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Question 1 Islamiat

Namaz-e-Istisqa is prayer for?

- A. Blessing of Allah
- B. Pardon
- C. Rain ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sleep

A. Wrong: every prayer seeks Allah's blessing, but Istisqa is the specific prayer for rain.

B. Wrong: seeking pardon is the purpose of Istighfar, not Istisqa.

C. Correct: Namaz-e-Istisqa (Salat al-Istisqa) is the prayer offered to ask Allah for rain in

D. Wrong: no prayer is offered for sleep.

Question 2 Islamiat

Who is called "Saqi-e-Zam Zam"?

- A. Hazrat Abbas R.A ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hazrat Hamzah R.A
- C. Hazrat Maaz R.A
- D. None of these

A. Correct: Hazrat Abbas ibn Abdul Muttalib, the Prophet's uncle, was the keeper of Zamzam and is called Saqi-e-Zamzam (the cup-bearer of Zamzam).

B. Wrong: Hazrat Hamzah was the Prophet's uncle and a martyr of Uhud, but he was not the Saqi-e-Zamzam.

C. Wrong: Hazrat Maaz ibn Jabal was a companion known for his knowledge, not the Saqi-e-Zamzam.

D. Wrong: Hazrat Abbas is among the options and is correct.

Question 3 Islamiat

The foundation of Bait-ul-Hikmah" was laid down in during ___?

- A. Abbasid Period ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Umayyad Dynasty
- C. Fatimid Dynasty
- D. None of these

A. Correct: the Bayt al-Hikmah (House of Wisdom) in Baghdad was founded in the Abbasid period, under Caliph Harun al-Rashid and expanded under al-Ma'mun.

e Umayyads ruled from Damascus before the Abbasids and did not found the Bayt al-Hikmah.

C. Wrong: the Fatimids ruled Egypt later and founded al-Azhar, not the Bayt al-Hikmah.

D. Wrong: the Abbasid Period is among the options and is correct.

Question 4 Islamiat

What was Hazrat Yousaf (A.S)'s age, when he was throw into in well by his brothers?

- A. 11
- B. 12 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 15
- D. 17

A. Wrong: 11 is not the age keyed in the standard accounts used for this item.

B. Correct: Hazrat Yousuf is traditionally said to have been about 12 years old when his brothers threw him into the well.

C. Wrong: 15 is not the age given in the standard accounts for this event.

D. Wrong: 17 is the age given in some traditions for his later years in Egypt, not for the well incident.

Question 5 Islamiat

Which surah mentions "Zulqarnain"?

- A. Al-Maidah
- B. AL-Kahaf ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Al-Baqarah
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Surah al-Ma'idah does not mention Zulqarnain.

ulqarnain is mentioned in Surah al-Kahf (verses 83–98).

C. Wrong: Surah al-Baqarah does not mention Zulqarnain.

D. Wrong: Al-Kahaf is among the options and is correct.

Question 6 Islamiat

Jihad became mandatory in ___?

- A. 1 A.H
- B. 2 A.H ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 3 A.H
- D. 4 A.H

A. Wrong: fighting was not prescribed in the first year after the Hijrah.

B. Correct: jihad (fighting in the way of Allah) was made obligatory in 2 AH, the year of the Battle of Badr.

C. Wrong: by 3 AH (the year of Uhud) jihad was already obligatory.

D. Wrong: 4 AH is too late; the obligation dates to 2 AH.

Question 7 Islamiat

Who was the first martyr in Islam?

- A. Hazrat Hama
- B. Hazrat Sumayyah R.A ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hazrat Yasir
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: this option is a misprint in the reproduction and names no recognised first martyr.

B. Correct: Hazrat Sumayyah bint Khayyat, the mother of Ammar ibn Yasir, was the first

am, killed by Abu Jahl in Makkah.

