of a colossus.

C. Wrong: lofty means high up or noble, not a colossus.

D. Correct: Merriam-Webster defines a colossus as a person or thing of immense size or power, with synonyms giant, mammoth and titan — 'Huge' is the closest match. The printed key's Towering is corrected here; Towering is defensible in the statue sense, but Huge matches the definition.

70 English — Vocabulary (Synonyms)

CIVIL

- A. Sophisticated
- B. Social
- C. Formal
- D. Polite ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: sophisticated means worldly and refined, not civil.

B. Wrong: social means relating to society, not civil.

C. Wrong: formal means following rules of ceremony, not civil.

D. Correct: civil means polite and courteous.

Question 71 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

Rahat is quite parsimonious by nature.

- A. Miserly ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Cruel
- C. Prodigal
- D. haughty

A. Correct: parsimonious means unwilling to spend money — miserly. (Target word: parsimonious.)

B. Wrong: cruel means unkind, not parsimonious.

C. Wrong: prodigal means wasteful — the opposite of parsimonious.

D. Wrong: haughty means proud and scornful, not parsimonious.

72 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

The device which measures earthquakes is called the Richter scale.

- A. Prevents
- B. Weighs
- C. Gauges ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. calculates

A. Wrong: the Richter scale does not prevent earthquakes.

B. Wrong: the Richter scale does not weigh earthquakes.

C. Correct: the Richter scale gauges (measures) the magnitude of earthquakes. (Target word: measures.)

D. Wrong: calculates is close, but gauges is the precise word for an instrument's measurement.

Question 73 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

He did not continue the long with his murky intentions.

- A. Dishonest ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Dull
- C. Lazy
- D. ominous

A. Correct: murky here means dishonest or shady — hidden, underhand intentions. (Target word: murky. Print note: the stem is truncated in the book — a noun after 'long' seems missing — but the target word and options are complete, and the answer is unaffected.)

B. Wrong: dull means boring, not murky.

C. Wrong: lazy means unwilling to work, not murky.

minous means threatening, not murky.

Question 74 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

Success is achieved by the degree to which society is prepared to police itself.

- A. Oppress
- B. Perform
- C. Control ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. suppress

A. Wrong: oppress means to crush by force, not to police.

B. Wrong: perform means to carry out, not to police.

C. Correct: to police oneself is to control and regulate one's own behaviour. (Target word: police.)

D. Wrong: suppress means to put down by force, not to police.

Question 75 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

The Government must do something about the runaway increase in prices.

- A. Unpardonable
- B. Uncontrollable ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Unreasonable
- D. inflationary

A. Wrong: unpardonable means unforgivable, not runaway.

B. Correct: a runaway increase is one that is out of control — uncontrollable. (Target word: runaway.)

C. Wrong: unreasonable means unfair, not runaway.

D. Wrong: inflationary describes causing inflation, not a runaway rise itself.

76 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

He tried to mollify my hurt feelings.

- A. Arouse
- B. Soften ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Ignore
- D. suppress

A. Wrong: arouse means to stir up — the opposite of mollify.

B. Correct: to mollify is to soften — to calm hurt feelings. (Target word: mollify.)

C. Wrong: ignore means to pay no attention, not to mollify.

D. Wrong: suppress means to hold back, not to mollify.

Question 77 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

All his friends marveled at his power of ratiocination.

- A. Ruminating
- B. Speculation
- C. Imagination
- D. reasoning ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: ruminating means thinking deeply, but ratiocination is specifically logical reasoning.

B. Wrong: speculation means guessing, not ratiocination.

C. Wrong: imagination means forming mental images, not ratiocination.

D. Correct: ratiocination is the process of exact reasoning. (Target word: ratiocination.)

78 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

His singing enthralled the entire audience.

- A. Disappointed
- B. Captivated ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Entertained
- D. Surprised

A. Wrong: disappointed is the opposite of enthralled.

B. Correct: to enthrall is to captivate — to hold spellbound. (Target word: enthralled.)

C. Wrong: entertained is close, but captivated is the precise synonym of enthralled.

D. Wrong: surprised means taken aback, not enthralled.

Question 79 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

A Rupture in The relationship of the two brothers is quite apparent.

- A. Gap
- B. Damage
- C. Break ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. breach

A. Wrong: a gap is an opening, not quite a rupture in a relationship.

B. Wrong: damage is harm, not the rupture itself.

C. Correct (filed): a rupture in a relationship is a break — Merriam-Webster defines rupture as 'a break in peaceful or friendly relations'. (Target word: Rupture.)

D. Also defensible: breach is also defined by Merriam-Webster as 'a break in accustomed friendly relations', so it is a genuine second answer; C is filed per the printed key.

