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Question 1 Pakistan Studies (Constitutional History)

Which is the only Pakistan's Vice president?

- A. Abdul Rab Nishtar
- B. Nawab Liaquat Ali Khan
- C. Sir Shahnawaz Khan
- D. Noorul Amin ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: a senior Muslim League leader and minister, never Vice-President.

akistan's first Prime Minister (1947–51), not Vice-President.

C. Wrong: a Sindh politician, never Vice-President.

D. Correct: Nurul Amin served as the sole Vice-President of Pakistan (1970–71) under President Yahya Khan; the office was then abolished and never filled again.

Question 2 General Knowledge (Flags)

Union jack is the flag of?

- A. UK ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. USA
- C. Vietnam
- D. Cuba

A. Correct: the Union Jack (Union Flag) is the national flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

B. Wrong: the US flag is the Stars and Stripes.

C. Wrong: Vietnam's flag is a yellow star on red.

D. Wrong: Cuba's flag is blue-and-white stripes with a red triangle and star.

Question 3 Current Affairs (2013)

Which country celebrating 60th victory against USA (in 2013?)

- A. North Korea ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. South Korea
- C. Vietnam
- D. Cuba

A. Correct: on 27 July 2013 North Korea held its largest-ever military parade in Pyongyang marking 60 years since the 1953 armistice, celebrated there as "Victory Day in the

iberation War" — a victory over the US-led forces.

B. Wrong: South Korea marks the same date as the end of the war, not as a victory over the USA — the USA was its ally.

C. Wrong: this is the printed key, but Vietnam's victory over the USA came in 1975; its 60th anniversary would fall in 2035, not 2013.

D. Wrong: Cuba celebrates its revolution (1959), not a 60th victory over the USA in 2013.

Question 4 Current Affairs (Afghanistan)

America will leave Afghanistan in?

- A. 2014 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 2015
- C. 2016
- D. 2017

A. Correct: the US-led ISAF combat mission ended on 31 December 2014, the date announced for the withdrawal of combat troops.

B. Wrong: this is the printed key, but 2015 was the first year of the follow-on Resolute Support training mission, not the withdrawal year.

C. Wrong: no withdrawal was scheduled for 2016; a residual force remained.

D. Wrong: no withdrawal was scheduled for 2017 either.

Question 5 Pakistan Studies (Afghan War)

Russia Afghan war ended through Geneva Accord which was signed on?

- A. 14th April 1988 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 19th April 1988
- C. 19th April 1989

n April 1989

A. Correct: the Geneva Accords between Afghanistan and Pakistan (with the USA and USSR as guarantors) were signed on 14 April 1988, setting the Soviet withdrawal timetable.

B. Wrong: no such signing date; 19 April is not the Accord date.

C. Wrong: by April 1989 the Soviet withdrawal (completed February 1989) was already over.

D. Wrong: a year after the Accords; the withdrawal was complete by then.

Question 6 Pakistan Studies (Gwadar)

From which country Gawadar was purchased?

- A. Oman ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Qatar
- C. Yaman
- D. Bahrain

A. Correct: Gwadar was an Omani enclave; Pakistan purchased it from the Sultan of Oman on 8 September 1958 for £3 million and it formally joined Pakistan that December.

B. Wrong: Qatar never held Gwadar.

C. Wrong: Yemen never held Gwadar.

D. Wrong: Bahrain never held Gwadar.

Question 7 Science (Physics)

Law of gravity was given by?

- A. Nicholas Copernicus
- B. Albert Einstein
- C. Galilee Galileo

ac Newton ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Copernicus gave the heliocentric model of the solar system, not the law of gravity.

B. Wrong: Einstein gave general relativity (1915), which superseded Newton's gravity, but the "law of gravity" is Newton's.

C. Wrong: Galileo studied falling bodies and inertia, but did not formulate the universal law of gravitation.

D. Correct: Newton published the law of universal gravitation in the Principia (1687).

Question 8 Islamic Studies (Quran)

First translation of the Quran in which language?

- A. Latin ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Urdu
- C. Persian
- D. English

A. Correct: Robert of Ketton translated the Quran into Latin in 1143 — the first complete translation into any European language.

B. Wrong: the first Urdu translation came centuries later (Shah Abdul Qadir, early 19th century).

C. Wrong: Persian renderings existed early in the Muslim world, but the question's book answer is the first translation, Latin; Persian translations followed the Latin one in the European tradition and are not the standard answer here.

D. Wrong: the first English translation (Alexander Ross, 1649) was made from the Latin, not from Arabic.

9 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah joind all India Muslim League in

- A. 1937 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1938
- C. 1939
- D. 1940

A. Correct: she first attended an All-India Muslim League session at Lucknow in October 1937, and reference works date her League affiliation from 1937.

B. Wrong as the joining year: in 1938 she became a member of the Bombay provincial branch and was appointed Convenor of the Women's Wing (Patna session, December 1938) — a later formal role, not her first joining.

C. Wrong as the joining year: in 1939 she became a permanent member of the AIML Council — again a later formal position.

D. Wrong: by 1940 she was already organising women for the Lahore session; she had joined years earlier.

Question 10 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

Lahore Resolution of 23rd march 1940 seconded from Sindh province by:

- A. G.M. Syed
- B. Mekhdoom Talibul Mula
- C. Abdullah Haroon ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto

A. Wrong: this is the printed key, but G.M. Syed was a Sindhi leader who later opposed the Pakistan demand; he did not second the Resolution from Sindh.

B. Wrong: Makhdoom Talib-ul-Maula was a Sindhi spiritual/political figure, not the seconder.

r Abdullah Haroon seconded the Lahore Resolution from Sindh (the other seconders were Khaliquzzaman from UP, Zafar Ali Khan from Punjab, Aurangzeb from NWFP and Qazi Isa from Balochistan).

D. Wrong: the father of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, a Sindh politician, but not the seconder of the Resolution.

Question 11 World History (India)

Congress launched "Qute India Movement" against the British government in:

- A. 1940
- B. 1941
- C. 1942 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1944

A. Wrong: 1940 saw the August Offer and the Lahore Resolution, not Quit India.

B. Wrong: this is the printed key, but no Quit India Movement was launched in 1941.

C. Correct: the All-India Congress Committee passed the Quit India Resolution on 8 August 1942 in Bombay, and Gandhi gave the "Do or Die" call.

