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Question 1 Sports

Name the cricket player who has made maximum number of one day centuries

- A. Sachin Tendulkar ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ricky Ponting
- C. Brian Lara
- D. Sourave Ganguly

A. Tendulkar scored 49 ODI centuries, the most by any player (as of the 2012 exam date; he retired in 2013 with the record intact).

scored 30 ODI centuries, well behind Tendulkar.

C. Lara scored 19 ODI centuries.

D. Ganguly scored 22 ODI centuries.

Question 2 General Knowledge

Tehrir Square is located in:

- A. Iran
- B. Egypt ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Syria
- D. Yemen

A. Tehran's main squares are Azadi and Imam Hussein, not Tahrir.

B. Tahrir Square is the great central square of Cairo, Egypt (spelled "Tehrir" as printed).

C. Damascus has Umayyad Square, not Tahrir.

D. Sanaa's main square is Tahrir Square too, but the famous Tahrir Square of the 2011 uprisings is Cairo's.

Question 3 General Knowledge

Bandar Seri Begawan is the largest city and the capital of a country. It's also located on a bay. What is the country and what's the bay called?

- A. Brunei Darussalam and Brunei Bay ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Philippines and Manila Bay
- C. Singapore and Singapore Bay
- D. Taiwan and Tan-shui Bay

A. Bandar Seri Begawan is the capital of Brunei Darussalam, on Brunei Bay.

B. Manila is the Philippine capital, on Manila Bay — but the city asked for is Bandar Seri

ot Manila.

C. Singapore's capital is Singapore itself, and there is no "Singapore Bay" of this name.

D. Taipei is Taiwan's capital; Tanshui is a district, not the bay of the capital.

Question 4 General Knowledge

What cape divides the Atlantic from the Indian Ocean?

- A. Western Cape
- B. Cape Town
- C. Cape Agulhas ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Cape of Good Hope

A. The Western Cape is a province of South Africa, not a cape.

B. Cape Town is a city, not the dividing cape.

C. Cape Agulhas, the southernmost point of Africa, is the accepted dividing line between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

D. The Cape of Good Hope is the famous headland near Cape Town, but the ocean boundary is drawn at Agulhas, further east.

Question 5 General Knowledge

Highest military award of South Africa is:

- A. Golden Leopard ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Virtuti military
- C. War cross with sword
- D. None of these

A. The Nkwe ya Gauta (Golden Leopard) is South Africa's highest military decoration for bravery, instituted in 2003.

i Militari is Poland's highest military decoration, not South Africa's.

C. The War Cross with Sword is a Norwegian decoration, not South Africa's.

D. Wrong, since A is correct.

Question 6 Sports

Next ICC Cricket World Cup will be played In 2015 in

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. South Africa
- D. Both a & b ✓ **Correct answer**

A. New Zealand was a co-host, but not the sole host.

B. Australia was a co-host, but not the sole host.

C. South Africa did not host the 2015 World Cup (it hosted in 2003).

D. The 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup was jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand.

Question 7 General Knowledge

What islhe national bird of Finland?

- A. Golden Wattle
- B. Rufous-bellied Thrush
- C. Whooper Swan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Gallic Rooster

A. The golden wattle is Australia's national floral emblem, not a Finnish bird.

B. The rufous-bellied thrush is the national bird of Brazil.

C. The whooper swan is the national bird of Finland.

rooster is the unofficial symbol of France.

Question 8 Current Affairs

Who has been re-elected as the Russian President for the third term in May 2012?

- A. Boris Yeltsin
- B. Vladimir Putin ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Dmitry Medvedev
- D. None of these

A. Yeltsin was Russia's first president (1991–1999) and died in 2007.

B. Putin won the March 2012 election and was inaugurated for his third term as president on 7 May 2012.

C. Medvedev was president 2008–2012 and stepped aside for Putin in 2012.

D. Wrong, since B is correct.

Question 9 Current Affairs

Who became the President of France in May 2012?

