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Question 1 English

Synonym of Fervor is?

- A. Excitement ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Class
- C. Realization
- D. Swiftness

A. Excitement is the closest synonym of fervour — intense, passionate feeling.

group or category, not a synonym of fervour.

C. Realization is becoming aware of something, not fervour.

D. Swiftness is speed, not fervour.

Question 2 English

Choose the Correct Sentence:

- A. He get up and run to the door
- B. He gets up and run to the door
- C. He got up and will run to the door ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. He got up and run to the door

A. 'He get up' breaks subject-verb agreement — 'he' needs 'gets'.

B. 'He gets up and run' breaks agreement — 'run' must be 'runs' after 'he gets up'.

C. 'He got up and will run to the door' is the only fully grammatical sentence — past 'got up' and future 'will run' can stand together.

D. 'He got up and run' breaks agreement — 'run' must be 'ran'. PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION: the reproduction keys this B ('He gets up and run'); B is ungrammatical, and C is the only grammatical sentence among the four. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 3 English

I am envious ___ them.

- A. Of ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. In
- C. About
- D. On

f is the correct preposition — one is envious of a person or thing.

B. 'Envious in' is not idiomatic.

C. 'Envious about' is not the standard collocation.

D. 'Envious on' is not idiomatic.

Question 4 English

As ___ me: I will be happy to lend a hand.

- A. Of
- B. In
- C. About
- D. For ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'As of me' is not the idiom.

B. 'As in me' is not the idiom.

C. 'As about me' is not the idiom.

D. 'As for me' is the standard idiom for 'speaking for myself'.

Question 5 English

Choose the Correct Spelling from the following?

- A. Etiquite
- B. Etiquette ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Etikuit
- D. None of these

A. 'Etiquite' is a misspelling.

B. 'Etiquette' is the correct spelling of the word for polite manners.

a misspelling.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the correct spelling.

Question 6 English

Which word best explains BARBARIAN:

- A. Impolite
- B. Uncivilized ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Unkind
- D. Dislike

A. 'Impolite' means rude, which is narrower than barbarian.

B. 'Barbarian' means uncivilized — a person outside civilized society.

C. 'Unkind' means cruel, not the meaning of barbarian.

D. 'Dislike' is a feeling, not the meaning of barbarian.

Question 7 English

Synonym of “Amnesty” is?

- A. Resistance
- B. Security
- C. Judicial
- D. Pardon ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Resistance is opposition, not amnesty.

B. Security is safety, not amnesty.

C. Judicial relates to courts, not amnesty.

D. Amnesty is an official pardon — the release of offenders from penalty.

8 English

Original inhabitants of a country?

- A. Brigines
- B. Citizens
- C. Natives ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Primitive

A. 'Brigines' is a misspelling (of 'Aborigines'); as printed it is not a word.

B. Citizens are members of a state — they need not be its original inhabitants.

C. 'Natives' are the original inhabitants of a country.

D. 'Primitive' describes an early stage of development, not original inhabitants. PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION: the reproduction keys this B (Citizens); citizens are members of a state, while the original inhabitants of a country are its natives (C). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 9 English

Came ___the room and jumped ___the swimming pool.

- A. In, In
- B. Out, Into
- C. Out of , Into ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Out of, in

A. 'In, In' gives 'came in the room' — the first preposition is wrong.

B. 'Out, Into' gives 'came out the room' — missing 'of'.

C. 'Came out of the room and jumped into the swimming pool' is correct in both places.

D. 'Out of, in' gives 'jumped in the pool', which is weaker than 'into' for the movement.

10 English

It differs ___ their last suggestion.

- A. About
- B. In
- C. From ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Of

A. 'Differs about' is not idiomatic.

B. 'Differs in' is used for 'differs in detail', not here.

C. 'Differs from' is the correct preposition — one thing differs from another.

D. 'Differs of' is not idiomatic.

Question 11 English

If you work really hard, you ___ good score in the examination.

- A. Will get ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Will got
- C. Would get
- D. Would get

A. First conditional: 'If you work hard, you will get a good score' — 'will' + base verb.

B. 'Will got' is ungrammatical — 'will' takes the base verb 'get'.

C. 'Would get' belongs to the second conditional, not this real condition.

D. Identical to C — 'Would get' belongs to the second conditional. REPRODUCTION NOTE: options C and D both print 'Would get'.

12 Pakistan Studies

Who wrote the Myth of Independence?

- A. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Gen Zia-ul-Haq
- C. Allama Iqbal
- D. Liaqat Ali khan

A. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto wrote 'The Myth of Independence' (1969).

