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Question 1 English

Synonym of Foster is?

- A. Increase
- B. Lessen
- C. Raise ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. 'Increase' is only a partial match — foster means to nurture or bring up, not merely to

B. 'Lessen' is the opposite of foster.

C. 'Raise' is the synonym — to foster a child or an idea is to raise or nurture it.

D. 'None of these' is wrong because C is the synonym. PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION: the reproduction keys this B (Lessen); 'lessen' is the opposite of 'foster', whose synonym is 'raise' (C). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 2 English

The synonym of Abreast is?

- A. Smart
- B. Informed ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Opposite
- D. None of these

A. 'Smart' means clever, not abreast.

B. 'Abreast' means up to date — informed about the latest developments.

C. 'Opposite' is unrelated.

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

Question 3 English

When I listened to his cogent arguments, all my ___ were ___ and I was forced to agree with his point of view.

- A. Senses, Stimulated
- B. Doubt , Confirmed
- C. Doubt, Dispelled ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Question, Asked

timulated' does not fit — cogent arguments remove doubts, not stimulate senses.

B. 'Doubt, Confirmed' is backwards — cogent arguments dispel doubts, not confirm them.

C. 'All my doubts were dispelled' — cogent arguments removed the doubts, so agreement followed.

D. 'Question, Asked' does not fit the sentence.

Question 4 English

He will be arriving quite late, so by the time he comes, the play

- A. Would have Begun
- B. Will Begun
- C. Will have Begun ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Would Begun

A. 'Would have begun' is conditional, not the future perfect needed here.

B. 'Will begun' is ungrammatical — 'will' needs 'have begun'.

C. 'By the time he comes, the play will have begun' — future perfect for an action completed before a future point.

D. 'Would begun' is ungrammatical. REPRODUCTION NOTE: the stem as served ends at 'the play' (truncated in the reproduction); the intended completion is 'will have begun'.

Question 5 English

___ Earth moves around ___ sun.

- A. The, A
- B. An, The
- C. The, The ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'The earth moves around a sun' is wrong — 'the sun' is definite.

B. 'An earth' is wrong — there is one Earth.

C. 'The Earth moves around the sun' — both take 'the' as unique.

D. 'An' is wrong for both.

Question 6 English

____ the bad weather, the outdoor party was rescheduled.

- A. Because of ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. In order to
- C. Despite
- D. None of these

A. The party was rescheduled because of the bad weather — cause and effect.

B. 'In order to' expresses purpose, not cause.

C. 'Despite' would mean the party went ahead anyway — the opposite.

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

Question 7 English

My Friend said to me. “I will meet you tonight.”

- A. My Friend told me that I will meet you tonight
- B. My Friend told that he will meet me tonight
- C. My Friend told me that he would meet me that night ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. My Friend said to me that he will meet me that night

A. Keeps 'I will meet you' — direct speech must shift to 'he would meet me'.

after 'told' and keeps 'will'.

C. 'My friend told me that he would meet me that night' — correct reported speech: 'will' → 'would', 'tonight' → 'that night'.

D. Keeps 'will' instead of shifting to 'would'.

Question 8 English

Which one of the following is antonym of “Flaunt”?

- A. Brandish
- B. Display
- C. Exhibit
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'Brandish' means to wave or display — a synonym of flaunt.

B. 'Display' is a synonym of flaunt.

C. 'Exhibit' is a synonym of flaunt.

D. The antonym of 'flaunt' is 'hide', which is in no option — so 'None of these' is correct (the key text itself states 'Hide').

Question 9 English

I prefer tea ___ coffee.

- A. To ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Than
- C. The
- D. Of

A. 'Prefer tea to coffee' — 'prefer' takes 'to', not 'than'.

B. 'Than' goes with comparatives, not 'prefer'.

t a preposition here.

D. 'Of' is not used with 'prefer'.

Question 10 English

If you read the questions carefully you ___ them easily.

- A. Answer
- B. Will Answer ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Might Answer
- D. May Answer

A. 'Answer' alone does not fit the first conditional.

B. 'If you read carefully, you will answer them easily' — first conditional, 'will' + base verb.

C. 'Might answer' is possible but weaker than the intended 'will'.

D. 'May answer' is possible but weaker than the intended 'will'.

Question 11 English

A person fluent in two languages is known as ___?

- A. Bilgamy
- B. Bilingual ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Brittle
- D. None of these

A. 'Bilgamy' is not a word (bigamy is marrying twice).

B. A person fluent in two languages is bilingual.

C. 'Brittle' means easily broken.

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

“Brain Drain” means ___?