- A. Paul Simon
- B. Victor Ponta
- C. Francois Hollande ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Pal Schmitt

A. Paul Simon is an American singer-songwriter, not a French president.

B. Victor Ponta was Prime Minister of Romania, not President of France.

C. François Hollande won the May 2012 election and became President of France on 15 May 2012.

D. Pál Schmitt was President of Hungary (2010–2012), not of France.

10 Current Affairs

Which one of the following is not a nuclear site of Iran?

- A. Qom
- B. Natanz
- C. Bushehr
- D. Abadan ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Fordow enrichment plant is near Qom, a known Iranian nuclear site.

B. Natanz is Iran's main uranium enrichment site.

C. Bushehr is the site of Iran's nuclear power plant.

D. Abadan is an oil-refining city, not a nuclear site — so it is the one that is not a nuclear site.

Question 11 General Knowledge

Which is the third largest landlocked country in the world?

- A. Magnolia
- B. Sudan
- C. Switzerland
- D. Chad ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "Magnolia" is a misprint for Mongolia, which is the second largest landlocked country, not the third.

B. Sudan is not landlocked (it has a Red Sea coast), and it is not among the largest landlocked countries.

C. Switzerland is landlocked but far smaller than Chad.

D. By area the largest landlocked countries are Kazakhstan, Mongolia and then Chad — Chad is third.

12 General Knowledge

Which of the following countries is a landlocked country?

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

A. Uruguay has an Atlantic coastline, so it is not landlocked.

B. Pakistan has an Arabian Sea coastline, so it is not landlocked.

C. Switzerland is entirely surrounded by land (France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Liechtenstein) — it is landlocked.

D. Wrong, since only C is landlocked.

Question 13 General Knowledge

What is the currency of Martinique?

- A. Peso
- B. Pound
- C. France ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Dollar

A. The peso is the currency of Mexico, the Philippines and others, not of Martinique.

B. The pound is the currency of the United Kingdom, not of Martinique.

C. Martinique uses France's currency (the euro since 2002, the French franc before that), so France is the intended answer.

D. The dollar is not Martinique's currency.

14 General Knowledge

Capital of the Ukraine Is:

- A. Lisbon
- B. Kiev ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Santo Domingo
- D. None of the above

A. Lisbon is the capital of Portugal.

B. Kyiv (spelled "Kiev" in the 2012 paper) is the capital of Ukraine.

C. Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic.

D. Wrong, since B is correct.

Question 15 Pakistan Studies

Second Battle of Panipat was fought between Hemublkal and Akbar in

- A. 1493
- B. 1555
- C. 1556 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1548

A. No Second Battle of Panipat took place in 1493 (the First Battle was 1526).

B. In 1555 Humayun recovered Delhi; the Second Battle of Panipat came the next year.

C. The Second Battle of Panipat was fought on 5 November 1556 between Hemu and Akbar's forces.

D. No Second Battle of Panipat took place in 1548.

16 Pakistan Studies

Who was the British Prime Minister at the time of Second Round Table Conference?

- A. Ramsay MacDonald ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Clement Attlee
- C. Neville Chamberlain
- D. None of these

A. Ramsay MacDonald was Prime Minister during the Second Round Table Conference (September–December 1931).

B. Attlee became Prime Minister in 1945, fourteen years later.

C. Chamberlain became Prime Minister in 1937.

D. Wrong, since A is correct.

Question 17 Pakistan Studies

The Gandhi-lrwin Pact Proclaimed the suspension of:

- A. Non-Cooperation Movement
- B. Dandi March
- C. Civil Disobedience Movement ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. The Non-Cooperation Movement had been suspended in 1922, long before the Gandhi–Irwin Pact of 1931.

B. The Dandi March (1930) was an event of the Civil Disobedience Movement, not a movement suspended by the pact.

C. The Gandhi–Irwin Pact (5 March 1931) suspended the Civil Disobedience Movement in return for concessions.

D. Wrong, since C is correct.

18 Pakistan Studies

Name the leader who supported Pakistan's Resolution from U.P.

