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Question 1 Pakistan Studies

Government approved the National Anthem in:

- A. August 1954 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. August 1938
- C. August 1952
- D. August 1944

ational Anthem of Pakistan was approved by the government in August 1954.

Question 2 Pakistan Studies

The rank of Pakistan among the world's largest countries area wise is:

- A. 32nd
- B. 33rd ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 34th
- D. 35th

Note: Pakistan ranks 33rd in the world by land area.

Question 3 Pakistan Studies

The word "Pakistan" was coined by:

- A. Ch. Rehmat Ali ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Liaquat Ali Khan
- C. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
- D. Quaid-e-Azam

Note: Choudhry Rahmat Ali coined the name "Pakistan" in 1933 in his pamphlet "Now or Never".

Question 4 Pakistan Studies

The number of stanzas there in the national anthem are:

- A. Four
- B. Three ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Eight
- D. Nine

Note: The National Anthem of Pakistan has three stanzas.

5 Pakistan Studies

The tune of national anthem is based on:

- A. Eastern music ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Western music
- C. Persian music
- D. Arabic music

Note: The tune composed by Ahmed G. Chagla is based on Eastern music.

Question 6 Pakistan Studies

The last Mughal emperor to sit on the peacock throne was:

- A. Bahadur Shah Zafar
- B. Aurangzeb
- C. Muhammad Shah ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Shah Alam II

Note: Muhammad Shah (reigned 1719–1748) was the last Mughal emperor to sit on the Peacock Throne before Nadir Shah carried it to Persia.

Question 7 Pakistan Studies

The verses of the National Anthem were composed by:

- A. Faiz Ahmad Faiz
- B. Josh Malieh Abadi
- C. Ahmad Nadim Kasmi
- D. Abdul Assur Hafeez Jullundhri ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Hafeez Jalandhari (Abdul Asar Hafeez Jalandhari) wrote the verses of Pakistan's National Anthem.

8 Pakistan Studies

The tune of national anthem was composed by:

- A. Ahmed G. Chagla ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. M. Ashraf
- C. A Hameed
- D. Tahir Ali

Note: Ahmed Ghulam Ali Chagla composed the tune of the National Anthem.

Question 9 Pakistan Studies

For the preparation of National anthem a committee was constituted by the government in December 1948 under the chairmanship of:

- A. Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Liaquat Ali Khan
- C. Maulvi Tamiz-ud-Din
- D. Fazl-e-Haque

Note: The National Anthem Committee was constituted in December 1948 under Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar (the csstimes copy misprints the year as 1984; see Noted Points).

Question 10 Pakistan Studies

The tune composed by Chagla was selected provisionally in:

- A. 1940
- B. 1955
- C. 1950 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1953

Note: Chagla's tune was selected provisionally in 1950.

11 Pakistan Studies

The tune composed by Chagla finally approved for the National anthem in:

- A. June 1944
- B. June 1954 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. June 1950
- D. June 1953

Note: The tune was finally approved in June 1954.

Question 12 Pakistan Studies

The national anthem of Pakistan was approved in:

- A. August, 1945
- B. August 1954 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. August, 1952
- D. August 1950

Note: The National Anthem was approved in August 1954 (see Q1).

Question 13 Pakistan Studies

The number of lines each Stanza of national anthem is comprised of:

- A. 6 lines
- B. 4 lines
- C. 7 lines
- D. 5 lines ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Each stanza of the National Anthem has five lines.

Question 14 Pakistan Studies

The largest fort of Pakistan that is Rani Kot Fort is situated near the city:

erabad ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Peshawar
- C. Rawalpindi
- D. Lahore

Note: Ranikot Fort, the largest fort in Pakistan, lies near Sann in Jamshoro District, closest to Hyderabad.

Question 15 Pakistan Studies

Ghandara Art is related to:

- A. Moenjodaro
- B. Kot Digi
- C. Harappa
- D. Taxila ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Gandhara art flourished around Taxila in the north-west.

Question 16 Pakistan Studies

The number of alphabets are in Urdu language are:

- A. 37 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 40
- C. 32
- D. 30

Note: The Urdu alphabet is conventionally counted as 37 letters (counts of 38–39 include additional forms; see Noted Points).

Question 17 Pakistan Studies

The national game of Pakistan is:

- B. Hockey ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Football
- D. Cricket

Note: Field hockey is the national game of Pakistan.