C. Wrong: Hazrat Yasir, Sumayyah's husband, was also martyred early, but Sumayyah is counted as the first martyr.

D. Wrong: Hazrat Sumayyah is among the options and is correct.

Question 8 Islamiat

Which Surah of the Holy Quran revealed twice in Makkah & Madina?

- A. Surah Yaseen
- B. Surah Alaq
- C. Surah Rehman
- D. Surah Fatiha ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Surah Yaseen was revealed in Makkah only.

B. Wrong: Surah al-Alaq was the first revelation, in Makkah only.

C. Wrong: Surah ar-Rahman is a Makki surah, not one revealed twice.

D. Correct: Surah al-Fatiha is traditionally said to have been revealed twice — once in Makkah and once in Madina.

Question 9 Islamiat

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) performed a total of ___ Umrah?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the Prophet performed more than one Umrah.

B. Wrong: the Prophet performed four Umrahs, not two.

e Prophet performed four Umrahs, not three.

D. Correct: the Prophet Muhammad performed four Umrahs in his lifetime (Hudaybiyyah, al-Qada, al-Ji'ranah, and the Farewell Pilgrimage Umrah).

Question 10 Islamiat

Meaning of Surah Al A'raaf is ___?

- A. Place in the Heaven
- B. Border land between Heaven and Hell ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Place in the Hell
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: al-A'raf is not a place in Heaven.

B. Correct: "al-A'raf" means the heights — the elevated place between Paradise and Hell where some people will stand.

C. Wrong: al-A'raf is not a place in Hell.

D. Wrong: the border land between Heaven and Hell is among the options and is correct.

Question 11 Islamiat

Who is the first biographer of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?

- A. Al-Khwarizmi
- B. Ibn Ishaq ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Ibn Zakariya al-Razi
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: al-Khwarizmi was a mathematician and astronomer, not a biographer of the Prophet.

B. Correct: Ibn Ishaq (d. 767 CE) wrote the earliest surviving biography (Sirah) of the

C. Wrong: al-Razi was a physician and philosopher, not the Prophet's biographer.

D. Wrong: Ibn Ishaq is among the options and is correct.

Question 12 Islamiat

Who is called Malik-ul-Tajjar?

- A. Hazrat Abu Bakr R.A
- B. Hazrat Umar Farooq R.A
- C. Hazrat Usman Ghani R.A ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Hazrat Abu Bakr was known as Siddiq, not Malik-ul-Tajjar.

B. Wrong: Hazrat Umar was known as Farooq, not Malik-ul-Tajjar.

C. Correct: Hazrat Usman, a wealthy merchant before and after accepting Islam, is called Malik-ul-Tajjar (King of the Traders) and Ghani (the Generous).

D. Wrong: Hazrat Usman Ghani is among the options and is correct.

Question 13 Islamiat

Mujadid Alif Sani is title of ___?

- A. Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Syed Ahmad Shaheed
- C. Shah Waliullah
- D. None of these

A. Correct: Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi (1564–1624) is known as Mujaddid Alf Thani (Renewer of the Second Millennium).

B. Wrong: Syed Ahmad Shaheed led the jihad movement in the 19th century; he is not the

Thani.

C. Wrong: Shah Waliullah was a scholar and translator of the Quran; he is not the Mujaddid Alf Thani.

D. Wrong: Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi is among the options and is correct.

Question 14 Islamiat

Which two prayers are offered together at Muzdalifah on the 9th Zul-ul-Hajj?

- A. Fajar – Zuhar
- B. Maghrib-Isha ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Isha-Fajr
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Fajr and Zuhr are not combined at Muzdalifah.

B. Correct: after leaving Arafat on 9 Dhul-Hijjah, pilgrims combine Maghrib and Isha prayers at Muzdalifah.

C. Wrong: Isha and Fajr are not combined at Muzdalifah.

D. Wrong: Maghrib-Isha is among the options and is correct.

Question 15 Pakistan Studies

Liaqat Ali Khan, the first Prime Minister of Pakistan was assassinated in Rawalpindi?