- A. Ch. Khaliquz-Zaman ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hussain Shaheed Suharwardy
- C. Both a and b
- D. None of these

A. Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman, the Muslim League leader from the United Provinces, supported the Pakistan Resolution.

B. Suhrawardy was the Bengal leader; he was not the U.P. supporter named in the paper.

C. Wrong: only Khaliquzzaman was the U.P. leader in question.

D. Wrong, since A is correct.

Question 19 Pakistan Studies

Who presented Lahore Resolution on 23rd March, 1940?

- A. Allama Iqbal
- B. Liaquat All Khan
- C. A.K. Fazl-ul-Haq ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Quafd-e-Azam

A. Iqbal died in 1938, two years before the Lahore Resolution.

B. Liaquat Ali Khan seconded the resolution; he did not present it.

C. A. K. Fazlul Haq moved (presented) the Lahore Resolution on 23 March 1940.

D. "Quaid-e-Azam" (Jinnah) presided over the session; Fazlul Haq presented the resolution.

20 Pakistan Studies

Lahore Resolution is also known as

- A. League Resolution
- B. Pakistan Resolution ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Khilafot Resolution
- D. None of these

A. No standard name; the resolution is not called the League Resolution.

B. The Lahore Resolution (1940) is also known as the Pakistan Resolution, since it demanded separate states for Muslims.

C. The Khilafat question was a different movement (1919–1924).

D. Wrong, since B is correct.

Question 21 Pakistan Studies

Hazrat Mujadid Alf Sani was borri in:

- A. 1493
- B. 1555
- C. 1564 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1548

A. Mujaddid Alf Sani (Ahmad Sirhindi) was not born in 1493.

B. 1555 is not his birth year.

C. Ahmad Sirhindi, Mujaddid Alf Sani, was born in 1564 (971 AH) in Sirhind.

D. 1548 is not his birth year.

22 Pakistan Studies

East India Company established in:

- A. 1578
- B. 1614
- C. 1600 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1609

A. No East India Company existed in 1578.

B. 1614 is the year the Company set up a factory at Surat, not its founding.

C. The English East India Company was established by royal charter on 31 December 1600.

D. 1609 is not the Company's founding year.

Question 23 Current Affairs

Yasir Arafat was elected, Chairman of the Palestinian Authority in:

- A. 1993
- B. 1995
- C. 1996 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1998

A. In 1993 the Oslo Accords were signed; Arafat was not yet elected chairman.

B. In 1995 the Oslo II Accord was signed; the election came later.

C. Yasser Arafat was elected Chairman (President) of the Palestinian Authority in the January 1996 elections.

D. No such election took place in 1998.

24 General Knowledge

Slavery was abolished in America in:

- A. 1863
- B. 1865 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1852
- D. 1871

A. The Emancipation Proclamation (1863) freed slaves in Confederate territory, but slavery was not yet constitutionally abolished.

B. Slavery was abolished in the United States by the 13th Amendment, ratified in December 1865.

C. No abolition took place in 1852.

D. No abolition took place in 1871.

Question 25 General Knowledge

Who was Lionel Jospin?

- A. Prime Minister of Belgium
- B. Prime Minister of Canada
- C. Prime Minister of Switzerland
- D. Prime Minister of France ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Jospin was never Prime Minister of Belgium.

B. Jospin was never Prime Minister of Canada.

C. Switzerland has no prime minister (it has a Federal Council).

D. Lionel Jospin was Prime Minister of France from 1997 to 2002.

26 Current Affairs

When Taliban regime came into power in Afghanistan?

- A. 1992
- B. 1995
- C. 1996 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1994

A. In 1992 the communist government fell and the mujahideen took Kabul, not the Taliban.

B. In 1995 the Taliban captured Herat, but had not yet taken Kabul.

C. The Taliban captured Kabul in September 1996 and formed their government.

D. The Taliban movement emerged in 1994, but took power in 1996.

Question 27 General Knowledge

Between the Balkan Peninsula (Greece) and the Anatolian peninsula (Turkey), it connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Dardanelles Strait.