D. Wrong: by 1944 Gandhi had been released from detention and the movement had been suppressed.

Question 12 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

Gandhi - Jinnah talks were held in 1944 to discuss the C.R formula, prepared by:

- A. Rai Gopal Acharia ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. VP Menon
- C. Abu -al -Kalam Azad
- D. Lord Wavell

A. Correct: C. Rajagopalachari ("Rajaji") drafted the C.R. Formula in 1944 as a basis for a

ague settlement, the Gandhi–Jinnah talks of September 1944 discussed it.

B. Wrong: V.P. Menon was a constitutional adviser involved in the transfer of power, not the author of the C.R. Formula.

C. Wrong: Abul Kalam Azad was Congress president at the time, not the formula's author.

D. Wrong: Lord Wavell was the Viceroy (1943–47), not the author of the formula.

Question 13 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

After sir Agha Khan the next President of all India Muslim League was:

- A. Vigar -ul -Malik
- B. Maulana Zafar Ali Khan
- C. Raja Sahib Mahmudabad ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Mian Muhammad Shafi

A. Wrong: Viqar-ul-Mulk (Nawab Viqar-ul-Mulk) was a League founder and secretary, not its next president.

B. Wrong: a prominent Leaguer and seconder of the Lahore Resolution, but never League president.

C. Correct: Sir Ali Muhammad Khan, Raja of Mahmudabad, was elected the second President of the All-India Muslim League in December 1915, succeeding the Aga Khan who had resigned in 1913.

D. Wrong: Sir Muhammad Shafi was a leading Punjabi Leaguer, not the League's next president after the Aga Khan.

Question 14 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

The Hindu had lot swadeshi movement: (to boycott English made goods) in the wake up:

- A. The Urdu Hindi controversy 1867

- C. Jallianwala Bagh tragedy 1919
- D. All of these events

A. Wrong: this is the printed key, but the 1867 Urdu–Hindi controversy sparked the Hindi–Urdu language dispute, not the Swadeshi boycott movement.

B. Correct: Lord Curzon's Partition of Bengal (announced July 1905, effective October 1905) triggered the Swadeshi Movement — the boycott of British goods and promotion of Indian goods.

C. Wrong: the 1919 massacre triggered the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920), not Swadeshi.

D. Wrong: only the Partition of Bengal caused Swadeshi, so "all of these" cannot be right.

Question 15 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

The pirpur report on the brutalities of the Congress ministers 1937, was compiled by"

- A. A. K. Fazal ul Haq
- B. Raja Mohammed Medhi ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nawab salim ullah Khan
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Fazlul Huq was the Bengal premier who moved the Lahore Resolution; he did not compile the Pirpur Report.

B. Correct: Raja Syed Muhammad Mehdi of Pirpur headed the committee whose 1938 report documented alleged Congress-ministry atrocities against Muslims.

C. Wrong: Nawab Salimullah of Dacca was a League founder (died 1915), long before the 1937 Congress ministries.

D. Wrong: option B names the compiler.

16 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

Name the viceroy who made August offer in 1940:

- A. Lord Linlithgow ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Lord Wavell
- C. Lord Mountbatten
- D. Lord Dalhousie

A. Correct: Victor Hope, Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy 1936–43, announced the August Offer on 8 August 1940.

B. Wrong: Wavell succeeded Linlithgow in 1943 and made the Wavell Plan (1945), not the August Offer.

C. Wrong: this is the printed key, but Mountbatten was the last Viceroy (1947) and author of the 3 June Plan, not the August Offer.

D. Wrong: Dalhousie was Governor-General in 1848–56, nearly a century earlier.

Question 17 Pakistan Studies (Pakistan Movement)

Khanpur Mosque tragedy had taken place in:

- A. 1909
- B. 1910
- C. 1913 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1915

A. Wrong: no Kanpur mosque incident in 1909.

B. Wrong: no Kanpur mosque incident in 1910.

C. Correct: on 3 August 1913 the British demolished part of the Machhli Bazar mosque in Kanpur, and police firing on protesters killed several Muslims — the Kanpur Mosque tragedy.

o Kanpur mosque incident in 1915.

Question 18 Current Affairs (United Nations)

Pakistan has been elected non- permanent members of United Nations Security Council of the:

- A. First time
- B. Third time
- C. Fifth time
- D. Seven time ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Pakistan first served on the Council in 1952–53.

B. Wrong: the third term was 1976–77.

C. Wrong: the fifth term was 1993–94.

D. Correct: Pakistan's terms were 1952–53, 1968–69, 1976–77, 1983–84, 1993–94, 2003–04 and 2012–13 — the seventh term, current when this paper was set.

Question 19 General Knowledge (Monarchy)

The World's oldest serving monarchy is in;

- A. England
- B. Japan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Nepal

A. Wrong: the English/British monarchy is old (over a thousand years) but younger than Japan's, traditionally dated to 660 BC.

B. Correct: the Imperial House of Japan is the oldest continuous hereditary monarchy in the world.

e Saudi monarchy dates to the 18th century (1744) and the modern kingdom to 1932.

D. Wrong: Nepal's monarchy ended in 2008, and it was far younger than Japan's in any case.

Question 20 General Knowledge (Education)

" Pedagogy" is a science of

- A. Bodily diseases
- B. Stamp collecting
- C. Languages
- D. Teaching ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the study of bodily diseases is pathology/medicine.

B. Wrong: stamp collecting is philately.

C. Wrong: the study of languages is linguistics.

D. Correct: pedagogy is the art and science of teaching, especially of children.

Question 21 Science (Computers)

Digital computer was invented by:

- A. Vannevor Bush
- B. John Harrison
- C. M. R bessel
- D. Howard Ailken ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Vannevar Bush built the differential analyser, an ANALOGUE computer, not a digital one.

B. Wrong: John Harrison built marine chronometers (18th century), not computers.

computer inventor of this name; the printed name is garbled.

D. Correct: Howard Aiken (printed "Ailken") led the Harvard Mark I project (1944), the first programmable large-scale digital computer in the standard MCQ-book account.

Question 22 General Knowledge (SAARC)

The highest literacy rate among the SAARC countries is in:

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

A. Wrong: India's literacy rate (around 74% at the time) is below Sri Lanka's.

B. Wrong: the Maldives has high literacy (around 98%) but Sri Lanka's is marginally higher and is the standard book answer.

C. Correct: Sri Lanka's literacy rate (about 91–93%) is the highest among the SAARC countries.

D. Wrong: Pakistan's literacy rate is the lowest among the larger SAARC states.

Question 23 Pakistan Studies (Indus Waters)

Which international agency supervised Indus Basin Treaty, 1960 between Pakistan and India?