- A. Mad Person
- B. Migration of Skilled Person to Other Country ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Emigration of Intellectuals Indonesia
- D. None of these

A. 'Mad person' is not the meaning of brain drain.

B. 'Brain drain' is the migration of skilled people to another country.

C. The option is garbled ('Emigration of Intellectuals Indonesia') and does not state the meaning.

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

Question 13 General Knowledge

Which is the world’s Tallest tree?

- A. Date Palm
- B. Redwood ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Royal Palm
- D. Coconut Palm

A. The date palm is not the tallest tree.

B. The coast redwood (Hyperion, about 115 m) is the world's tallest tree.

C. The royal palm is not the tallest tree.

D. The coconut palm is not the tallest tree.

14 Pakistan Studies

One of the main objectives of All India Muslim League at the time of its creation was ___?

- A. To be loyal to the Indian British Government ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. To Take Active Part in the Politics of the Country
- C. To be close to Hinds Community
- D. Not to take sides with any Indian Community

A. At its creation in 1906 the Muslim League's stated objectives included promoting loyalty to the British government among Muslims.

B. Taking an active part in politics came later; it was not the 1906 objective.

C. Being close to the Hindu community was not a League objective.

D. Not taking sides was not the League's objective.

Question 15 Pakistan Studies

Raja Dahir was the ruler of ___?

- A. Sindh ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Lahore
- C. Delhi
- D. Degaipur

A. Raja Dahir was the ruler of Sindh when Muhammad bin Qasim invaded in 712.

B. Lahore was not Dahir's kingdom.

C. Delhi was not Dahir's kingdom.

D. Degaipur was not Dahir's kingdom.

16 Pakistan Studies

Hindi-Urdu Controversy of 1867 had far reaching consequences because?

- A. It was the Forerunner of the Two-Nation Theory ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Made Muslims think to be close to the Hindu Culture
- C. To depend on the British Government for Justice
- D. To be Indifferent to the Controversy

A. The Hindi–Urdu controversy of 1867 is regarded as a forerunner of the Two-Nation Theory.

B. It pushed Muslims away from Hindu culture, not towards it.

C. Depending on the British for justice was not its consequence.

D. Muslims were not indifferent — the controversy politicised them.

Question 17 Pakistan Studies

Simla Deputation of 1906 had the following purpose?

- A. For future elections in the country Muslim Community would get separate electoral ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. The Deputation was advised to take Active part in Politics
- C. The Deputation was directed to be friendly with the Rulers
- D. To be in harmony with the Hindu Community of India

A. The Simla Deputation (1906) asked the Viceroy for separate electorates for Muslims in future elections.

B. The Deputation was not advised to take an active part in politics.

C. Being friendly with the rulers was not its purpose.

D. Harmony with the Hindu community was not its purpose.

18 Pakistan Studies

Gandhi Jinnah talks of 1944 failed due to?

- A. Opposition by the Khaksars
- B. Red Shirts
- C. The Ahrat
- D. Two Nation Theory ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Opposition by the Khaksars did not cause the talks to fail.

B. The Red Shirts did not cause the talks to fail.

C. The Ahrar did not cause the talks to fail.

D. The 1944 Gandhi–Jinnah talks failed because Gandhi would not accept the Two-Nation Theory (the key text misspells it 'Two Notion Thoery').

Question 19 English

The Original Inhabitants of Country?

- A. Aborigines ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Citizens
- C. Natives
- D. None of these

A. 'Aborigines' are the original inhabitants of a country.

B. Citizens are members of a state, not necessarily its original inhabitants.

C. 'Natives' are also the original inhabitants — a genuine rival to A.

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

20 Pakistan Studies

Article 25 of the Constitution of 1973 deals with?

- A. Rule of Law
- B. Equal Protection of Law ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Equality of Citizens
- D. All of these

A. 'Rule of law' is a general principle, not Article 25's subject.

B. Article 25(1) says all citizens are equal before law and entitled to equal protection of law.

C. Article 25 is titled 'Equality of citizens', so this is an equally correct description.

D. 'All of these' is wrong because A is not Article 25's subject.

Question 21 Pakistan Studies

When did Quaid-e-Azam Join Muslim League?

- A. 1900
- B. 1913 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1923
- D. 1921

A. 1900 is not the year Jinnah joined the League.

B. Jinnah joined the All-India Muslim League in 1913.

C. 1923 is not the year.

D. 1921 is not the year.

22 Pakistan Studies

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

- A. Moulana Muhammad Ali Johar
- B. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
- C. Allama Iqbal
- D. Moulana Mazharuddin 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.

Question 23 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan is separated from central Asia by?

- A. Caspian Sea
- B. Wakhan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Aral River
- D. Oxus River

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 is a Central Asian river, not the separator.

D. The Oxus River (Amu Darya) flows through Central Asia; the separator is the Wakhan Corridor.

24 General Knowledge

Palk Strait separates India from?