Question 18 Pakistan Studies

The mausoleum of Jahangir was built by:

- A. Nur Jahan at Lahore ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Shahjahan at Agra
- C. Shahjahan at Delhi
- D. Nur Jahan at Fatehpur Sikri

Note: Nur Jahan built the mausoleum of her husband Jahangir at Shahdara, Lahore.

Question 19 Pakistan Studies

The Peacock throne was made for:

- A. Jahangir
- B. Akbar
- C. Shahjahan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Aurangzeb

Note: The Peacock Throne was commissioned by Shah Jahan.

Question 20 Pakistan Studies

The national language of Pakistan is:

- A. Urdu ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Punjabi, English & Urdu

- D. English & Urdu

Note: Urdu is the national language of Pakistan.

Question 21 Islamic Studies

Who was the first one to conquer Persia?

- A. Hazrat Abu Bakr bin Jarrah (RA)
- B. Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqqas (RA) ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed (RA)
- D. Hazrat Usamah bin Zaid (RA)

Note: Saad bin Abi Waqqas commanded the decisive conquest at Qadisiyyah (636 CE); Khalid bin Waleed led the first campaigns into Iraq/Persia (633 CE), so C is also defensible — B is filed per the book's key.

Question 22 Islamic Studies

Who was the first Commander in Chief of the Islamic Army?

- A. Hazrat Hamza bin Abdul Mutlib (RA) ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqqas (RA)
- C. Hazrat Ali bin Abu Talib (RA)
- D. None of them

Note: Hazrat Hamza, the Prophet's uncle, was the first commander-in-chief of the Islamic army.

Question 23 Islamic Studies

Hazrat Zakariya (AS) was the contemporary of:

- A. Hazrat Uzair (AS)

rat Younas (AS)

- C. Hazrat Issa (AS) ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Hazrat Musa (AS)

Note: Hazrat Zakariya was a contemporary of Hazrat Isa (Jesus), whose mother Maryam was under his care.

Question 24 Islamic Studies

Which Prophet (A.S.) was the carpenter by profession?

- A. Hazrat Musa (AS)
- B. Hazrat Issa (AS)
- C. Hazrat Zakariya (AS) ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Hazrat Yousaf (AS)

Note: Hazrat Zakariya worked as a carpenter.

Question 25 Islamic Studies

The only Surah of the Holy Quran which is not started with 'Bismillah' is:

- A. Surah Al-Ahzab
- B. Surah Al-Taubah ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Surah Al-Jinn
- D. None of them

Note: Surah At-Tawbah (9) is the only surah that does not begin with Bismillah.

Question 26 Islamic Studies

The Holy Book revealed to Hazrat Daud (AS) is:

- A. Injeel
- B. Taurat

ur ✓ Correct answer
- D. None of them

Note: The Zabur (Psalms) was revealed to Hazrat Daud (David).

Question 27 Islamic Studies

Holy Prophet (PBUH) delivered his farewell sermon at Arafat on:

- A. 8th Zulhajj
- B. 10th Zulhajj
- C. 9th Zulhajj ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 11th Zulhajj

Note: The Farewell Sermon (Khutbat al-Wada) was delivered on 9 Dhul-Hijjah.

Question 28 Islamic Studies

The Treaty of Hudabia was signed in:

- A. 5th Hijrah
- B. 6th Hijrah ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 7th Hijrah
- D. 8th Hijrah

Note: The Treaty of Hudaybiyyah was signed in 6 AH (the csstimes copy misprints "Hijrah" as "Zulhajj"; see Noted Points).

Question 29 Islamic Studies

Which was the first Ghazwa of Islam?

- A. Abwa ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Badr
- C. Ohad

Note: Ghazwa Abwa (also called Widdan) was the first expedition led by the Prophet.

Question 30 Islamic Studies

Ghazwa Abwa is also known as:

- A. Ghazwa Widdan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ghazwa
- C. Ghazwa Ohad
- D. Ghazwa Badr

Note: Ghazwa Abwa is also known as Ghazwa Widdan; option (B) prints as just "Ghazwa" in both copies (see Noted Points).

Question 31 Islamic Studies

Name the mosque where almost seventy prophets are buried?

- A. Masjid-ul-Navbi
- B. Masjid-ul-Hanif ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Masjid-ul-Aqsa
- D. None of them

Note: The paper's answer is Masjid-ul-Hanif (Masjid al-Khayf, Mina), where some seventy prophets are said to be buried (see Noted Points).

Question 32 Islamic Studies

The longest Surah in the Holy Quran is:

- A. Surah Al Imran
- B. Surah Al-Baqrah ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Surah Al-Falaq

ah An-Nisa

Note: Surah Al-Baqarah (2) is the longest surah of the Quran.