- A. IMF
- B. World Bank ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. World Health organisation
- D. International Red Cross

A. Wrong: the International Monetary Fund deals with balance of payments, not river waters.

The World Bank mediated the nine-year negotiations and the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty names the Bank as the appointing authority in disputes.

C. Wrong: the WHO deals with health, not water treaties.

D. Wrong: the ICRC deals with humanitarian law and war victims, not water treaties.

Question 24 Current Affairs (Arms Trade)

According to a recent survey the word's largest importer of weapons is:

- A. China
- B. India ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Iran

A. Wrong: China was the second-largest importer in 2009–13, behind India.

B. Correct: SIPRI's March 2014 fact sheet (covering 2009–13) ranks India first among arms importers with 14% of world imports, three times its nearest rivals.

C. Wrong: this is the printed key, but in the paper's era Saudi Arabia ranked only fifth (4%); it became the largest importer only later, in 2014–18.

D. Wrong: Iran was under an arms embargo and was not among the top importers.

Question 25 General Knowledge (United Nations)

Of the various agencies of the United Nations the oldest one is:

- A. International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- B. Universal postal Union ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. World Health Organisation Who
- D. World Meterological Organisation (WMO)

A. Wrong: the ILO was founded in 1919 — 45 years after the UPU.

The UPU was founded by the Treaty of Bern on 9 October 1874, the oldest of the four agencies listed (the ITU, founded 1865, is older still but is not an option).

C. Wrong: this is the printed key, but the WHO was founded in 1948.

D. Wrong: the WMO was founded in 1950.

Question 26 General Knowledge (Books)

"On China" book is written by:

- A. Henry Kissinger ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Noam Chomsky
- C. Z. Brzezinski
- D. Stanlay Wolpert

A. Correct: the former US Secretary of State wrote "On China" (2011).

B. Wrong: Chomsky wrote "On Power and Ideology" and many other works, but not "On China".

C. Wrong: Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote "The Grand Chessboard", not "On China".

D. Wrong: Stanley Wolpert wrote on South Asian history (e.g. "Jinnah of Pakistan"), not "On China".

Question 27 General Knowledge (Religion)

The foundation stone of the Sikhism's holiest place "Golden Temple" at Amritsar was laid by:

- A. Ahmad Shah Bukhari
- B. Baba Guru Nanak
- C. Hazrat Mian Mir ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of the above

o such figure laid the Golden Temple's foundation stone.

B. Wrong: Guru Nanak founded Sikhism (1469) but died in 1539, decades before the temple was begun.

C. Correct: the Muslim Sufi saint Mian Mir laid the foundation stone of the Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in December 1588/1589 at Guru Ram Das's invitation.

D. Wrong: option C names the right person.

Question 28 General Knowledge (Rivers)

Khartoum is situated on bank of river

- A. Delaware River
- B. Rhine River
- C. Neil River. ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: the Delaware flows through the eastern USA (Philadelphia), not Sudan.

B. Wrong: the Rhine flows through western Europe.

C. Correct: Khartoum, capital of Sudan, stands at the confluence of the White Nile and the Blue Nile.

D. Wrong: option C is right.

Question 29 General Knowledge (Rivers)

Paris is situated on bank of river

- A. Seine River ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Spree river
- C. Rhine River
- D. Tames River

aris is built on the banks of the River Seine in northern France.

B. Wrong: the Spree flows through Berlin.

C. Wrong: the Rhine flows through Germany and the Netherlands, not Paris.

D. Wrong: the Thames (printed "Tames") flows through London.

Question 30 General Knowledge (Rivers)

Which is the longest river in the world?

- A. Nile ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Amazon
- C. Volga
- D. Mississippi

A. Correct: the Nile is generally reckoned the longest river in the world at about 6,650 km.

B. Wrong: the Amazon carries the most water and is the longest by some measurements, but the standard book answer for "longest" is the Nile.

C. Wrong: the Volga (3,690 km) is Europe's longest river, far shorter than the Nile.

D. Wrong: the Mississippi (3,766 km) is North America's longest, far shorter than the Nile.

Question 31 General Knowledge (Rivers)

The largest river of Asia is:

- A. Yangtze ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ganga
- C. Indus
- D. Mekong

A. Correct: the Yangtze (Chang Jiang) is the longest river in Asia and the third-longest in the world.

e Ganges (2,525 km) is much shorter than the Yangtze.

C. Wrong: the Indus (3,180 km) is much shorter than the Yangtze.

D. Wrong: the Mekong (4,350 km) is long but shorter than the Yangtze.

Question 32 General Knowledge (Rivers)

On which river is New York situated

- A. River Colorado
- B. River Hudson ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Indus
- D. Mekong

A. Wrong: the Colorado flows through the Grand Canyon in the American south-west.

B. Correct: New York City stands where the Hudson River meets the Atlantic at New York Bay.

C. Wrong: the Indus flows through Pakistan.

D. Wrong: the Mekong flows through South-East Asia.

Question 33 General Knowledge (Rivers)

London is situated on bank of river

- A. Delaware River river
- B. Nile River
- C. Thames River ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: the Delaware is in the eastern USA.

B. Wrong: the Nile flows through north-east Africa.

London is built on the River Thames.

D. Wrong: option C is right.

Question 34 General Knowledge (Geography)

The international date line passes through:

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

A. Wrong: the Atlantic is crossed by the Prime Meridian (0°), not the Date Line.

B. Correct: the International Date Line runs down the middle of the Pacific Ocean, mostly along the 180th meridian.

C. Wrong: the Date Line does not cross the Indian Ocean.

D. Wrong: the Date Line's northern end touches the Arctic, but it passes through the Pacific.

Question 35 General Knowledge (Agriculture)

What type of climate is required for sugarcane?

- A. Dry and hot
- B. Hot and wet ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Cold and dry
- D. Cold and wet

A. Wrong: sugarcane needs abundant water; a dry climate stunts it.

B. Correct: sugarcane is a tropical crop needing 21–27°C temperatures and 75–150 cm of rainfall.

ost kills sugarcane and dryness starves it.

D. Wrong: sugarcane cannot grow in cold climates.

Question 36 Science (Instruments)

Which one of the following is used for measuring the speed of wind?

- A. Hygrometer
- B. Barometer
- C. Anemometer ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Thermometer

A. Wrong: a hygrometer measures humidity.

B. Wrong: a barometer measures air pressure.

C. Correct: an anemometer measures wind speed (and often direction).

D. Wrong: a thermometer measures temperature.

Question 37 General Knowledge (Geography)

What is the Great Barrier Reef?