B. Gen Zia-ul-Haq did not write it.

C. Allama Iqbal did not write it.

D. Liaqat Ali Khan did not write it.

Question 13 Pakistan Studies

The lion of maysor “Tipu Sultan” was born on ____?

- A. 29 December 1750
- B. 30 November 1749
- C. 21 November 1750
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 29 December 1750 is not Tipu Sultan's birth date.

B. 30 November 1749 is not his birth date.

C. 21 November 1750 is not his birth date.

D. None of these is right — Tipu Sultan was born on 1 December 1751, which is in no option (the key text itself states 1 December 1751).

14 General Knowledge

Country with no River is ___?

- A. Qatar
- B. Saudi Arabia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Jordan
- D. None of these

A. Qatar also has no permanent rivers — only seasonal wadis — so it is a genuine rival.

B. Saudi Arabia is the standard answer: the largest country with no permanent river.

C. Jordan has the River Jordan, so it is wrong.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the intended answer.

Question 15 Pakistan Studies

Tipu Sultan wrote a letter to which government to help him against British army rule in india?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Turkey ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Iran

A. Germany was not the government Tipu wrote to for help.

B. France did receive Tipu's embassies, but the famous 1787 mission for military help went to the Ottoman Sultan.

C. In 1787 Tipu sent an embassy to the Ottoman Sultan in Constantinople (Turkey) requesting troops against the British.

D. Iran was not the government Tipu wrote to for help.

16 General Knowledge

?Parliament of (,مجلس شورای اسلامی :Persian) The Islamic Consultative Assembly

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Albaniya

A. Iraq's parliament is the Council of Representatives, not the Islamic Consultative Assembly.

B. The Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis al-Shura al-Islami) is the parliament of Iran.

C. Afghanistan's parliament is the National Assembly, not this body.

D. Albania's parliament is the Assembly (Kuvendi), not this body.

Question 17 General Knowledge

____ is known as leap day or leap year day?

- A. Feb 29 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Feb 28
- C. March 01
- D. Feb 5

A. 29 February is the leap day, added in leap years.

B. 28 February is an ordinary day in February.

C. 1 March is not the leap day.

D. 5 February is not the leap day.

18 General Knowledge

When was the International Olympic Committee established?

- A. 1902
- B. 1898
- C. 1894 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1904

A. 1902 is not the IOC's founding year.

B. 1898 is not the IOC's founding year.

C. The International Olympic Committee was founded in Paris in 1894.

D. 1904 is not the IOC's founding year.

Question 19 General Knowledge

The Currency of Indonesia is?

- A. Rupiah ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Rangit
- C. Riyal
- D. Dinar

A. The rupiah is the currency of Indonesia.

B. The ringgit (spelt 'Rangit' here) is Malaysia's currency.

C. The riyal is the currency of Saudi Arabia and others, not Indonesia.

D. The dinar is used in several Arab states, not Indonesia.

Question 20 General Knowledge

The headquarters of NATO is located in?

- B. Geneva
- C. Brussels ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Paris

A. NATO is not headquartered in New York (that is the UN).

B. Geneva hosts many UN bodies, not NATO.

C. NATO's headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.

D. Paris hosted NATO's HQ until 1967, when it moved to Brussels.

Question 21 General Knowledge

When was the FIFA started?

- A. 1912
- B. 1908
- C. 1904 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1916

A. 1912 is not FIFA's founding year.

B. 1908 is not FIFA's founding year.

C. FIFA was founded in Paris in 1904.

D. 1916 is not FIFA's founding year.

Question 22 General Knowledge

The largest populous Islamic country of the world is?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. Indonesia ✓ **Correct answer**

dI Arabia

A. Pakistan is the second most populous Muslim-majority country, not the largest.

B. Iran's population is far smaller than Indonesia's.

C. Indonesia, with over 270 million people, is the most populous Muslim-majority country.

D. Saudi Arabia's population is far smaller than Indonesia's.

Question 23 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan is separated from central Asia by?

- A. Caspian Sea
- B. Wakhan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Aral River
- D. None of these

A. The Caspian Sea does not separate Pakistan from Central Asia.

B. The Wakhan Corridor separates Pakistan from Central Asia (Tajikistan).

C. The Aral River (Amu Darya) is a Central Asian river, not the separator.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the answer.

Question 24 General Knowledge

Which country has unwritten constitution?

- A. England ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. US
- C. Australia
- D. India

A. England (the United Kingdom) has an unwritten constitution — it rests on statutes,

and precedents.

B. The US has a written constitution (1787).

C. Australia has a written constitution (1901).

D. India has a written constitution (1950).

Question 25 General Knowledge

What was the Old name of Zimbabwe?