- A. Aegean Sea ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Black Sea
- C. Sea of Marmara
- D. Sea of Azov

A. The Aegean Sea lies between Greece and Turkey and connects the Mediterranean to the Dardanelles.

B. The Black Sea is north of Turkey, beyond the Bosphorus.

C. The Sea of Marmara connects the Dardanelles to the Bosphorus, not the Mediterranean to the Dardanelles.

D. The Sea of Azov is north of the Black Sea, off Ukraine and Russia.

28 Everyday Science

What is below the crust?

- A. Absolutely Nothing
- B. Inner Core
- C. Mantle ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Outer Core

A. The Earth is solid below the crust; it is not empty.

B. The inner core is the deepest layer, far below the mantle.

C. Directly below the crust lies the mantle, the thick middle layer of the Earth.

D. The outer core lies below the mantle, not directly below the crust.

Question 29 General Knowledge

Myanmar observed its Independence Day every year on:

- A. January 2
- B. January 3
- C. January 4 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. January 5

A. Myanmar's Independence Day is not 2 January.

B. Myanmar's Independence Day is not 3 January.

C. Myanmar (Burma) became independent from Britain on 4 January 1948, and marks Independence Day on 4 January.

D. Myanmar's Independence Day is not 5 January.

30 Everyday Science

How thick is the oceans' crust?

- A. 60-10m
- B. 6-10 km ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 6-10 m
- D. 60-10 km

A. A garbled option (60–10 metres is meaningless as a crust thickness).

B. Oceanic crust is about 5–10 km thick, so 6–10 km is the correct range.

C. Six to ten metres is far too thin for the ocean floor's crust.

D. Sixty kilometres is the thickness of continental crust, not oceanic crust.

Question 31 Current Affairs

Who was Chandrikp Kumaratunga?

- A. President of Sri Lanka ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. President of Indonesia
- C. President of Bangladesh
- D. President of India

A. Chandrika Kumaratunga was President of Sri Lanka from 1994 to 2005.

B. She was never President of Indonesia.

C. She was never President of Bangladesh.

D. She was never President of India.

Question 32 General Knowledge

World Red Cross Day is observed on?

- B. 2nd May
- C. 8th May ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 12th May

A. 17 May is World Telecommunication Day, not Red Cross Day.

B. 2 May is not World Red Cross Day.

C. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed on 8 May, the birthday of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross.

D. 12 May is International Nurses Day (Florence Nightingale's birthday).

Question 33 Current Affairs

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi was after a long wait allowed visiting any nation. First of all she has visited:

- A. Thailand ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Vietnam
- C. India
- D. China

A. After her release from house arrest, Aung San Suu Kyi's first foreign trip was to Thailand in May–June 2012.

B. She did not visit Vietnam first.

C. She visited India later, in November 2012.

D. She did not visit China first.

Question 34 Current Affairs

Pakistan successfully test-fired Hatf III missile on 10 May 2012. Another name of the

- A. Babar
- B. Ghaznavi ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Gouri
- D. Shahin

A. Babur (Hatf VII) is the cruise missile, not Hatf III.

B. Hatf III is the Ghaznavi, a short-range ballistic missile test-fired on 10 May 2012.

C. Ghauri (Hatf V) is a different, medium-range missile.

D. Shaheen (Hatf IV/VI) is a different missile family.

Question 35 Mathematics

CXIX is the Roman numerals for which number?

- A. 119 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 121
- C. 49
- D. 99

A. CXIX = C (100) + X (10) + IX (9) = 119.

B. 121 is CXXI, not CXIX.

C. 49 is XLIX.

D. 99 is XCIX.

Question 36 Pakistan Studies

Who is the first Pakistan Prime Minister who convicted for Contempt of Court?

- A. Yousuf Raza Gilani ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Nawaz Shareef
- D. None of These

A. Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani was convicted of contempt of court by the Supreme Court in April 2012 (and disqualified in June 2012), the first Pakistani prime minister so convicted.