- A. 16 Oct 1950
- B. 16 Oct 1951 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 16 Oct 1952
- D. 16 Oct 1953

A. Wrong: Liaquat Ali Khan was assassinated a year later, in 1951.

B. Correct: Liaquat Ali Khan was assassinated at Company Bagh (Liaquat Bagh),

on 16 October 1951.

C. Wrong: he was assassinated in 1951, not 1952.

D. Wrong: he was assassinated in 1951, not 1953.

Question 16 Pakistan Studies

At the time of independence in 1947, there were ___ princely states in India?

- A. 262
- B. 362
- C. 462
- D. 562 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the number of princely states was far larger than 262.

B. Wrong: the number of princely states was larger than 362.

C. Wrong: the number of princely states was larger than 462.

D. Correct: there were 562 princely states in British India at independence in 1947.

Question 17 Pakistan Studies

Balahisar Fort is situated in the ___?

- A. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sindh
- C. Panjdas
- D. Balochistan

A. Correct: Bala Hisar Fort is in Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

B. Wrong: Bala Hisar Fort is not in Sindh.

C. Wrong: this is not a province; Bala Hisar Fort is in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

ala Hisar Fort is not in Balochistan.

Question 18 Pakistan Studies

The first recipient of Nishan-e-Haider in Pakistan was?

- A. Maj Aziz Bhatti
- B. Maj Shaheed Sarwar ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Maj Tufail Muhamamd
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Major Aziz Bhatti received the Nishan-e-Haider in the 1965 war, but he was not the first recipient.

B. Correct: Captain (later Major) Muhammad Sarwar Shaheed was the first recipient of the Nishan-e-Haider (1948 Kashmir war).

C. Wrong: Major Tufail Muhammad received the Nishan-e-Haider in 1958, after Sarwar.

D. Wrong: Maj Shaheed Sarwar is among the options and is correct.

Question 19 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's capital was shifted from Karachi to Islamabad in?

- A. 1954
- B. 1959 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1964
- D. 1969

A. Wrong: no capital decision was taken in 1954.

B. Correct (as filed): the decision to build a new capital at Islamabad was taken in 1959, and 1959 is the standard textbook key for this item; the government actually moved in 1967, which is not among the options.

e capital was neither decided nor moved in 1964.

D. Wrong: the capital had already moved by 1969 (the transfer took place in 1967).

Note: Note: Printed-key pick-one: the reproduction's Answer block reads "D. 1959" — a letter/text mismatch (1959 is option B; option D is 1969). The intended answer is 1959, the decision year, which is picked here as B. The actual transfer of government to Islamabad took place in 1967, which is not offered. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov delegation.

Question 20 Pakistan Studies

The only country with which Pakistan shares a maritime border and not the land border?

- A. Iran
- B. Oman ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. UAE
- D. Saudi Arabia

A. Wrong: Pakistan shares a land border with Iran as well as a maritime boundary.

B. Correct: Pakistan shares only a maritime border with Oman (across the Arabian Sea); there is no land border.

C. Wrong: Pakistan does not share a maritime border with the UAE in the sense keyed here.

D. Wrong: Pakistan does not share a maritime border with Saudi Arabia.

Question 21 Pakistan Studies

K-2 the 2nd world highest mountain in the world is located along the border of Pakistan and___?

- A. India
- B. Afghanistan

na ✓ Correct answer

- D. Iran

A. Wrong: K-2 is not on the Pakistan–India border.

B. Wrong: K-2 is not on the Pakistan–Afghanistan border.

C. Correct: K-2 lies on the Pakistan–China border in the Karakoram range (Gilgit-Baltistan / Xinjiang).

D. Wrong: K-2 is not on the Pakistan–Iran border.

Question 22 Pakistan Studies

Attabad Lake was formed due to landslide in 2010. It is located in?

- A. Hunza Valley ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Kaghan Valley
- C. Nagar Valley
- D. Bagrote Valley

A. Correct: Attabad Lake formed in the Hunza Valley (Gilgit-Baltistan) after the January 2010 landslide at Attabad village.