- A. A belt of coral along the east coasts of Australia ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. A cave between Sydney and Melbourne
- C. A fish found area near New Zealand
- D. A mine situated in the Great Victoria

A. Correct: the Great Barrier Reef is a 2,300 km system of coral reefs off Queensland, Australia — the world's largest living structure.

B. Wrong: there is no such cave; the Reef is in the sea, off the north-east coast.

C. Wrong: the Reef is off Australia, not New Zealand, and it is coral, not merely a fishing area.

e Reef is a natural coral system, not a mine.

Question 38 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which of the following countries are landlocked?

- A. Chad
- B. Switzerland
- C. Uganda
- D. All of the above ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong as the single answer: Chad is landlocked, but so are Switzerland and Uganda, so one country alone is not the answer.

B. Wrong as the single answer: Switzerland is landlocked, but so are Chad and Uganda.

C. Wrong as the single answer: Uganda is landlocked, but so are Chad and Switzerland.

D. Correct: all three countries are landlocked, so "all of the above" is the answer.

Question 39 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which of the lowest water body on earth?

- A. Black Sea
- B. Dead Sea ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Aral Sea
- D. Red Sea

A. Wrong: the Black Sea's surface is at sea level.

B. Correct: the Dead Sea lies about 430 metres below sea level — the lowest exposed water surface on Earth.

C. Wrong: the Aral Sea's surface is above sea level (about 40 m).

D. Wrong: the Red Sea's surface is at sea level.

40 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which among the following is a landlocked sea?

- A. Timor Sea
- B. Arafure Sea
- C. Greenland Sea
- D. Arial sea ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the Timor Sea is part of the open Indian Ocean, between Timor and Australia.

B. Wrong: the Arafura Sea is part of the open ocean between Australia and New Guinea.

C. Wrong: the Greenland Sea is part of the open Arctic/North Atlantic.

D. Correct: the Aral Sea is an endorheic (landlocked) inland sea between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, with no connection to any ocean.

Question 41 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which continent is host to the most country in the world?

- A. America
- B. Asia
- C. Africa ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Europe

A. Wrong: North and South America together have 35 countries, fewer than Africa.

B. Wrong: Asia has 48–49 countries, fewer than Africa.

C. Correct: Africa has 54 recognised countries, the most of any continent.

D. Wrong: Europe has about 44–50 countries, fewer than Africa.

42 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which of the following countries is landlocked country?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Belarus
- C. Austria
- D. All of the above ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong as the single answer: Switzerland is landlocked, but so are Belarus and Austria.

B. Wrong as the single answer: Belarus is landlocked, but so are Switzerland and Austria.

C. Wrong as the single answer: Austria is landlocked, but so are Switzerland and Belarus.

D. Correct: all three countries have no sea coast.

Question 43 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which of the following countries got status of landlocked country on 28th June 2006?

- A. Montenegro
- B. Serbia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. San Marino
- D. Bolivia

A. Wrong: Montenegro GAINED a coastline when it became independent on 3 June 2006; it is not landlocked.

B. Correct: when Montenegro (Serbia's outlet to the Adriatic) declared independence in June 2006, Serbia lost its coastline and became landlocked.

C. Wrong: San Marino has been landlocked for centuries, not since 2006.

D. Wrong: Bolivia lost its coastline to Chile in 1884, not in 2006.

44 General Knowledge (Geography)

The world's longest glacier is found in Antarctica. what is it called?

- A. Amundsen
- B. Lambert - Fisher ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Beardmore
- D. Scott

A. Wrong: the Amundsen Glacier is an Antarctic glacier, but not the longest.

B. Correct: the Lambert Glacier (with the Fisher Glacier system), in East Antarctica, is about 400 km long — the world's longest glacier.

C. Wrong: the Beardmore Glacier is long (about 160 km) but much shorter than the Lambert.

D. Wrong: the Scott Glacier is an Antarctic glacier, but not the longest.

Question 45 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which sea on earth has no beaches?

- A. Sargasso sea ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Bass Sea
- C. Nomad Sea
- D. Utopia Sea

A. Correct: the Sargasso Sea, in the North Atlantic, is the only sea with no land boundary at all — it is bounded by four ocean currents — so it has no beaches.

B. Wrong: Bass Strait (between Tasmania and mainland Australia) has coasts and beaches.

C. Wrong: no such sea exists.

D. Wrong: no such sea exists.

46 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which of the following countries is a landlocked?

- A. Uruguay
- B. Pakistan
- C. Switzerland ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. All of the above

A. Wrong: Uruguay has an Atlantic coastline.

B. Wrong: Pakistan has a 1,046 km coastline on the Arabian Sea.

C. Correct: Switzerland is landlocked, bordered by France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Liechtenstein.

D. Wrong: Uruguay and Pakistan both have coasts, so "all of the above" fails.

Question 47 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which Indian state lies between Bhutan and Nepal?

- A. Utter Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Sikkim ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Uttar Pradesh borders Nepal but not Bhutan, and lies to the west.

B. Wrong: Punjab borders neither Nepal nor Bhutan.

C. Wrong: Rajasthan borders neither Nepal nor Bhutan.

D. Correct: Sikkim is wedged between Nepal to the west and Bhutan to the east, with China to the north.

48 Mathematics (Arithmetic)

2 numbers differ :by 5 if their product is 336 then the sum of the 2 number is

- A. 21
- B. 51
- C. 28
- D. 37 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: 21 is the LARGER number, not the sum.

B. Wrong: no pair differing by 5 with product 336 sums to 51.

C. Wrong: no pair differing by 5 with product 336 sums to 28.

D. Correct: let the numbers be x and x+5; $x(x+5)=336$ gives $x^2+5x-336=0$, $(x+21)(x-16)=0$, so x=16, the other is 21, and 16+21=37.

Question 49 Mathematics (LCM)

The least number exactly divisible by 12, 15, 20, 54 is

- A. 532
- B. 220
- C. 540 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 500

A. Wrong: 532 is not divisible by 15 or 20.

B. Wrong: 220 is not divisible by 12 or 15.

C. Correct: $12=2^2\cdot3$, $15=3\cdot5$, $20=2^2\cdot5$, $54=2\cdot3^3$, so LCM$=2^2\cdot3^3\cdot5=540$; and $540\div12=45$, $540\div15=36$, $540\div20=27$, $540\div54=10$.

D. Wrong: 500 is not divisible by 12 or 54.

50 Mathematics (Geometry)

The diagonals of a rhombus are 15cm and 20cm. Find its area?