B. Ashraf succeeded Gilani and was not convicted of contempt.

C. Nawaz Sharif was disqualified in 2017, not convicted of contempt as prime minister.

D. Wrong, since A is correct.

Question 37 General Knowledge

Who was the captain of the Nautilus in the novel Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea'?

- A. Birdseye
- B. Nemo ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Pugwash
- D. Morgan

A. Birdseye is not a character in Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.

B. Captain Nemo commands the submarine Nautilus in Jules Verne's novel.

C. Captain Pugwash is a children's cartoon pirate, not Verne's captain.

D. Captain Morgan was a real 17th-century buccaneer, not the Nautilus's captain.

Question 38 General Knowledge

Name the mythical creature with a spiral horn growing from its forehead?

- A. Rhinoceros

- C. Narwhal
- D. Unicom ✓ **Correct answer**

A. A rhinoceros has a horn on its nose, but it is a real animal, not a mythical creature with a forehead horn.

B. A manatee is a real sea mammal with no horn.

C. A narwhal has a long tusk, but it is a real whale, not a mythical forehead-horned creature.

D. The unicorn (printed "Unicom") is the mythical horse-like creature with a single spiral horn on its forehead.

Note: Note: the source prints "Unicom" for "Unicorn"; the answer is the unicorn.

Question 39 General Knowledge

Name any one of the ten black-belt grades of proficiency in judo or karate?

- A. Jon
- B. Dan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Col
- D. Phil

A. "Jon" is not a black-belt grade.

B. Black-belt grades in judo and karate are called dan (1st dan to 10th dan).

C. "Col" is not a black-belt grade.

D. "Phil" is not a black-belt grade.

40 General Knowledge

Name the lowest adult male singing voice?

- A. Contralto
- B. Base
- C. Bass ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Baritone

A. The contralto is the lowest female voice, not a male voice.

B. "Base" is a misprint of "Bass" in the source; the bass is the lowest male voice, but it is option C, not B.

C. The bass is the lowest adult male singing voice.

D. The baritone is a male voice, but it is higher than the bass.

Question 41 General Knowledge

What Is the fifth letter of the Greek Alphabet?

- A. Gamma
- B. Psi
- C. Delta
- D. Epsilon ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Gamma is the third letter of the Greek alphabet.

B. Psi is the twenty-third letter.

C. Delta is the fourth letter.

D. The Greek alphabet runs Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon — Epsilon is fifth.

42 General Knowledge

Which of the following units of measurement was NOT named after a person?

- A. Barleycorn ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Apgar
- C. Curie
- D. Hertz

A. The barleycorn is an old unit of length (one-third of an inch) named after the barley grain, not after a person.

B. The Apgar score is named after Dr Virginia Apgar.

C. The curie (unit of radioactivity) is named after Marie Curie.

D. The hertz (unit of frequency) is named after Heinrich Hertz.

Question 43 General Knowledge

What U.S. city sits where the Ohio River separates into the Allegheny and the Monongahela?

- A. Pittsburgh, PA ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Cleveland, OH
- C. Cincinnatti, OH
- D. Wheeling, WV

A. At Pittsburgh the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers meet to form the Ohio River.

B. Cleveland is on Lake Erie, not at the Allegheny–Monongahela fork.

C. Cincinnati is on the Ohio River downstream, not at its source fork.

D. Wheeling is on the Ohio River, but not where it splits into the Allegheny and Monongahela.

44 General Knowledge

Which is NOT a scale by which to measure natural disasters?

- A. Scoville ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Fujita-Pearson
- C. Saffir-Simpson
- D. Richter

A. The Scoville scale measures the heat of chilli peppers, not natural disasters.

B. The Fujita scale measures tornado intensity, a natural-disaster scale.

C. The Saffir–Simpson scale measures hurricane intensity.

D. The Richter scale measures earthquake magnitude.

Question 45 General Knowledge

Which of the following is NOT one of the colors of the Olympic rings?