B. Wrong: Attabad Lake is not in the Kaghan Valley.

C. Wrong: Attabad Lake is not in the Nagar Valley.

D. Wrong: Attabad Lake is not in the Bagrote Valley.

Question 23 Pakistan Studies

Who has the power to grant pardons or command sentences passed by any court of Pakistan?

- A. Prime Minister
- B. President ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Army Chief

A. Wrong: the Prime Minister has no power to pardon sentences.

B. Correct: under Article 45 of the Constitution, the President of Pakistan may grant pardons, reprieves and respites and remit, suspend or commute sentences.

C. Wrong: the Chief Justice heads the judiciary; the pardon power belongs to the President.

D. Wrong: the Army Chief has no power to pardon sentences passed by the courts.

Question 24 General Knowledge

Sudqain is famous for?

- A. Painting
- B. Calligraphy
- C. Music
- D. A & B ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong (as filed): Sadequain was indeed famous for painting, but this option alone is incomplete — he was equally famous for calligraphy, so D is the full answer.

B. Wrong (as filed): Sadequain was indeed famous for calligraphy, but this option alone is incomplete — he was equally famous for painting, so D is the full answer.

C. Wrong: Sadequain was not known for music.

D. Correct: the artist Sadequain (Syed Sadequain Ahmed Naqvi) was famous for both painting and calligraphy.

Question 25 Pakistan Studies

Which is the first book of Pashto Language?

a Khazana ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Aasar-ul-Sanadeed
- C. Tazkra-tul-Aulia
- D. Jat

A. Correct: Pata Khazana ("The Hidden Treasure") is traditionally regarded as the first book of the Pashto language (its authenticity is debated, but it is the standard answer).

B. Wrong: Aasar-us-Sanadeed is a work by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan on Delhi, not the first Pashto book.

C. Wrong: Tazkirat-ul-Auliya is a Persian work by Attar, not the first Pashto book.

D. Wrong: this is not the first book of Pashto.

Question 26 Pakistan Studies

Till now, how many Pakistanis won the Noble Prize?

- A. One
- B. Two ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Three
- D. Four

A. Wrong: two Pakistanis had won the Nobel Prize by the exam date.

B. Correct: at the exam date (9 February 2023) two Pakistanis had won the Nobel Prize — Abdus Salam (Physics, 1979) and Malala Yousafzai (Peace, 2014).

C. Wrong: no third Pakistani had won the Nobel Prize by Feb 2023.

D. Wrong: no fourth Pakistani had won the Nobel Prize by Feb 2023.

Question 27 Pakistan Studies

Which Political Party was in Power in NWFP (now KPK) at the time of independence?

- B. Congress ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Justice Party
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: the Muslim League lost the 1946 provincial elections in the NWFP to Congress.

B. Correct: the Congress (Khudai Khidmatgar–Congress ministry under Dr Khan Sahib) was in power in the NWFP at independence in 1947.

C. Wrong: the Justice Party was a Madras-based party, not in power in the NWFP.

D. Wrong: Congress is among the options and is correct.

Question 28 Pakistan Studies

Senate of Pakistan comprises of how many members?

- A. 100 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 63
- C. 87
- D. 50

A. Correct: at the exam date (9 February 2023) the Senate of Pakistan had 100 members (the 25th Amendment reduced the house from 104 towards 96 as FATA seats retired; 96 was reached only in 2024).

B. Wrong: 63 is not the Senate's strength.

C. Wrong: 87 is not the Senate's strength.

D. Wrong: 50 is far below the Senate's strength.

Question 29 Computer

Who is the father of computer?

- B. Charles Babbage ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Simer Cray
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Alan Turing is the father of computer science and artificial intelligence, but the "father of the computer" is Babbage.

B. Correct: Charles Babbage designed the Analytical Engine and is called the father of the computer.

C. Wrong: Seymour Cray was the father of supercomputing, not of the computer itself.

D. Wrong: Charles Babbage is among the options and is correct.

Question 30 Computer

A device that converts drawing, printed text or other images into digital form are ____?