- A. Saigon
- B. Northern Rhodesia
- C. Southern Rhodesia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Zaire

A. Saigon was the former name of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

B. Northern Rhodesia is now Zambia.

C. Zimbabwe was Southern Rhodesia before independence in 1980.

D. Zaire was the former name of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Question 26 Pakistan Studies

When was the Constitution of 1973 enforced?

- A. 10th Aug, 1973
- B. 12th Aug, 1973
- C. 14th Aug 1973 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. 10 August 1973 is not the enforcement date.

B. 12 August 1973 is not the enforcement date.

Constitution was enforced on 14 August 1973.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because C is the date.

Question 27 Pakistan Studies

Ghulam Muhammad Barrage is also known as?

- A. Kotri Barrage ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Indus Barrage
- C. Kanj Barrage
- D. None of these

A. Ghulam Muhammad Barrage is the Kotri Barrage on the Indus (the key text misspells it 'Korti Barrage').

B. There is no 'Indus Barrage' by that name.

C. There is no 'Kanj Barrage' by that name.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because A is the name.

Question 28 General Knowledge

The World Health Organization (WHO) has acknowledged the ___ among the world's healthiest cities?

- A. Riyadh
- B. Jeddah
- C. Holy City of Makkah
- D. Holy City of Madina ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Riyadh was not the city the WHO acknowledged in this way.

B. Jeddah was not the city the WHO acknowledged in this way.

C. Makkah was not the city the WHO acknowledged in this way.

...e WHO acknowledged Madinah among the world's healthiest cities.

Question 29 General Knowledge

World Economic Forum Commemorate Pakistan’s Covid-19 success on?

- A. Nov 25, 2020 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Dec 25, 2020
- C. Nov 20, 2020
- D. Dec 20, 2020

A. On 25 November 2020 the World Economic Forum held its Country Strategy Dialogue on Pakistan and marked 'Pakistan Strategy Day' in recognition of Pakistan's Covid-19 policies.

B. 25 December 2020 is not the date.

C. 20 November 2020 is not the date.

D. 20 December 2020 is not the date.

Question 30 Pakistan Studies

Indus Civilization is also known as?

- A. Harrapan Civilization ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Kot Diji Civilization
- C. Taxila Civilization
- D. None of these

A. The Indus Civilization is also called the Harappan Civilization, after Harappa.

B. Kot Diji is a site of the civilization, not its other name.

C. Taxila is a later Gandhara city, not the civilization's name.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because A is the name.

Muhammad Bin Qasim was called back by?

- A. Walid bin Abdul Malik
- B. Suleiman Bin Abdul Malik ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Khalid Bin Abdul Malik
- D. None of these

A. Walid bin Abdul Malik was the caliph when Qasim conquered Sindh; he did not call him back.

B. Caliph Suleiman bin Abdul Malik recalled Muhammad bin Qasim in 715.

C. There was no caliph Khalid bin Abdul Malik.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the caliph.

Question 32 Pakistan Studies

Slave Dynasty Ruled for ____ Years?

- A. 120
- B. 90
- C. 84 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. 120 years is too long — the Slave Dynasty lasted 1206–1290.

B. 90 years is not the span.

C. The Slave Dynasty ruled from 1206 to 1290 — 84 years.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because C is the span.

33 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Muslim Governor of Delhi?

- A. Ghiyas ud Din
- B. Jalaluddin
- C. Qutbuddin Aibak ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Ghiyas ud Din was a later sultan, not the first governor.

B. Jalaluddin was a later Khalji ruler.

C. Qutbuddin Aibak, the founder of the Slave Dynasty, was the first Muslim governor of Delhi.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because C is the governor.

Question 34 Pakistan Studies

The official language of Delhi Sultanate was?

- A. Urdu
- B. Arabic
- C. Persian ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Urdu developed later; it was not the Sultanate's official language.

B. Arabic was the language of religion and scholarship, not the court language.

C. Persian was the official language of the Delhi Sultanate.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because C is the language.

35 General Knowledge

After how many years Pakistan defeated the South African Cricket team in Test Series?

- A. 13 Years
- B. 19 Years
- C. 10 Years
- D. 17 Years ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 13 years is not the gap.

B. 19 years is not the gap.

C. 10 years is not the gap.

D. Pakistan's previous Test series win over South Africa was in 2003; the 2–0 win in February 2021 ended a 17-year drought, as the ICC itself described it.

Question 36 Pakistan Studies

Who was the founder of FIA (Federal Investigation Agency) Pakistan?

- A. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. General Zia ul Haq
- C. Pervez Musharraf
- D. None of these

A. The FIA was established in 1975 under Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto.

B. General Zia-ul-Haq came to power in 1977, after the FIA's founding.

C. Pervez Musharraf came to power in 1999, long after the FIA's founding.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because A is the founder.