Question 33 Islamic Studies

The shortest Surah in the Holy Quran is:

- A. Surah An-Nisa
- B. Surah Al-Ahzab
- C. Surah Al-Baqarah
- D. Surah Al-Kausar ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Surah Al-Kawthar (108) is the shortest surah, with three verses.

Question 34 Islamic Studies

The number of Prophets whose names are in the Holy Quran are:

- A. 10
- B. 25 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 35
- D. 37

Note: Twenty-five prophets are named in the Quran.

Question 35 Islamic Studies

Injeel (Bible) is the Holy Book of:

- A. Hindus
- B. Christians ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Parsis
- D. Jews

Note: The Injeel (Gospel/Bible) is the holy book of the Christians.

36 World History

The Magna Carta was signed during the reign of:

- A. Edward II
- B. Henry IV
- C. John II ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Queen Elizabeth

Note: Magna Carta was sealed in 1215 during the reign of King John (printed "John II" in the paper; see Noted Points).

Question 37 General Knowledge

The flag of Denmark is the oldest state flag still in use. The flag is known as:

- A. Dannebrog ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Union flag
- C. Union Jack
- D. Deuche

Note: The Dannebrog is Denmark's flag and the oldest state flag still in use.

Question 38 Islamic Studies

Which Roman governor ordered the execution of Hazrat Issa (AS)?

- A. Theodore
- B. Politus ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Herodus
- D. None of these

Note: Pontius Pilate (printed "Politus") was the Roman governor who ordered the execution of Jesus.

39 World History

Magna Carta was signed by the King of England in?:

- A. 1215 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1315
- C. 1415
- D. 1515

Note: Magna Carta was sealed in June 1215.

Question 40 World History

'Renaissance' is:

- A. An event of Russian Revolution
- B. An event of French Revolution
- C. A period of revival or rebirth of learning ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. A war which took place between England and France

Note: The Renaissance was a period of revival of classical learning and art in Europe.

Question 41 World History

Conservative leader Angela Markel became the Chancellor of Germany on 10th October, 2005.

- A. First female Chancellor of Germany ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Second female Chancellor of Germany
- C. Third female Chancellor of Germany
- D. None of these

Note: Angela Merkel was the first woman to become Chancellor of Germany (elected 10 October 2005, took office 22 November 2005; see Noted Points).

42 World History

The French Revolution began in the year:

- A. 1770
- B. 1788
- C. 1789 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1750

Note: The French Revolution began in 1789 (storming of the Bastille, 14 July).

Question 43 World History

The French Revolution gave rise to the theory of:

- A. Communism
- B. Nationalism
- C. Democracy
- D. Socialism ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: The book's key records D (Socialism); B (Nationalism) is the standard alternative — the Revolution is usually credited with giving rise to modern nationalism. Both are defensible; D is filed per the book's key.

Question 44 World History

'Renaissance' took place in Europe during:

- A. 12th Century
- B. 10th Century
- C. 15th Century ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 18th Century

Note: The Renaissance began in Italy in the 14th century and flourished across Europe in the 15th–16th centuries.

45 World History

Who emerged as a great leader in France as a result of the 'French Revolution'?

- A. Voltaire
- B. Napoleon Bonaparte ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Karl Marx
- D. None of these

Note: Napoleon Bonaparte rose to power from the Revolution and became Emperor of France.

Question 46 World History

Who was called as the kidnapper of the scholars?

- A. Haroon-ur-Rasheed
- B. Mahmood Ghaznavi ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Abu Jaffar Mansoor
- D. Alamgir

Note: Mahmud of Ghazni forcibly brought scholars, including al-Biruni, to his court at Ghazni.

Question 47 World History

The slogan of the French Revolution was:

- A. One nation, one leader, and one flag
- B. Government of the people, by the people
- C. Liberty, equality, and fraternity ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Workers of the world unite

Note: Liberty, equality, fraternity was the slogan of the French Revolution.

48 World History

The French Revolution ended in:

- A. 1780
- B. 1785
- C. 1790
- D. 1793

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. DEFECTIVE — EXCLUDED, no answer taught (decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov delegation: the Revolution conventionally ended in 1799 (Napoleon's coup); none of the options is correct. The book's key ticks D (1793), which is itself wrong — 1793 was the height of the Reign of Terror.)