- A. Keyboard
- B. Scanner ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. OMR
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: a keyboard enters typed text; it does not convert drawings or printed images into digital form.

B. Correct: a scanner converts drawings, printed text and other images into digital form.

C. Wrong: OMR (optical mark recognition) reads marks on forms; it does not convert general drawings or images into digital form.

D. Wrong: Scanner is among the options and is correct.

31 Computer

The first computers were programmed using ___?

- A. Assembly Language
- B. Machine Language ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Source Code
- D. Object Oriented Language

A. Wrong: assembly language came after machine language.

B. Correct: the first computers were programmed in machine language (binary code).

C. Wrong: source code is a general term for program text, not the first programming language.

D. Wrong: object-oriented languages came decades later.

Question 32 Computer

Microprocessor was introduced in which generation of computer?

- A. 2nd Generation
- B. 3rd Generation
- C. 4th Generation ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 5th Generation

A. Wrong: the second generation used transistors, not microprocessors.

B. Wrong: the third generation used integrated circuits, not microprocessors.

C. Correct: the microprocessor (Intel 4004, 1971) defines the fourth generation of computers.

D. Wrong: the fifth generation is associated with artificial intelligence, not the introduction of the microprocessor.

33 Computer

Hard Disk is considered ___ storage?

- A. Flash
- B. Nonvolatile ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nonpermanent
- D. Temporary

A. Wrong: flash is a different storage technology (used in SSDs and USB drives), not the description of a hard disk.

B. Correct: a hard disk is non-volatile storage — it retains data when the power is off.

C. Wrong: "nonpermanent" would mean the data is lost; a hard disk keeps data permanently.

D. Wrong: temporary storage (like RAM) loses data when power is off; a hard disk does not.

Question 34 Computer

MICR stands for ___?

- A. Magnetic Ink Character Recognition ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Magnetic Ink Code Reader
- C. Magnetic Ink Code Reader
- D. None of these

A. Correct: MICR is Magnetic Ink Character Recognition, used to read cheques.

B. Wrong: this is not what MICR stands for (and it is printed twice, as options B and C).

C. Wrong: this is not what MICR stands for (a duplicate of option B).

D. Wrong: Magnetic Ink Character Recognition is among the options and is correct.

35 Computer

Which of the following is not Anti-Virus software?

- A. NAV
- B. F-Prot
- C. Oracle ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. McAfee

A. Wrong: NAV (Norton AntiVirus) is antivirus software.

B. Wrong: F-Prot is antivirus software.

C. Correct: Oracle is a database company (Oracle Database); it is not antivirus software.

D. Wrong: McAfee is antivirus software.

Question 36 Computer

API stands for ___?

- A. Algorithmic Protocol Interface
- B. Adaptor Protocol Interface
- C. Application Programming Interface ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Accelerated Programming Interface

A. Wrong: this is not what API stands for.

B. Wrong: this is not what API stands for.

C. Correct: API is Application Programming Interface.

D. Wrong: this is not what API stands for.

Question 37 Computer

What is pre-released software's version?

a ✓ Correct answer

- B. Alpha
- C. Gamma
- D. None of these

A. Correct: a beta version is pre-release software given to users for testing before the final release.

B. Wrong: an alpha version is an earlier, internal test version, not the pre-release version given to users.

C. Wrong: there is no standard "gamma" release stage.

D. Wrong: Beta is among the options and is correct.

Question 38 Computer

In Microsoft Excel the current cells address displays in the ___?

- A. Formula Bar
- B. Status Bar
- C. Name Box ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Title Bar

A. Wrong (as filed): the printed key is A, but the Formula Bar displays the contents of the current cell, not its address.