- A. Sri lanka ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Maldives
- C. Bangladesh
- D. None of these

A. The Palk Strait separates India from Sri Lanka.

B. The Maldives lie south-west of India, across no Palk Strait.

C. Bangladesh borders India by land, not across the Palk Strait.

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

Question 25 General Knowledge

Capital of Belgium is?

- A. Ottawa
- B. Berlin
- C. Bern
- D. Brussels ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Ottawa is the capital of Canada.

B. Berlin is the capital of Germany.

C. Bern is the capital of Switzerland.

D. Brussels is the capital of Belgium.

Question 26 General Knowledge

Identify the Largest Ocean?

an Ocean

- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Pacific Ocean ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Arctic Ocean

A. The Indian Ocean is smaller than the Pacific.

B. The Atlantic Ocean is smaller than the Pacific.

C. The Pacific is the largest ocean on Earth.

D. The Arctic is the smallest ocean.

Question 27 General Knowledge

Seattle is sea port of?

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

A. Seattle is not a Russian port.

B. Seattle is a seaport of the USA (Washington state).

C. Seattle is not a Chinese port.

D. Seattle is not a German port.

Question 28 General Knowledge

World’s smallest state by population is?

- A. San Marina
- B. Monaco
- C. Vatican ✓ **Correct answer**

A. San Marino has about 34,000 people — more than the Vatican.

B. Monaco has about 38,000 people — more than the Vatican.

C. Vatican City, with under 1,000 people, is the world's smallest state by population.

D. Nauru has about 10,000 people — more than the Vatican.

Question 29 General Knowledge

Which of the following is a cash crop?

- A. Wheat
- B. Rice
- C. Cotton
- D. All of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wheat is a food crop in the textbook classification, though it is sold commercially.

B. Rice is a food crop in the textbook classification, though it is sold commercially.

C. Cotton is the textbook cash crop of Pakistan.

D. The printed key takes all three as cash crops in the broad commercial sense; the strict classification would pick cotton alone.

Question 30 General Knowledge

Where is the highest waterfall of the world?

- A. Venezuela ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. USA
- C. Brazil
- D. Zambia

s, the world's highest waterfall, is in Venezuela.

B. The USA has no waterfall as high as Angel Falls.

C. Brazil has no waterfall as high as Angel Falls.

D. Zambia's Victoria Falls is high but far below Angel Falls.

Question 31 General Knowledge

The buffer state of Asia is ___?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Afghanistan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Srilanka

A. China was not the buffer state.

B. India was not the buffer state.

C. Afghanistan was the buffer state between British India and Tsarist Russia.

D. Sri Lanka was not the buffer state.

Question 32 General Knowledge

Who is called the “Shakespeare” of Punjab Province?

- A. Waris Shah ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Bhul-e-Shah
- C. Sultan Bab
- D. Ustaad Daman

A. Waris Shah, author of Heer Ranjha, is called the Shakespeare of Punjab.

B. Bulleh Shah was a Sufi poet, not the 'Shakespeare of Punjab'.

nu was a Sufi saint and poet, not the 'Shakespeare of Punjab'.

D. Ustad Daman was a Punjabi poet, not the 'Shakespeare of Punjab'.

Question 33 Pakistan Studies

The first Country which recognized Pakistan after creation was?

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

A. Afghanistan was not the first to recognise Pakistan.

B. Saudi Arabia was not the first to recognise Pakistan.

C. Iran was the first country to recognise Pakistan in 1947.

D. Egypt was not the first to recognise Pakistan.

Question 34 General Knowledge

Triptas is the Holy Book of?

- A. Sikhs
- B. Hindus
- C. Jews
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Tripitaka is not the Sikh holy book (that is the Guru Granth Sahib).

B. The Tripitaka is not the Hindu holy book.

C. The Tripitaka is not the Jewish holy book (that is the Torah).

D. The Tripitaka ('Triptas' in the stem) is the Buddhist canon — Buddhism is in no option,

hese' is correct.

Question 35 General Knowledge

Where is the headquarters of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)?

- A. Iran
- B. Kuwait
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. OPEC is not headquartered in Iran.

B. OPEC is not headquartered in Kuwait.

C. OPEC is not headquartered in Saudi Arabia.

D. OPEC's headquarters is in Vienna, Austria — in no option, so 'None of these' is correct (the key text itself states 'Vienna').

Question 36 Computer

A collection of system programs that controls and co-ordinates the overall operations of computer system is called?

- A. System Software
- B. Operating System ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Utility Program
- D. Device Driver

A. System software is the general class; the controlling collection is the operating system.

B. The operating system is the collection of system programs that controls and co-ordinates the computer's overall operations.