Question 49 World History

The Russian Revolution took place in the year:

- A. 1917 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1914
- C. 1910
- D. 1920

Note: The Russian Revolution took place in 1917 (February and October).

Question 50 World History

The Bolshevik Revolution is associated with:

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Russia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. England

Note: The Bolshevik Revolution (October 1917) took place in Russia.

51 General Knowledge

Headquarter of Universal Postal Union is located in:

- A. Berne ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. New York
- C. Geneva
- D. London

Note: The Universal Postal Union is headquartered in Berne, Switzerland.

Question 52 General Knowledge

The term of Kofi Annan as a general secretary of UNO was from 1st January, 1997 to:

- A. 31 December, 2007
- B. 30 June, 2006
- C. 31 December, 2006 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 30 June, 2007

Note: Kofi Annan served as UN Secretary-General from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2006.

Question 53 General Knowledge

'UNO's Oil for Food' Program is associated with which country?

- A. Sudan
- B. North Korea
- C. Iran
- D. Iraq ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: The UN Oil-for-Food Programme (1995–2003) allowed Iraq to sell oil for food and medicine under sanctions.

54 General Knowledge

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was established in:

- A. 1988
- B. 1956
- C. 1965 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1967

Note: Filed per the book's key: UNITAR was established by the UN General Assembly in 1963 and began operations in 1965 (the csstimes copy garbles the stem; see Noted Points).

Question 55 General Knowledge

Headquarter of United Nations Relief and Work for Palestine Refugees in the North East (UNRWA) is located in:

- A. Vienna
- B. Geneva
- C. New York
- D. London

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. DEFECTIVE — EXCLUDED, no answer taught (decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov delegation: UNRWA's headquarters was in Gaza City in 2012 (moved from Vienna in 1996); none of the options is correct. The book's key ticks C (New York), which is itself wrong — New York hosts only a liaison office.)

Question 56 Pakistan Studies

Which is the largest jungle of Pakistan?

- A. Changa Manga ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Junpur

- D. Chichawatni

Note: Changa Manga, near Lahore, is the largest man-made forest (jungle) in Pakistan.

Question 57 Pakistan Studies

The current growth rate of population in Pakistan is:

- A. 1.8% ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1.7%
- C. 1.6%
- D. 1.9%

Note: Pakistan's population growth rate was about 1.8% around 2012 (World Bank: ~1.83%), judged as at the sitting date.

Question 58 Pakistan Studies

What is the current literacy rate of Pakistan in Feb. 2010?

- A. 49%
- B. 56% ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 45%
- D. 44%

Note: Pakistan's literacy rate was about 56% around 2010 (UNESCO/PSLM figures), judged as at the sitting date.

Question 59 Pakistan Studies

How many Radio station were working in Pakistan at the time of partition of sub-continent?

- A. 3 ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. 5
- D. 6

Note: At Partition in 1947, three radio stations came to Pakistan: Lahore, Peshawar and Dhaka.

Question 60 Pakistan Studies

When was the First Woman Bank established in Pakistan?

- A. Dec 1, 1988
- B. August 14, 1948
- C. Dec 1, 1973
- D. Dec 1, 1989 ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: The First Women Bank was established in Pakistan on 1 December 1989.

Question 61 Pakistan Studies

Name the largest museum found in Pakistan:

- A. Karachi
- B. Lahore ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Multan
- D. Islamabad

Note: The Lahore Museum, founded in 1865, is the largest museum in Pakistan; the National Museum is in Karachi.

Question 62 Pakistan Studies

Who has been appointed as the first governor of Gilgit-Baltistan?

- A. Shamma Khalid ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Akbar Shah
- D. Nawaz Shah

Note: Dr Shamma Khalid was the first Governor of Gilgit-Baltistan (2010).

Question 63 Geography

Name the longest river of Pakistan:

- A. Chenab
- B. Karaola
- C. Indus ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Jehlum

Note: The Indus is the longest river of Pakistan (option (B) prints "Karaola" in both copies; see Noted Points).

Question 64 Pakistan Studies

The first Nishan-e-Haider was won by:

- A. Cap, Raja Sarwar ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Major Aziz Bhatti
- C. Major Muhammad Tufail
- D. Fl. Lt. Sarfraz Rafiquee

Note: Captain Raja Muhammad Sarwar was the first recipient of the Nishan-e-Haider (1948).

Question 65 Pakistan Studies

Name the first Lady major General in the Pakistan Army.