80 English — Vocabulary in Context (Synonyms)

They led an austere life in the mountains.

- A. Harsh ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Religious
- C. Lacking
- D. unsteady

A. Correct: austere means severe and without luxury — a harsh, simple life. The printed key's Religious is corrected here. (Target word: austere.)

B. Wrong: an austere life need not be religious at all.

C. Wrong: lacking means not having enough, not austere.

D. Wrong: unsteady means unstable, not austere.

Question 81 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

MEAGRE

- A. Plentiful ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Average
- C. Extravagant
- D. Excessive

A. Correct: meagre means small in quantity; its opposite is plentiful.

B. Wrong: average is the middle, not the opposite of meagre.

C. Wrong: extravagant means wasteful, not the opposite of meagre.

D. Wrong: excessive means too much, not the opposite of meagre.

82 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

DORMANT

- A. Active ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Modern
- C. Permanent
- D. Transient

A. Correct: dormant means inactive or asleep; its opposite is active.

B. Wrong: modern means of the present time, not the opposite of dormant.

C. Wrong: permanent means lasting, not the opposite of dormant.

D. Wrong: transient means short-lived, not the opposite of dormant.

Question 83 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

ADHERENT

- A. Rival
- B. Alien
- C. Detractor ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Enemy

A. Also defensible: a rival competes with an adherent's cause, and Faulkner's dictionary lists 'Opponent, enemy, antagonist, adversary' as the antonyms of adherent — Rival is in that family.

B. Wrong: alien means foreign, not the opposite of adherent.

C. Correct (filed): an adherent supports a cause; a detractor speaks against it — the standard exam answer for this question (Vedantu/PSC notes).

D. Also defensible: Faulkner's dictionary lists 'enemy' among the antonyms of adherent, so Enemy is a genuine second answer; C is filed per the printed key.

84 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

EQUANIMITY

- A. Excitement ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Duplicity
- C. Dubiousness
- D. Resentment

A. Correct: equanimity is calm composure; its opposite is excitement (agitation).

B. Wrong: duplicity means deceit, not the opposite of equanimity.

C. Wrong: dubiousness means doubtfulness, not the opposite of equanimity.

D. Wrong: resentment means bitterness, not the opposite of equanimity.

Question 85 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

TURBID

- A. Easy
- B. Hazy
- C. Clear ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Distinct

A. Wrong: easy means not difficult, not the opposite of turbid.

B. Wrong: hazy means unclear — a near-synonym of turbid, not its opposite.

C. Correct: turbid means cloudy or muddy (of water); its opposite is clear.

D. Wrong: distinct means clearly separate, not the opposite of turbid.

Question 86 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

THEORY

: ✓ Correct answer

- B. Imagination
- C. Chance
- D. Thought

A. Correct: a theory is an unproven explanation; its opposite is a fact.

B. Wrong: imagination means fancy, not the opposite of theory.

C. Wrong: chance means luck, not the opposite of theory.

D. Wrong: thought is general thinking, not the opposite of theory.

Question 87 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

INIMICAL

- A. Friendly ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Cheerful
- C. Neutral
- D. Emotional

A. Correct: inimical means hostile or harmful; its opposite is friendly.

B. Wrong: cheerful means happy, not the opposite of inimical.

C. Wrong: neutral means impartial — close, but friendly is the direct opposite of hostile.

D. Wrong: emotional means showing feeling, not the opposite of inimical.

Question 88 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

PROSCRIBE

- A. Interdict
- B. Allow ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Extend

A. Wrong: interdict means to forbid — a synonym of proscribe, not its opposite.

B. Correct: to proscribe is to forbid; its opposite is to allow.

C. Wrong: extend means to stretch out, not the opposite of proscribe.

D. Wrong: betray means to be disloyal, not the opposite of proscribe.

Question 89 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

INTRICATE

- A. Foolish
- B. Simple ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Straight forward
- D. Easy

A. Wrong: foolish means unwise, not the opposite of intricate.

B. Correct: intricate means complicated; its opposite is simple.

C. Wrong: straightforward is close, but simple is the direct opposite of intricate.

D. Wrong: easy means not difficult, not the opposite of intricate.

Question 90 English — Vocabulary (Antonyms)

OBFUSCATE

- A. Simplify
- B. Explain
- C. Describe
- D. Clarify ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Close but not the best answer: simplify is related, but the direct opposite of making

bscure is to clarify it.

B. Wrong: explain means to make understood, but clarify is the precise opposite of obfuscate.

C. Wrong: describe means to give an account, not the opposite of obfuscate.

D. Correct: to obfuscate is to make obscure or confusing; its opposite is to clarify.

Question 91 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

Many reactions take place in the blast furnace simultaneously.