B. Wrong: the Status Bar shows information such as the sum or average of selected cells, not the cell address.

C. Correct: in MS Excel the current cell's address is displayed in the Name Box (at the left of the Formula Bar).

D. Wrong: the Title Bar shows the workbook's file name, not the cell address.

Note: Note: Printed-key correction: the reproduction keys A "Formula Bar"; the cell

shown in the Name Box, so the correction is C. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov delegation.

Question 39 Computer

Pesudo Code is similar to ___?

- A. Machine Language
- B. Simple English ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Scientific Language
- D. All of these

A. Wrong: pseudocode is deliberately unlike machine language; it is written for humans.

B. Correct: pseudocode is an informal description of a program's logic written in simple English-like statements.

C. Wrong: pseudocode is not written in scientific language.

D. Wrong: pseudocode resembles simple English only, not the other options.

Question 40 Computer

Which of the following is created when a user opens an account in the computer system?

- A. SHD
- B. MFD
- C. Subdirectory ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: SHD is not what is created for a user account.

B. Wrong: MFD (Master File Directory) is not created per user account.

C. Correct: when a user account is opened, a home directory — a subdirectory of the system — is created for that user (the standard answer for this item).

ubdirectory is among the options and is correct.

Question 41 Computer

Which of the following is the first neural network computer?

- A. AN
- B. AM
- C. RFTY
- D. SNARC ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: this is not the first neural network computer.

B. Wrong: this is not the first neural network computer.

C. Wrong: this is not the first neural network computer.

D. Correct: SNARC (Stochastic Neural Analog Reinforcement Calculator), built by Marvin Minsky in 1951, was the first neural network computer.

Question 42 Everyday Science

Severe deficiency of Vitamin D results in ___?

- A. Scurvy
- B. Rickets ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Night Blindness
- D. None of These

A. Wrong: scurvy is caused by vitamin C deficiency, not vitamin D.

B. Correct: severe vitamin D deficiency in children causes rickets (soft, weak bones).

C. Wrong: night blindness is caused by vitamin A deficiency.

D. Wrong: Rickets is among the options and is correct.

43 Everyday Science

The Sun is a ___?

- A. Star ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Planet
- C. Asteroid
- D. Moon

A. Correct: the Sun is a star — a self-luminous ball of hot gas at the centre of the solar system.

B. Wrong: planets orbit stars; the Sun is the star the planets orbit.

C. Wrong: an asteroid is a small rocky body; the Sun is a star.

D. Wrong: a moon orbits a planet; the Sun is a star.

Question 44 General Knowledge

Which country is the world's oldest surviving Federation?

- A. Italy
- B. Russia
- C. Great Britain
- D. United States ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Italy is a unitary republic, not a federation, and not the oldest.

B. Wrong: Russia's federation dates to the 20th century, far later than the United States.

C. Wrong: Great Britain is a unitary state, not a federation.

D. Correct: the United States, federated under its Constitution of 1789, is the world's oldest surviving federation.

45 Everyday Science

Which Gas was first used in World War-I?

- A. Helium
- B. Hydrogen
- C. Chlorine ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Nitrogen

A. Wrong: helium was not used as a war gas in World War I.

B. Wrong: hydrogen was used in balloons and airships, not as a poison gas.

C. Correct: chlorine was the first poison gas used in World War I (by Germany at the Second Battle of Ypres, April 1915). No Answer block is printed for this item in the reproduction; the answer is supplied by verification.

D. Wrong: nitrogen was not used as a war gas in World War I.

Question 46 General Knowledge

Guantanamo Bay is located in ___?

- A. USA
- B. Mexico
- C. Cuba ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Brazil

A. Wrong: Guantanamo Bay is not in the United States itself; the US naval base there is on leased Cuban land.

B. Wrong: Guantanamo Bay is not in Mexico.

C. Correct: Guantanamo Bay is in south-eastern Cuba.

D. Wrong: Guantanamo Bay is not in Brazil.

47 General Knowledge

What is the motto of Olympic games?

- A. Humane Above all
- B. It's one Planet
- C. Together Stronger
- D. Faster, Higher, Stronger ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: this is not the Olympic motto.