- A. Dr. Reheme Sarwar

- C. Dr. Razia Imtiaz
- D. Dr. Shahida Malik ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Major General Dr Shahida Malik was the first woman major general in the Pakistan Army.

Question 66 Mathematics

Tea worth Rs. 126 per kg and Rs. 135 per kg and mixed with a third variety in the ratio 1:1:2. If the mixture is worth Rs. 153 per kg, the price of the third variety per kg will be:

- A. Rs. 187
- B. Rs. 172
- C. Rs. 175.50 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Rs. 180
- E. Rs. 185

Note: (126 + 135 + 2x) / 4 = 153, so 2x = 351 and x = 175.50.

Question 67 Mathematics

A merchant has 1000 kg of sugar, part of which he sells at 8% profit and the rest at 18% profit. He gains 14% on the whole. The quantity sold at 18% profit is:

- A. 460 kg
- B. 660 kg
- C. 600 kg ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 640 kg
- E. 450 kg

Note: By alligation: (14 − 8) : (18 − 14) = 6 : 4, so the 18% share is 4/10 × 1000 = 600 kg.

68 Mathematics

Two vessels A and B contain spirit and water mixed in the ratio 5:2 and 7:6 respectively. Find the ratio in which these mixture be mixed to obtain a new mixture in vessel C containing spirit and water in the ratio 8:5?

- A. 5:3
- B. 9:4
- C. 5:6
- D. 7:9 ✓ **Correct answer**
- E. 3:7

Note: Spirit fractions are 5/7 and 7/13; the target is 8/13. By alligation: (8/13 − 7/13) : (5/7 − 8/13) = (1/13) : (9/91) = 7 : 9.

Question 69 Mathematics

One quality of wheat at Rs. 9.30 per kg is mixed with another quality at a certain rate in the ratio 8:7. If the mixture so formed be worth Rs. 10 per kg, what is the rate per kg of the second quality of wheat?

- A. Rs. 12
- B. Rs. 10.60
- C. Rs. 10.80 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Rs. 15
- E. Rs. 13

Note: (8 × 9.30 + 7x) / 15 = 10, so 7x = 75.60 and x = 10.80.

Question 70 Mathematics

A milk vendor has 2 cans of milk. The first contains 25% water and the rest milk. The second contains 50% water. How much milk should he mix from each of the containers so as to get 12 litres of milk such that the ratio of water to milk is 3:5?

ers, 8 liters

- B. 7 liters, 5 liters
- C. 6 liters, 7 liters
- D. 6 liters, 6 liters ✓ **Correct answer**
- E. 4 liters, 5 liters

Note: 12 litres at water:milk 3:5 contains 4.5 litres of water. Mixing x litres of the first can (25% water) with (12 − x) litres of the second (50% water): 0.25x + 0.5(12 − x) = 4.5, so x = 6 — 6 litres from each can.

Question 71 English

Directions: choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word YOB

- A. Annoyed
- B. Intelligent
- C. Humble
- D. Aggressive ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: A yob is a hooligan; aggressive is the closest meaning among the options.

Question 72 English

APOGEE

- A. Climax ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Beginning
- C. Middle
- D. Bottom

Note: Apogee is the highest point — the climax.

Question 73 English

MOROSE

omy ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Diseased
- C. Calm
- D. Disappointed

Note: Morose means gloomy or sullen (option (C) prints "Calm" in the book; the csstimes copy misprints it as "Clam").

Question 74 English

BASH

- A. Strike ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Neglect
- C. Ignore
- D. Embrace

Note: Bash means to strike hard (the csstimes copy prints the word as "BASJ"; the book prints "BASH").

Question 75 English

HAGGLE

- A. Bargain ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Accept
- C. Postpone
- D. Reject

Note: To haggle is to bargain over a price.

Question 76 English

ABSTRUSE

- B. Irrelevant
- C. Shallow
- D. Profound ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Abstruse means difficult to understand — deep, profound.

Question 77 English

ADVERSITY

- A. Crisis
- B. Misfortune ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Failure
- D. Helplessness

Note: Adversity is misfortune or hardship (the csstimes copy prints the word as "ADVESOTY"; the book prints "ADVERSITY").

Question 78 English

CANDID

- A. Rude
- B. Impertinent
- C. Blunt
- D. Frank ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Candid means frank and outspoken.

Question 79 English

Directions: Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the italicised bold part of the sentences If you waver at the last minute, you shall face blare.

- B. Decide
- C. Settle
- D. Hesitate ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: "Waver" (italicised) means to hesitate.