- A. Separately ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. contemporarily
- C. Invariably
- D. momentarily

A. Correct: simultaneously means at the same time; its opposite is separately (one at a time). (Target word: simultaneously.)

B. Wrong: contemporarily means at the same time — a synonym, not the opposite.

C. Wrong: invariably means always, not the opposite of simultaneously.

D. Wrong: momentarily means for a moment, not the opposite of simultaneously.

Question 92 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

He felt gratified to the old man for his help.

- A. Depressed
- B. discouraged
- C. Distressed
- D. frustrated ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: depressed means very unhappy — not the opposite of gratified

sfied).

B. Wrong: discouraged means having lost confidence — not the opposite of gratified.

C. Wrong: distressed means suffering anxiety — not the opposite of gratified. The printed key's Distressed is corrected here.

D. Correct: the precise opposite of gratified is dissatisfied/displeased, which is not among the options; of the four, frustrated is the closest — Merriam-Webster lists 'frustrated' as the first synonym of 'dissatisfied'. (Target word: gratified.)

Question 93 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

He tried to conceal the secret that they were already married.

- A. State
- B. declare
- C. Reveal ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. announce

A. Wrong: to state is to say, not the opposite of conceal.

B. Wrong: to declare is to announce formally — close, but reveal is the direct opposite of conceal.

C. Correct: to conceal is to hide; its opposite is to reveal. The printed key's declare is corrected here. (Target word: conceal.)

D. Wrong: to announce is to make known publicly — close, but reveal is the direct opposite of conceal.

Question 94 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

As long as he remained in that office, he maintained his hegemony.

- A. Predominance

erty

- C. Subordination ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. chaos

A. Wrong: predominance is a synonym of hegemony, not its opposite.

B. Wrong: poverty means being poor, not the opposite of hegemony.

C. Correct: hegemony is dominance; its opposite is subordination. (Target word: hegemony.)

D. Wrong: chaos means disorder, not the opposite of hegemony.

Question 95 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

That was an exquisite piece of art which won the admiration of one and all.

- A. Ugly ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. cheap
- C. Old
- D. expensive

A. Correct: exquisite means extremely beautiful; its opposite is ugly. The printed key's cheap is corrected here. (Target word: exquisite.)

B. Wrong: cheap refers to price, not the opposite of beautiful.

C. Wrong: old refers to age, not the opposite of exquisite.

D. Wrong: expensive refers to price, not the opposite of exquisite.

Question 96 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

This author has perspicuity in his style.

- A. Frankness
- B. bluntness

usefulness ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. vivacity

A. Wrong: frankness means openness, not the opposite of perspicuity.

B. Wrong: bluntness means directness, not the opposite of perspicuity.

C. Correct: perspicuity is clarity of expression; its opposite is obtuseness (dullness, obscurity). (Target word: perspicuity.)

D. Wrong: vivacity means liveliness, not the opposite of perspicuity.

Question 97 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

The food served at the official dinner was very bland.

- A. Inedible
- B. spicy ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nutritious
- D. tasty

A. Wrong: inedible means not fit to eat, not the opposite of bland.

B. Correct: bland means mild and flavourless; its opposite is spicy. (Target word: bland.)

C. Wrong: nutritious means nourishing, not the opposite of bland.

D. Wrong: tasty is close, but spicy is the direct opposite of bland.

Question 98 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

An artesian well is dug upto an impervious layer of rocks.

- A. Hidden
- B. penetrable ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hard
- D. dry

dden means concealed, not the opposite of impervious.

B. Correct: impervious means not allowing passage; its opposite is penetrable. (Target word: impervious.)

C. Wrong: hard means solid, not the opposite of impervious.

D. Wrong: dry means without water, not the opposite of impervious.

Question 99 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

Miscellaneous items were discussed at the meeting.

- A. Minor
- B. Unrelated
- C. Mixed
- D. Classified ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: minor means small or unimportant, not the opposite of miscellaneous.

B. Wrong: unrelated is close to miscellaneous in sense (varied items), not its opposite.

C. Wrong: mixed is a synonym of miscellaneous, not its opposite.

D. Correct: miscellaneous means mixed and unsorted; its opposite is classified — sorted into classes. The printed key's Minor is corrected here. (Target word: Miscellaneous.)

Question 100 English — Vocabulary in Context (Antonyms)

Silence in this place is mandatory.

- A. Optional ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. compulsory
- C. Imperative
- D. irritating

A. Correct: mandatory means required; its opposite is optional. (Target word: mandatory.)

mpulsory is a synonym of mandatory, not its opposite.

C. Wrong: imperative is a synonym of mandatory, not its opposite.

D. Wrong: irritating means annoying, not the opposite of mandatory.

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