- A. 120 sq cm
- B. 300 sq cm
- C. 150 sq cm ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 480 sq cm

A. Wrong: 120 is not (15×20)/2.

B. Wrong: 300 is the full product 15×20, without the halving.

C. Correct: area = (diagonal$_1$ × diagonal$_2$) ÷ 2 = (15 × 20) ÷ 2 = 150 sq cm.

D. Wrong: 480 has no relation to 15×20÷2.

Question 51 Mathematics (Partnership)

P and Q started business with RS 15000 and Rs. 10000 respectively. Find the share of p in an annual profit of Rs 25000

- A. Rs. 8000
- B. Rs. 6000
- C. Rs. 10000
- D. Rs. 15000 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: 8000 is not 3/5 of 25000.

B. Wrong: 6000 is not 3/5 of 25000.

C. Wrong: 10000 is Q's share (2/5 of 25000), not P's.

D. Correct: capital ratio P:Q = 15000:10000 = 3:2; P's share = 3/(3+2) × 25000 = 15000.

52 Mathematics (Simple Interest)

An amount doubles itself in 5 years with simple interest. what is the rate of interest?

- A. 20 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 25
- C. 33
- D. 35

A. Correct: doubling means interest equals the principal (100%) in 5 years, so the annual rate is 100÷5 = 20%.

B. Wrong: at 25% the amount would grow by 125% in 5 years, more than doubling.

C. Wrong: far too high; the amount would more than treble.

D. Wrong: far too high; the amount would nearly triple.

Question 53 Mathematics (Averages)

In a cricket match 5 batsmen A, B, C, D and E scored an average of 36 hours. D scored 5 more than E: E scored 8 fewer than A;B scored as many as D and E combined; and B and C scored 107 between them. How many runs did E score?

- A. 62
- B. 45
- C. 28
- D. 20 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: 62 does not satisfy the five conditions.

B. Wrong: 45 does not satisfy the five conditions.

C. Wrong: 28 does not satisfy the five conditions.

D. Correct: total runs = 5×36 = 180. Let E's score be e: D = e+5, A = e+8, B = D+E = 2e+5, C = 107−B = 102−2e. Summing, (e+8)+(2e+5)+(102−2e)+(e+5)+e = 3e+120 = 180, so e = 20.

"36 hours" is a misprint for "36 runs".)

Question 54 Reasoning (Coding)

It's STRAY is coded as TISBZ then how will MOURN be coded it?

- A. LPVSO
- B. NPVSO ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. NVPSO
- D. NPSVO

A. Wrong: the first letter should be N (M+1), not L.

B. Correct: shifting every letter one step forward gives M→N, O→P, U→V, R→S, N→O = NPVSO.

C. Wrong: the second and third letters are transposed against the +1 pattern.

D. Wrong: the third and fourth letters are transposed against the +1 pattern. (NOTE: the given example "STRAY → TISBZ" fits the +1 pattern in four of five letters — S→T, R→S, A→B, Y→Z — but its second letter is printed I where the pattern requires U (T→U); the I is a reproduction misprint, and the key B is the consistent +1 result.)

Question 55 General Knowledge (Universities)

Where is the world's oldest University?

- A. Fez founded in 859 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Samberg Morocco
- C. Oxford UK
- D. Harvard USA

A. Correct: the University of al-Qarawiyyin, Fez, Morocco, founded by Fatima al-Fihri in 859, is recognised (Guinness World Records) as the oldest existing university in the world.

B. Wrong: no such university; the wording is garbled.

‹ford (teaching from 1096) is the oldest university in the English-speaking world, but younger than al-Qarawiyyin.

D. Wrong: Harvard (1636) is the oldest university in the USA, far younger than Fez.

Question 56 General Knowledge ("Oldest Democracy")

Which is the world's oldest democracy?

- A. UK ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. San Marino
- C. Iceland
- D. Greece

A. PICKED: the United Kingdom is the standard GK-book answer for "oldest democracy" (the mother of parliaments, with continuous parliamentary government since the 13th century) and is the printed key.

B. Rival: San Marino claims to be the world's oldest republic (founded 301 AD) and the oldest surviving sovereign state with a republican constitution — a strong rival if "oldest democracy" is read as "oldest republic".

C. Wrong for this question: Iceland has the oldest parliament (the Althing, 930 AD) and is the answer to the NEXT question (Q57, "continuously oldest democracy"), not this one.

D. Wrong: Greece is the BIRTHPLACE of democracy (Athens, 5th century BC), but its democracy did not survive continuously.

Question 57 General Knowledge ("Oldest Democracy")

Which is the world's continuously oldest democracy?

- A. Uk
- B. San Marino
- C. Iceland ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the UK is the answer to Q56 in the book convention, not to "continuously oldest".

B. Wrong: San Marino is the oldest republic, but its claim rests on founding date, not on the continuous democratic assembly that this question asks about.

C. Correct: Iceland's Althing, established in 930 AD, is the world's oldest parliament still in existence — the standard book answer for the oldest continuously functioning democracy.

D. Wrong: ancient Greek democracy ended with Macedonian and Roman rule; it is not continuous.

Question 58 General Knowledge (Constitutions)

The oldest written constitution of government in effect is in what country?

- A. USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sweden
- C. UK
- D. Greece

A. Correct: the United States Constitution, in effect since 1789, is the oldest written national constitution still in force.

B. Wrong: Sweden's Instrument of Government dates to 1974 in its current form (with older roots), younger than the US Constitution.

C. Wrong: the UK has no single written constitution at all — its constitution is unwritten.

D. Wrong: Greece's current constitution dates to 1975.

Question 59 General Knowledge (Money)

Which country were modern banknotes first used?

- B. Sweden ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Germany
- D. France

A. Wrong: Italy had early banking, but not the first modern banknotes.

B. Correct: Stockholms Banco issued Europe's first banknotes in 1661 — the first modern banknotes (earlier Chinese paper money was not a modern banking note).

C. Wrong: Germany did not issue the first modern banknotes.

D. Wrong: France's first banknotes came later (early 18th century, John Law's bank).

Question 60 General Knowledge (United Nations)

What is the first country to leave the United Nation?

- A. Indonesia ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ghana
- C. Egypt
- D. Iran

A. Correct: Indonesia withdrew from the United Nations on 20 January 1965 (over the Malaysia confrontation) and rejoined in September 1966 — the only member state ever to leave.

B. Wrong: Ghana has never left the UN.

C. Wrong: Egypt has never left the UN.

D. Wrong: Iran has never left the UN.

Question 61 General Knowledge (Inventions)

What company pioneered floppy discs?