- A. Red
- B. Purple ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Blue
- D. Yellow

A. Red is one of the five Olympic ring colours.

B. Purple is not an Olympic ring colour (the rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red).

C. Blue is one of the Olympic ring colours.

D. Yellow is one of the Olympic ring colours.

Question 46 Everyday Science

The fear of thunder and lightning is known as:

ntophobia ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Xantnophobia
- C. Eosophobia
- D. Myrmecophobia

A. Brontophobia is the fear of thunder and lightning (from Greek brontē, thunder).

B. Xanthophobia is the fear of the colour yellow, not of thunder.

C. Eosophobia is the fear of dawn/daylight, not of thunder.

D. Myrmecophobia is the fear of ants, not of thunder.

Question 47 Everyday Science

Which of the following is a mammal?

- A. Sea Dragon
- B. Minke Whale ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Whale Shark
- D. Horseshoe Crab

A. A sea dragon is a fish (a relative of the seahorse), not a mammal.

B. The minke whale is a baleen whale, and all whales are mammals.

C. Despite its name, the whale shark is a fish (a shark), not a mammal.

D. The horseshoe crab is an arthropod, not a mammal.

Question 48 Everyday Science

What type of animal was the first living creature in space?

- A. Monkey
- B. Dog ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Rat

A. Monkeys flew in space later (the first monkey in space was in 1949, after Laika's predecessors — but the first living creature in orbit was a dog).

B. Laika, a dog, was the first living creature in space (Sputnik 2, 1957); fruit flies flew earlier on suborbital flights, but among the options the dog is correct.

C. No rat was the first living creature in space.

D. Mice flew in space much later.

Question 49 General Knowledge

What Is a group of lions called?

- A. Envy
- B. Avarice
- C. Pride ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sloth

A. An "envy" is not the term for a group of lions.

B. "Avarice" means greed, not a group of lions.

C. A group of lions is called a pride.

D. A "sloth" is the term for a group of bears, not lions.

Question 50 General Knowledge

Name Europe's highest volcano.

- A. Etna ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Vesuvius
- C. Stromboii
- D. Hekla

…a in Sicily (about 3,350 m) is Europe's highest volcano.

B. Vesuvius (about 1,281 m) is much lower than Etna.

C. Stromboli (about 924 m) is much lower than Etna.

D. Hekla in Iceland (about 1,488 m) is lower than Etna.

Question 51 Everyday Science

What inhabits an apiary?

- A. Bees ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Apes
- C. Butterflies
- D. Birds

A. An apiary is a place where bees are kept (beehives).

B. Apes live in forests and zoos, not in apiaries.

C. Butterflies live in gardens and meadows, not in apiaries.

D. Birds live in nests and aviaries, not in apiaries.

Question 52 Mathematics

What value is the Roman numeral XL?

- A. 510
- B. 60
- C. 40 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 490

A. 510 is DX, not XL.

B. 60 is LX, not XL.

minus X (10) = 40.

D. 490 is CDXC, not XL.

Question 53 Islamiat

Name the brother of Moses who was the first high priest of the Israelites in the Old Testament.

- A. Presley
- B. Elvis
- C. Aaron ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Eli

A. Presley is a modern surname, not a biblical figure.

B. Elvis is a modern name, not the brother of Moses.

C. Aaron, the brother of Moses, was the first high priest of the Israelites (Exodus).

D. Eli was a later priest and judge, not Moses's brother or the first high priest.

Question 54 Everyday Science

What is the groove under the nose called?

- A. Philtrum ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Rayon
- C. Petersham
- D. Janeiro

A. The philtrum is the vertical groove between the nose and the upper lip.

B. Rayon is a fabric, not an anatomical feature.

C. Petersham is a ribbon/tape and a place name, not a facial groove.

part of "Rio de Janeiro", not an anatomical term.

Question 55 General Knowledge

In Roman Mythology name the messenger of the gods.