B. Wrong: this is not the Olympic motto.

C. Wrong: "Together" was added to the motto in 2021, but the motto's core wording is "Faster, Higher, Stronger".

D. Correct: the Olympic motto is "Faster, Higher, Stronger" (Latin: Citius, Altius, Fortius); since 2021 it is officially "Faster, Higher, Stronger — Together", and D gives the core motto as keyed.

Question 48 General Knowledge

The newest internationally Recognized Country in the world is ___?

- A. Kosovo
- B. Egypt
- C. North Sudan
- D. South Sudan ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Kosovo declared independence in 2008, but South Sudan (2011) is newer.

B. Wrong: Egypt is an ancient country, not the newest.

C. Wrong: there is no internationally recognised country called "North Sudan" (Sudan itself predates South Sudan).

D. Correct: South Sudan, independent on 9 July 2011, was the newest internationally

country at the exam date.

Question 49 General Knowledge

Which country has the briefest constitution in the world?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. Turkey
- D. USA ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Pakistan's Constitution (1973) is a long document, not the briefest.

B. Wrong: Iran's Constitution is not the briefest.

C. Wrong: Turkey's Constitution is not the briefest.

D. Correct: the Constitution of the United States (about 4,400 words) is the world's briefest written national constitution.

Question 50 General Knowledge

The Euro currency is used by ___ European Union Countries?

- A. 18
- B. 20 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 22
- D. 28

A. Wrong: the eurozone had more than 18 members by Feb 2023.

B. Correct: at the exam date (9 February 2023) the euro was used by 20 EU countries (Croatia became the 20th on 1 January 2023).

C. Wrong: the eurozone had 20 members, not 22.

D. Wrong: 28 was the total number of EU member states before Brexit, not the number

Question 51 English

He is busy with his work ___.

- A. Ins and Out
- B. UP to Neck ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Up to the Hilt
- D. Kith and Kin

A. Wrong: "ins and outs" means the details of something, not being busy.

B. Correct: the idiom for being very busy with work is "up to the neck (in work)".

C. Wrong (as filed): the printed key is C, but "up to the hilt" means completely or thoroughly (as in "in debt up to the hilt"), not busy with work.

D. Wrong: "kith and kin" means friends and relatives, not being busy.

Note: Note: Printed-key correction: the reproduction keys C "Up to the Hilt"; the idiom for being busy with work is "up to the neck", so the correction is B. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov delegation.

Question 52 English

She stood by her husband in Weal and Woe. What does the idiom weal and woe means?

- A. During Operation
- B. During Illness
- C. By Hook or Crook
- D. In Prosperity and Diversity ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: "weal and woe" has nothing to do with an operation.

B. Wrong: "weal and woe" covers good and bad times generally, not illness specifically.

y hook or by crook" means by any means possible — a different idiom.

D. Correct: "weal and woe" means prosperity and adversity — in good times and bad; the option is printed "Diversity", a misprint for "Adversity", and D is the intended answer.

Question 53 English

Synonym of reformation is ___?

- A. Renewal ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Abolish
- C. Polish
- D. None of these

A. Correct: "reformation" means the improvement or renewal of something; "renewal" is its closest synonym.

B. Wrong: "abolish" means to end something completely — the opposite of reforming it.

C. Wrong: "polish" means to shine or refine a surface — not a synonym of reformation.

D. Wrong: Renewal is among the options and is correct.

Question 54 English

Something that is hard but liable to break easily is known as?

- A. Breakable
- B. Ductile
- C. Brittle ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Delicate

A. Wrong: "breakable" means able to be broken, but it does not carry the specific sense of hard yet easily broken.

B. Wrong: "ductile" means able to be drawn into wire — the opposite property (it bends

breaks).

C. Correct: a brittle material is hard but breaks easily (like glass or cast iron).

D. Wrong: "delicate" means fragile and needing care, not specifically hard but easily broken.

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