Question 80 English

A government rocked by frequent scandals is an effete set of people with no credibility

- A. Exhausted
- B. Stupid
- C. Excited ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Innocent

Note: The tested word is "rocked" (italicised): a government rocked (shaken/agitated) by scandals — "excited" (agitated) is the closest meaning. "Exhausted" is the meaning of "effete", a distractor (see Noted Points).

Question 81 English

She does not get her work done punctually and properly because she is always dawdling.

- A. Confused
- B. Playing
- C. Loitering ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Chit-Chatting

Note: "Dawdling" (italicised) means loitering — moving slowly and wasting time.

Question 82 English

The little coy bride was admired by everyone.

- B. Shy ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Talented
- D. Sweet

Note: "Coy" (italicised) means shy and modest (the csstimes copy prints "cove"; the book prints "coy").

Question 83 English

The small boy was able to give a graphic description of the thief.

- A. Vague
- B. Broad
- C. Vivid ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Drawing
- E. Picture

Note: A graphic description is a vivid, detailed one.

Question 84 English

He was dismissed from service because they found him dishonest.

- A. Prevented
- B. Retrieved
- C. Fired ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Stepped

Note: "Dismissed" (italicised) means fired from service.

Question 85 English

The story is too fantastic to be credible.

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- B. Readable
- C. Believable ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. False

Note: The tested word is "credible" (italicised): credible means believable (see Noted Points).

Question 86 English

Directions: In each of the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word TRUMPERY

- A. Treasure ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Wattage
- C. Defeat
- D. Vague

Note: Trumpery is worthless show; its opposite is treasure (something valuable).

Question 87 English

ACQUITTED

- A. Entrusted
- B. Convicted ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Burdened
- D. Freed

Note: The opposite of acquitted is convicted (the csstimes copy misprints option (B) as "Concocted"; the book prints "Convicted").

Question 88 English

VULGAR

ned ✓ Correct answer

- B. Cheerful
- C. Jolly
- D. Relevant

Note: The opposite of vulgar is refined (the csstimes copy prints the word as "VYKGAR"; the book prints "VULGAR").

Question 89 English

THRIFT

- A. Purchase
- B. Destroy
- C. Waste ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Invest

Note: The opposite of thrift (economy) is waste.

Question 90 English

LACONIC

- A. Prolific
- B. Profligate
- C. Prolix ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Bucolic

Note: The opposite of laconic (brief) is prolix (wordy) (the csstimes copy misprints option (B) as "Orfkugate"; the book prints "Profligate").

Question 91 English

QUERULOUS

- B. Splendid
- C. Smart
- D. Happy ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: Querulous means complaining and peevish; its opposite is happy.

Question 92 English

ABSOLUTE

- A. Scarce
- B. Limited ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Faulty
- D. Deficient

Note: The opposite of absolute (unrestricted) is limited.

Question 93 English

MAGNIFY

- A. Induce
- B. Diminish ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Destroy
- D. Shrink

Note: The opposite of magnify (enlarge) is diminish.

Question 94 English

Directions: Select the word or phrase which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the italicised bold word or phrase. It was a mystery as to where the young girl had acquired such a cynical attitude.

- B. Naive ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Eccentric
- D. Crazy

Note: The opposite of cynical (suspicious, distrusting) is naive (trusting, innocent).

Question 95 English

Avogadro's hypothesis has proved significant till the present day.

- A. Fact ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Theory
- C. Experiment
- D. Conclusion

Note: A hypothesis is an unproven supposition; its opposite is an established fact.

Question 96 English

There has always been a feeling of rancor between the two families.

- A. Rivalry
- B. Competition
- C. Friendliness ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Suspicion

Note: The opposite of rancour (bitterness, hatred) is friendliness.

Question 97 English

The government is taking measures to augment the country's food supply.

- A. Prohibit
- B. Decrease ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Compensate

Note: The opposite of augment (increase) is decrease.

Question 98 English

People know him for his vanity.

- A. Humanity
- B. Honesty
- C. Courtesy
- D. Modesty ✓ **Correct answer**

Note: The opposite of vanity (conceit) is modesty.

Question 99 English

Let us not aggravate the sufferings of the poor.

- A. Abbreviate
- B. Alleviate ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Advocate
- D. Appreciate

Note: The opposite of aggravate (make worse) is alleviate (relieve).

Question 100 English

He stood gazing at the serene expanse of the sea.

- A. Ruffled ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Clear
- C. Tranquil
- D. Scenic

opposite of serene (calm) is ruffled (disturbed).

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