- A. Mercury ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. May
- C. Deacon
- D. Taylor

A. Mercury (Hermes in Greek myth) was the messenger of the gods in Roman mythology.

B. May is a month, not a Roman god.

C. A deacon is a church office, not a Roman god.

D. Taylor is a surname and an occupation, not a Roman god.

Question 56 General Knowledge

Name the highest mountain in the Alps.

- A. Matterhorn
- B. Monte Cervino
- C. Jungfrau
- D. Mont Blanc ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Matterhorn (4,478 m) is famous but lower than Mont Blanc.

B. Monte Cervino is the Italian name for the Matterhorn (4,478 m).

C. The Jungfrau (4,158 m) is lower than Mont Blanc.

D. Mont Blanc (4,808 m) is the highest mountain in the Alps.

57 General Knowledge

Name Germany's longest river.

- A. Rhine ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Danube
- C. Rhone
- D. Weser

A. The Rhine is Germany's longest river (about 865 km within Germany; 1,230 km in total).

B. The Danube is longer overall, but only about 647 km of it flows through Germany.

C. The Rhone does not flow through Germany (it flows through Switzerland and France).

D. The Weser (about 452 km) is entirely in Germany but shorter than the Rhine.

Question 58 Pakistan Studies

What Is the length of Peshawar to Karachi railway route?

- A. 1605 km
- B. 1661km
- C. 1681 km ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1725 km

A. 1,605 km is not the Peshawar–Karachi rail distance.

B. 1,661 km is not the Peshawar–Karachi rail distance.

C. The Peshawar–Karachi main railway line is 1,681 km long.

D. 1,725 km is not the Peshawar–Karachi rail distance.

Question 59 Pakistan Studies

The length of first railway track was

- B. 97 Km
- C. 115 Km
- D. 169 Km ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The first railway line in present-day Pakistan was not 86 km.

B. The first railway line was not 97 km.

C. The first railway line was not 115 km.

D. The first railway line (Karachi to Kotri, opened 1861) was 169 km long.

Question 60 General Knowledge

A Granny Smith is an Australian variety of:

- A. Knot
- B. Self-contained accommodation
- C. Primitive art
- D. Apple ✓ **Correct answer**

A. A Granny Smith is not a kind of knot.

B. A Granny Smith is not a kind of accommodation.

C. A Granny Smith is not a kind of art.

D. The Granny Smith is a green apple variety first grown in Australia in the 1860s.

Question 61 General Knowledge

Which of the five Great Lakes means 'beautiful lake'?

- A. Huron
- B. Erie
- C. Michigan

tario ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "Huron" comes from the French for the Wyandot people, not "beautiful lake".

B. "Erie" comes from the Erie people, not "beautiful lake".

C. "Michigan" comes from Ojibwe "mishigami" (great water), not "beautiful lake".

D. "Ontario" comes from the Huron "Ontarí:io", meaning "beautiful lake".

Question 62 General Knowledge

Who wrote The Lair of the White Worm'?

- A. Mary Shelley
- B. James Herbert
- C. Stephen King
- D. Bram Stoker ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein, not The Lair of the White Worm.

B. James Herbert wrote The Rats and other horror novels, not this one.

C. Stephen King is a modern horror writer, not the author of this 1911 novel.

D. Bram Stoker, author of Dracula, wrote The Lair of the White Worm (1911).

Question 63 Pakistan Studies

Which of the following pass connects Dir and Chitral?,

- A. Lavreri Pass ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Babusar Pass
- C. Bolan Pass
- D. Daragai Pass

A. The Lowari Pass (printed "Lavreri") connects Dir with Chitral.

ass connects Kaghan Valley with Gilgit-Baltistan, not Dir with Chitral.

C. Bolan Pass is in Balochistan, connecting Quetta with Sibi.

D. Daragai (Dargai) is not the Dir–Chitral pass.

Question 64 Pakistan Studies

The largest Lake of Pakistan is

- A. Sat Para
- B. Kachura
- C. Manchhar ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Satpara Lake (Skardu) is much smaller than Manchhar.