- B. Dell
- C. Compaq
- D. Apple

A. Correct: IBM invented the floppy disk (the 8-inch diskette, 1971, led by Alan Shugart's team) for loading microcode.

B. Wrong: Dell (founded 1984) made PCs, not the floppy disk.

C. Wrong: Compaq (founded 1982) made portable PCs, not the floppy disk.

D. Wrong: Apple popularised the 3.5-inch floppy (Macintosh, 1984) but did not pioneer the floppy disk.

Question 62 General Knowledge (USA)

What is the first country to recognize the US and independent?

- A. Morocco ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sweden
- C. Germany
- D. France

A. Correct: in December 1777 Sultan Mohammed III of Morocco recognised American independence — the first head of state to do so — and the 1786 Treaty of Marrakech followed.

B. Wrong: Sweden recognised the USA later (1783 treaty).

C. Wrong: there was no united Germany in the 1770s.

D. Wrong: France was the first GREAT POWER to recognise the USA (1778 treaty of alliance), but Morocco recognised it first, in 1777.

63 General Knowledge (World History)

What country declared itself first atheist state in 1967?

- A. Albania ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. France
- C. Turkey
- D. Russia

A. Correct: in 1967 Enver Hoxha's Albania declared itself the world's first atheist state, closing mosques and churches.

B. Wrong: revolutionary France was secular, but never declared itself an atheist state.

C. Wrong: Atatürk's Turkey was secular, not atheist.

D. Wrong: the USSR promoted state atheism but never formally declared itself "the first atheist state" in 1967.

Question 64 General Knowledge (Medicine)

In what city was the world's first blood bank open 1940?

- A. New York ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. London
- C. Piras
- D. Berlin

A. Correct: in 1940 Charles Drew set up the first blood bank ("Blood for Britain") at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

B. Wrong: London received the blood, but the first blood bank was in New York.

C. Wrong: Paris ("Piras") did not host the first blood bank.

D. Wrong: Berlin did not host the first blood bank.

65 General Knowledge (Medicine)

Who was the pioneer of the world's first blood bank?

- A. Richard Charles Drew ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. William Gibson
- C. Thomas Octave Murroughs
- D. Edgar Rice Burroughs

A. Correct: Dr Charles Richard Drew developed the techniques for storing blood plasma and founded the first blood bank in 1940.

B. Wrong: William Gibson is a science-fiction novelist (Neuromancer), not a medical pioneer.

C. Wrong: no such medical pioneer; the name is a distractor.

D. Wrong: Edgar Rice Burroughs wrote Tarzan, and had nothing to do with blood banks.

Question 66 General Knowledge (Spices)

What country first used pepper?

- A. China
- B. India ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Greece
- D. Syria

A. Wrong: this is the printed key, but pepper is not native to China; China imported it from India.

B. Correct: black pepper comes from the Malabar Coast of south-west India, where it was first cultivated and used, thousands of years ago.

C. Wrong: the Greeks knew pepper only as an imported luxury from India.

D. Wrong: Syria was a transit point in the spice trade, not pepper's home.

67 Science (Nobel Prizes)

Who was the first scientist to win 2 Noble science prizes?

- A. Pierre Curie
- B. Henri Becquerel
- C. James Waston
- D. Marie Curie ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Pierre Curie won one Nobel Prize (Physics, 1903, shared with Marie).

B. Wrong: Becquerel won one Nobel Prize (Physics, 1903, shared with the Curies).

C. Wrong: James Watson won one Nobel Prize (Physiology or Medicine, 1962, for DNA).

D. Correct: Marie Curie is the only person to win Nobel Prizes in two different sciences — Physics (1903) and Chemistry (1911).

Question 68 General Knowledge (Geography)

In which country is the driest place on earth situated?

- A. Argentina
- B. Libya
- C. Chile ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Namibia

A. Wrong: Argentina has arid regions (e.g. Patagonia), but not the driest place on Earth.

B. Wrong: Libya's Sahara is extremely dry, but the Atacama is drier.

C. Correct: the Atacama Desert in northern Chile is the driest non-polar place on Earth — some stations have never recorded rain.

D. Wrong: the Namib Desert is very dry, but not the driest place on Earth.

69 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which is the largest country of the world according to area?

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

A. Wrong: China (9.6 million sq km) is the fourth-largest, smaller than Russia.

B. Wrong: Canada (9.98 million sq km) is the second-largest, smaller than Russia.

C. Wrong: the USA (9.83 million sq km) is the third-largest, smaller than Russia.

D. Correct: Russia covers about 17,098,242 sq km — the largest country on Earth.

Question 70 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which country has longest coastal line?

- A. China
- B. Australia
- C. Canada ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. USA

A. Wrong: China's coastline is about 14,500 km, far shorter than Canada's.

B. Wrong: Australia's coastline is about 59,736 km, far shorter than Canada's.

C. Correct: Canada has the world's longest coastline (about 202,080 km), thanks to its Arctic archipelago.

D. Wrong: the USA's coastline is about 19,924 km, far shorter than Canada's.

71 General Knowledge (Geography)

Name of the country shares 16 borders with other states:

- A. China
- B. Russia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

A. Wrong: this is the printed key, but China borders 14 countries, not 16.

B. Correct: Russia shares borders with 16 sovereign states (14 land neighbours — Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China, North Korea — plus maritime borders with the USA and Japan).

C. Wrong: India borders 7 countries.

D. Wrong: Pakistan borders 4 countries (India, China, Afghanistan, Iran).

Question 72 General Knowledge (Industry)

In which country was the first oil - will drilled in 1859

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Russia
- D. Venezuela

A. Wrong: Saudi oil was first struck in 1938, not 1859.

B. Correct: Edwin Drake drilled the first commercial oil well at Titusville, Pennsylvania, in August 1859.

C. Wrong: Russia's oil industry began later (Baku, 1870s).

D. Wrong: Venezuela's oil boom began in the 1910s–1920s.

73 General Knowledge (Agriculture/Trade)

Which of the following countries is the largest supplier of meat?

- A. Argentina ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Pakistan
- C. Iran
- D. Arabia

A. PICKED: Argentina is a world-leading beef exporter (top five globally) and far larger in meat exports than any of the other three options.

B. Wrong: Pakistan's meat exports are small beside Argentina's.

C. Wrong: Iran is a net meat importer, not a major supplier.

D. Wrong: Saudi Arabia is a large meat importer, not a supplier. (NOTE: the question as worded has no fully correct option — the world's largest meat supplier is Brazil (beef) / the USA (overall); Argentina is the largest OF THE FOUR LISTED, and is therefore the intended answer.)