C. A utility program performs one helper task, not overall control.

driver controls one device, not the whole system.

Question 37 Computer

Who is the father of Internet?

- A. Charles Babbage
- B. Vint Cerf ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Dennis Rich
- D. Martin Copper

A. Charles Babbage is the father of the computer, not the Internet.

B. Vint Cerf, co-designer of TCP/IP, is called the father of the Internet.

C. Dennis Ritchie co-created C and Unix, not the Internet.

D. Martin Cooper led the first mobile phone, not the Internet.

Question 38 Computer

1 Gigabyte is equal to ____?

- A. 1024 Bits
- B. 1000 Megabytes
- C. 1024 Kilobytes
- D. 1024 Megabytes ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 1024 bits is far smaller than a gigabyte.

B. 1000 megabytes is the decimal approximation, not the binary 1024.

C. 1024 kilobytes is one megabyte.

D. 1 gigabyte is 1024 megabytes.

39 Computer

___ is a combination of hardware and software that facilitates the sharing of information between computing devices?

- A. Network ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Peripheral
- C. Digital Device
- D. None of these

A. A network is the combination of hardware and software that lets computing devices share information.

B. A peripheral is a single attached device.

C. A digital device is a single device.

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

Question 40 Computer

Which feature is used for monitoring all documents changes?

- A. Edit 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 change made to a document.

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

41 Computer

Shortcut key to double underlined the selected text is ___?

- A. Ctrl + Alt + D
- B. Shift + Alt U
- C. Ctrl + Shift + U
- D. Ctrl + Shift + D ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Ctrl + Alt + D is not the double-underline shortcut.

B. Shift + Alt + U is not the double-underline shortcut.

C. Ctrl + Shift + U is not the double-underline shortcut.

D. Ctrl + Shift + D applies double underlining to selected text in Word.

Question 42 Computer

Which of the following is not a Power Point view?

- A. Slide Show View
- B. Side View
- C. Presentation View
- D. Outline View

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

A. Slide Show View IS a PowerPoint view — it runs the presentation.

B. 'Side View' is NOT a PowerPoint view — there is no view by that name, so B is a correct answer to the stem.

C. 'Presentation View' is NOT a PowerPoint view — there is no view by that name, so C is also a correct answer to the stem.

ew is a PowerPoint view — it shows the text outline. DEFECTIVE: two options (B 'Side View' and C 'Presentation View') are both correct answers to the stem, so no single answer can be filed; the reproduction's key is also internally inconsistent — the key letter is C while the key text reads 'Side View' (option B). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 43 Computer

USB stands for ___?

- A. Uniform System Bus
- B. Uniform System Bug
- C. Universal Serial Bus ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Universal System Bus

A. There is no 'Uniform System Bus' expansion.

B. There is no 'Uniform System Bug' expansion.

C. USB stands for Universal Serial Bus.

D. There is no 'Universal System Bus' expansion.

Question 44 Computer

____ are used to identify a user who returns to a website?

- A. Cookies ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Plug-ins
- C. Scripts
- D. ASP

A. Cookies are small files that identify a user returning to a website.

B. Plug-ins add features; they do not identify returning users.

n code, they do not identify returning users.

D. ASP is a server-side framework, not the identifier.

Question 45 Computer

CAD stands for?

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

A. 'Computer Application' is not the CAD expansion.

B. CAD stands for Computer Aided Design.

C. 'Computer Algorithm' is not the CAD expansion.

D. 'Computer Analogue Design' is not the CAD expansion.

Question 46 Computer

Which of the following are the functions of an operation system?

- A. Allocates Resources
- B. Monitors Activities
- C. Manages Disks and Files
- D. All of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. An operating system allocates resources — one of its functions.

B. An operating system monitors activities — one of its functions.

C. An operating system manages disks and files — one of its functions.

D. All three are functions of an operating system.

47 Computer

You can detect spelling and grammar errors by?

- A. Press Shift + F7
- B. Press Ctrl + F7
- C. Press Alt + F7
- D. Press F7 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Shift + F7 opens the thesaurus.

B. Ctrl + F7 is not the spelling-check shortcut.

C. Alt + F7 finds the next misspelling, not the full check.

D. F7 runs the spelling and grammar check in Word.

Question 48 Computer

JPEG stands for ___?

- A. Joint Photo Electronic Group
- B. Joint Picture Electronic Group
- C. Joint Photographic Experts Group ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Joint Picture Experts Group

A. There is no 'Joint Photo Electronic Group' expansion.

B. There is no 'Joint Picture Electronic Group' expansion.

C. JPEG stands for Joint Photographic Experts Group.

D. There is no 'Joint Picture Experts Group' expansion.

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