Title of Quaid-e-Azam was given to Muhammad Ali Jinnah by ___?

- A. Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar
- B. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
- C. Allama Iqbal
- D. Maulana Mazaruddin Shaheed ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar did not first use the title.

B. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan did not first use the title.

C. Allama Iqbal did not first use the title.

D. The title 'Quaid-e-Azam' was first used for Jinnah by Maulana Mazharuddin Shaheed (editor of Al-Aman).

Question 38 English

One who lacks knowledge ____?

- A. Intelligent
- B. Ignorant ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Credulous
- D. None of these

A. 'Intelligent' means clever — the opposite.

B. 'Ignorant' means lacking knowledge.

C. 'Credulous' means too ready to believe things.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the word.

I was good ___ tennis.

- A. Of
- B. In
- C. About
- D. At ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'Good of tennis' is not idiomatic.

B. 'Good in tennis' is not the standard collocation.

C. 'Good about tennis' is not idiomatic.

D. 'Good at tennis' is the correct preposition — one is good at a game.

Question 40 Computer

Which would you choose to move selected text from one place to another?

- A. Move and Paste
- B. Copy and Paste
- C. Cut and Paste ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Delete and Paste

A. 'Move and Paste' is not the standard pair.

B. Copy and Paste leaves the text in its original place as well.

C. Cut and Paste moves selected text — cut removes it, paste places it elsewhere.

D. 'Delete and Paste' is not the standard pair.

Question 41 Computer

Which feature is used for monitoring all document changes?

Document

- B. Monitor Change
- C. Track Change ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Track All

A. 'Edit Document' does not monitor changes.

B. 'Monitor Change' is not the Word feature's name.

C. Track Changes records every insertion, deletion and formatting change in a document.

D. 'Track All' is not the Word feature's name.

Question 42 Computer

Which of the following is/are the logic gate?

- A. AND
- B. OR
- C. NOT
- D. All of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. AND is a basic logic gate.

B. OR is a basic logic gate.

C. NOT is a basic logic gate.

D. AND, OR and NOT are all logic gates, so 'All of these' is correct.

Question 43 Computer

Which shortcut key combination reset highlighted text to a default font to MS Word?

- A. Ctrl + Backspace
- B. Ctrl + Spacebar ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Ctrl + R

ne of these

A. Ctrl + Backspace deletes the previous word.

B. Ctrl + Spacebar removes character formatting and resets text to the default font.

C. Ctrl + R right-aligns the paragraph.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the shortcut.

Question 44 Computer

Which of the following part of a processor contains the hardware necessary to perform all the operations required by a computer?

- A. Controller
- B. Registers
- C. Cache
- D. Data Pat ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The controller (control unit) directs operations; it does not perform them.

B. Registers store data; they do not perform all operations.

C. Cache stores frequently used data; it does not perform operations.

D. The datapath contains the arithmetic-logic unit and registers — the hardware that performs the computer's operations.

Question 45 Computer

___ is used for arranging data ascending/descending order in MS Excel?

- A. Data, Order
- B. Data, Sort ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Data, All
- D. None of these

er" is not the Excel command.

B. In Excel, Data → Sort arranges data in ascending or descending order.

C. 'Data, All' is not the Excel command.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because B is the command.

Question 46 Computer

CAD stands for ___?

- A. Computer Aided Design ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Computer Algorithm for Design
- C. Computer Application in Design
- D. Computer Analogue Design

A. CAD stands for Computer Aided Design.

B. There is no 'Computer Algorithm for Design' expansion.

C. There is no 'Computer Application in Design' expansion.

D. There is no 'Computer Analogue Design' expansion.

Question 47 Computer

Which of the following is not a Power Point view?

- A. Slide Show View
- B. Slide View
- C. Presentation View ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Outline View

A. Slide Show View is a PowerPoint view (it runs the presentation).

B. 'Slide View' is the bank's name for the normal slide-editing view.

ion View" is not a PowerPoint view — there is no view by that name.

D. Outline View is a PowerPoint view (it shows the text outline).

Question 48 Computer

Junk e-mail is also called ____?

- A. Spam ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Spoof
- C. Sniffer Script
- D. Spool

A. Junk e-mail is called spam.

B. Spoofing is faking an identity, not junk mail.

C. A sniffer script intercepts network traffic, not junk mail.

D. Spooling is queuing output for a printer, not junk mail.

Question 49 Computer

The columns of a table correspond to?

- A. Table
- B. Record
- C. Field ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Cell

A. A table is the whole structure, not its columns.

B. A record is a row of a table, not a column.

C. The columns of a table correspond to fields.

D. A cell is a single intersection of a row and a column.

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