Question 74 General Knowledge (Weather)

Which type of storm the most servere Storm?

- A. Hurricane
- B. Tornado ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Typhoon
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: hurricanes are the largest and most destructive storms overall, but their winds (up to about 300 km/h) are weaker than a tornado's.

B. Correct: tornadoes produce the fastest winds on Earth (over 480 km/h recorded) and are the most severe storm by wind intensity — the standard book answer.

typhoon is the same phenomenon as a hurricane (a tropical cyclone, in the western Pacific), not a distinct more-severe type.

D. Wrong: option B is the standard answer.

Question 75 General Knowledge (Geography)

Which two countries share longest frontier (16416 km) in the world,?

- A. China and India
- B. Australia and Japan
- C. Canada and USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: the China–India border is about 3,488 km, far shorter.

B. Wrong: Australia and Japan share no land border at all.

C. Correct: the Canada–United States border (8,891 km including Alaska) is the longest international border in the world; the stem's "16416 km" is a reproduction error and is flagged, not relied on.

D. Wrong: option C names the right pair.

Question 76 General Knowledge (Space)

Who was the first woman to become a cosmonaut?

- A. Christa McAuliffe
- B. Mae jemison
- C. Valentina Tereskova ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Elena kondakova

A. Wrong: McAuliffe was a teacher who died in the Challenger disaster (1986); she never flew.

Mae Jemison was the first African-American woman in space (1992), not the first woman cosmonaut.

C. Correct: Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space aboard Vostok 6 on 16 June 1963.

D. Wrong: Elena Kondakova flew in 1994 — the third Soviet/Russian woman in space, decades later.

Question 77 General Knowledge (Demographics)

What is the largest Muslim country in the world by population according to survey of 2013?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Indonesia ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Pakistan has the second-largest Muslim population, behind Indonesia.

B. Wrong: Saudi Arabia's population (about 30 million) is far smaller than Indonesia's Muslim population.

C. Wrong: Kazakhstan's population (about 18 million) is far smaller.

D. Correct: Indonesia, with over 200 million Muslims, has the largest Muslim population of any country.

Question 78 General Knowledge (USA Politics)

Who was the first Black woman elected to the U. S. Congress?

- A. Shirley Chisholm ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ann j.Cooper
- C. Rosa parks

ne of the above

A. Correct: Shirley Chisholm was elected to the US House of Representatives from New York in 1968 — the first Black woman in Congress (she later ran for President in 1972).

B. Wrong: Anna J. Cooper was a 19th/early-20th-century scholar and educator, never a member of Congress.

C. Wrong: Rosa Parks was a civil-rights activist, never elected to Congress.

D. Wrong: option A is right.

Question 79 General Knowledge (Nobel Prizes)

Who was the first woman to win a Nobel prize?

- A. Selma Lagerlof
- B. Pearl Buck
- C. Betty Williams
- D. Marie Curie ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Selma Lagerlöf was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in LITERATURE (1909), not the first woman laureate overall.

B. Wrong: Pearl Buck won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1938, decades after Curie.

C. Wrong: Betty Williams won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1976, decades after Curie.

D. Correct: Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903 — the first woman ever to win a Nobel Prize.

Question 80 General Knowledge (Women Leaders)

Who was the first female prime Minister?

- A. Margaret Thatcher
- B. Mary Eugenia Charles

navo Bandaranaike ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. India Gandhi

A. Wrong: Thatcher became British prime minister in 1979 — the first woman in that office, but 19 years after Bandaranaike.

B. Wrong: Eugenia Charles became prime minister of Dominica in 1980, two decades later.

C. Correct: Sirimavo Bandaranaike became Prime Minister of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in July 1960 — the first woman in the world to hold the office.

D. Wrong: Indira Gandhi became India's prime minister in 1966, six years after Bandaranaike.

Question 81 General Knowledge (Space)

Who was the first African - American woman in space?

- A. Susan Jana Helms
- B. Sally Ride
- C. Marsha Sue lvins
- D. Mae Jamison ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Susan Helms is a white American astronaut (first woman on the ISS crew, 2001), not African-American.

B. Wrong: Sally Ride was the first American woman in space (1983), but not African-American.

C. Wrong: Marsha Ivins is a white American astronaut, not African-American.

D. Correct: Dr Mae Jemison flew on Space Shuttle Endeavour (STS-47) in September 1992 — the first African-American woman in space.

82 General Knowledge (Anthems)

Which country has the word oldest national Anthem?

- A. Netherland ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Denmark
- C. Japan
- D. Greece

A. Correct: the Dutch "Wilhelmus", written 1568–72, is the oldest known national anthem in the world (oldest music, first written down 1574, in use since the 17th century).

B. Wrong: Denmark's anthem "Der er et yndigt land" dates to the 19th century.

C. Wrong: this is the printed key, but Japan's "Kimigayo" holds only the record for the OLDEST LYRICS (a poem from 905 AD); it was not set to music until 1880, so as an anthem it is younger than the Wilhelmus.

D. Wrong: Greece's anthem dates to the 19th century (1823 poem, adopted 1865).

Question 83 General Knowledge (Women Leaders)

Which head of Government was the first to give birth in office?

- A. Srimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka
- B. Maria Estate pew of Argentina
- C. Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Bandaranaike was the first female prime minister, but she did not give birth while in office.

B. Wrong: María Estela ("Isabel") Perón became President of Argentina in 1974, but did not give birth in office.

C. Correct: Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, gave birth to her daughter

n January 1990 — the first head of government in modern history to give birth while in office.

D. Wrong: option C is right.

Question 84 General Knowledge (Aviation)

Who was the first man to fly across the English Channel?

- A. Louis Bleriot ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Douglas Bsder
- C. Margaret Mitchell
- D. Wait Disney

A. Correct: French aviator Louis Blériot made the first powered flight across the English Channel on 25 July 1909, Calais to Dover.

B. Wrong: Douglas Bader was a Second World War fighter pilot, three decades later.

C. Wrong: Margaret Mitchell wrote "Gone with the Wind"; she was not an aviator.

D. Wrong: Walt Disney founded the Disney studio; he never flew the Channel.

Question 85 General Knowledge (Calendars)

Which is the first day of the year in the Roman calendar?

- A. 15th March
- B. 25th March
- C. 29th March
- D. 1st March ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: 15 March was the Ides of March (and the day consuls took office in the later Republic), not New Year's Day.

B. Wrong: 25 March was later used as New Year's Day in some medieval calendars, not the

C. Wrong: no Roman New Year fell on 29 March.

D. Correct: in the early Roman calendar the year began on 1 March (which is why September–December are named as the 7th–10th months); January became New Year's Day only later (153 BC).

Question 86 General Knowledge (Olympics)

What was the worst Team sport played in the modern Olympics?

- A. Water polo ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ice Hockey
- C. Football
- D. None of these

A. Correct: water polo, introduced at Paris 1900, was the first team sport contested at the modern Olympic Games.

B. Wrong: ice hockey entered the Olympics at Antwerp 1920, two decades later.

C. Wrong: football entered the Olympics at Paris 1900 as well, but water polo is the book answer for the first team sport; football's first Olympic tournament was also 1900, yet the standard answer keyed here is water polo.

D. Wrong: option A is the keyed answer. (STEM DEFECT: "worst" makes no sense; the standard question is "first team sport", and the keyed answer matches it.)

Question 87 General Knowledge (Science)

What is the oldest known science?

- A. Astronomy ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Biology
- C. Chemistry

A. Correct: astronomy — the observation of the heavens for calendars, navigation and omens — predates all other sciences, going back to prehistoric times.

B. Wrong: biology as a science is far younger (19th century in its modern form).

C. Wrong: chemistry grew out of alchemy in the 17th–18th centuries, far younger than astronomy.

D. Wrong: sociology is a 19th-century social science, the youngest of the four.

Question 88 General Knowledge (Conservation)

In what country was the world's first wildlife sanctuary set up?

- A. Sri Lanka 3rd cent BC ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Canada 3rd cent BC
- C. Russia 3rd cent BC
- D. China 3rd cent BC

A. Correct: in the 3rd century BC, King Devanampiyatissa of Anuradhapura (Sri Lanka) declared the area around Mihintale a sanctuary where no animal could be harmed — the world's first wildlife sanctuary.

B. Wrong: Canada did not exist as a state in the 3rd century BC, and its first reserves are modern.

C. Wrong: Russia's first reserves (zapovedniks) date to the 20th century.

D. Wrong: China had imperial hunting parks, but the first wildlife sanctuary is credited to Sri Lanka.

Question 89 General Knowledge (Libraries)

Where was the first public library opened in 1747?

- ·saw, Poland ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. New York USA
- C. Philadelphia, USA
- D. Paris, France

A. Correct: the Załuski Library (Biblioteka Załuskich) in Warsaw, opened in 1747, is regarded as the first public library in Europe.

B. Wrong: New York's first public library (the New York Society Library, 1754) came later.

C. Wrong: Benjamin Franklin's Library Company of Philadelphia dates to 1731 but was a subscription library, not a public one, and the keyed answer is Warsaw.

D. Wrong: Paris had no public library opened in 1747.

Question 90 General Knowledge (Names)

What is the world's most popular first name of mostly people?

- A. Mohammed ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Adams
- C. Smith
- D. LI (China)

A. Correct: Muhammad (in its many spellings) is the most common first name in the world, borne by well over 100 million people.

B. Wrong: Adams is a surname (and rarely a first name), not the world's most popular first name.

C. Wrong: Smith is the most common SURNAME in the English-speaking world, not a first name.

D. Wrong: Li is a common Chinese SURNAME (the most common family name in the world), not a first name. (NOTE: this question carries NO printed key on the source page —

was verified independently, not taken from a key.)

Question 91 General Knowledge (Mythology)

In Greek myth who was the first woman?

- A. Pandora ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Mers
- C. Jennie
- D. Ngami

A. Correct: in Greek myth Pandora, fashioned by Hephaestus at Zeus's command, was the first woman on Earth.

B. Wrong: no such figure in Greek myth.

C. Wrong: no such figure in Greek myth.

D. Wrong: no such figure in Greek myth.

Question 92 General Knowledge (Finance)

In what city was America first stock exchange built?

- A. Arizona
- B. New York
- C. Philadelphia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Pennsylvania

A. Wrong: Arizona is a state, not a city, and had no early stock exchange.

B. Wrong: the New York Stock Exchange (1792) is the most famous, but it was founded two years AFTER Philadelphia's.

C. Correct: the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, founded in 1790, is the oldest stock exchange in the United States.

ennsylvania is the state Philadelphia is in, not the city itself.

Question 93 General Knowledge (Policing)

Where was the first police force established in 1667?

- A. Paris ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. New York
- C. London
- D. Berlin

A. Correct: in 1667 Louis XIV created the office of Lieutenant général de police in Paris — the first modern organised police force.

B. Wrong: New York's police department dates to 1845.

C. Wrong: London's Metropolitan Police were founded in 1829.

D. Wrong: Berlin's police organisation came later (18th century).

Question 94 General Knowledge (Exploration)

Who was the man to set foot on all five continents?

- A. Captain Cook ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Johnson
- C. Winston Cook
- D. Columbus

A. Correct: James Cook's three voyages took him to all five then-known continents: Europe, Africa (Cape Town, 1771 and 1775), Asia (Batavia/Indonesia), Australia (1770) and North America (1778).

B. Wrong: no explorer "Johnson" is credited with visiting all five continents.

C. Wrong: no such explorer; the name mixes Churchill and Cook.

olumbus visited Europe and the Americas only — never Africa, Asia or Australia.

Question 95 General Knowledge (Automobiles)

What was the first company formed to manufacture motor cars?

- A. Daimler ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. To vote
- C. Suzuki
- D. Nisan

A. PICKED: Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft (1890) is the standard GK-book answer for the first company formed to manufacture motor cars, and is the printed key.

B. Wrong: a nonsense option (a misprint), not a company.

C. Wrong: Suzuki was founded in 1909 and made its first car in 1955.

D. Wrong: Nissan ("Nisan") was founded in 1933, decades later. (NOTE: Benz & Cie (1883) predates Daimler as a company and built the first automobile (1885); if "first" is read strictly by founding date, Benz is the rival. The pick follows the printed key and the book convention.)

Question 96 Science (Astronomy)

Which is the coldest planet of our solar system?

- A. Earth
- B. Uranus
- C. Neptune ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Venus

A. Wrong: Earth's average temperature is about 15°C — far from the coldest.

B. Rival noted: Uranus holds the record for the lowest temperature ever measured on a

...°C), but its average temperature (−195°C) is warmer than Neptune's.

C. Correct: Neptune, the farthest planet from the Sun, has the lowest average temperature of any planet (about −200°C) and is the standard book answer for "coldest planet".

D. Wrong: Venus is the HOTTEST planet (about 465°C) because of its greenhouse effect.

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