B. Kachura (Shangrila) Lake is a small mountain lake.

C. Manchhar Lake in Sindh is the largest natural freshwater lake in Pakistan.

D. Wrong, since C is correct.

Question 65 Pakistan Studies

Slachen glacier is located in the region of:

- A. Shigar
- B. Chitral
- C. Skardu
- D. Baltistan ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Shigar is a valley in Baltistan, but the glacier's region is named Baltistan.

B. The Siachen Glacier is not in Chitral.

C. Skardu is the nearest town, but the glacier lies in the Baltistan region.

...en Glacier (printed "Siachen") is in the Baltistan region of Gilgit-Baltistan.

Question 66 Pakistan Studies

Which Pass connects Chitral with Gilgit and is just 381 meters long?

- A. Lawari Pass
- B. Shangla Pass
- C. Malakand Pass
- D. Shaundur Pass ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Lowari Pass connects Dir with Chitral, not Chitral with Gilgit.

B. Shangla Pass is in Swat/Shangla, not the Chitral–Gilgit route.

C. Malakand Pass is south of Swat, not between Chitral and Gilgit.

D. The Shandur Pass (printed "Shaundur") connects Chitral with Gilgit.

Question 67 Pakistan Studies

Panjgora River is located in the Province of

- A. Punjab
- B. Sindh
- C. K.P.K ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Baluchistan

A. The Panjkora River does not flow in Punjab.

B. The Panjkora River does not flow in Sindh.

C. The Panjkora River flows through Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Dir and Malakand).

D. The Panjkora River does not flow in Balochistan.

68 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan is connected through Silk Road with?

- A. India
- B. China ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Afghanistan
- D. None of these

A. Pakistan is not connected to India by the Silk Road route.

B. The Karakoram Highway, the modern Silk Road, connects Pakistan with China via the Khunjerab Pass.

C. The Silk Road route asked for is the Pakistan–China link, not the Afghan one.

D. Wrong, since B is correct.

Question 69 Pakistan Studies

The highest point above the sea level in Pakistan is

- A. Pamir
- B. Nanga Parbat
- C. K-2 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Rakaposhi

A. The Pamir is a mountain range ("Roof of the World"), not a single peak.

B. Nanga Parbat (8,126 m) is the second highest in Pakistan.

C. K-2 (8,611 m) is the highest point in Pakistan and the world's second-highest mountain.

D. Rakaposhi (7,788 m) is lower than K-2.

70 Pakistan Studies

In which province of Pakistan, the desert of Thai lies?

- A. Punjab ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sindh
- C. K.P.K
- D. Baluchistan

A. The Thal Desert (printed "Thai") lies in Punjab, between the Indus and Jhelum rivers.

B. The Thar Desert lies in Sindh, not the Thal.

C. No Thal Desert lies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

D. The Kharan Desert lies in Balochistan, not the Thal.

Question 71 Pakistan Studies

Which of the following was the first news agency of Pakistan?

- A. APP ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. API
- C. PPI
- D. Blue Agency

A. The Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) was founded in 1947 as Pakistan's first news agency.

B. API is not Pakistan's first news agency.

C. Pakistan Press International (PPI) was founded later (1956), not first.

D. There is no "Blue Agency" as Pakistan's first news agency.

72 Pakistan Studies

When the TV Transmission started in the country first time?

- A. November 24,1964
- B. November 26,1964 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. November 28,1964
- D. November 30,1964

A. Television did not start in Pakistan on 24 November 1964.

B. Pakistan Television (PTV) began transmission on 26 November 1964 from Lahore.

C. Television did not start on 28 November 1964.

D. Television did not start on 30 November 1964.

Question 73 Pakistan Studies

When PTV started Its colour transmission for first time?

- A. December 20, 1976 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. December 20, 1977
- C. December 20, 1978
- D. None of these

A. PTV began colour transmission on 20 December 1976.

B. Colour transmission had already begun a year earlier.

C. Colour transmission had already begun two years earlier.

D. Wrong, since A is correct.

Question 74 Pakistan Studies

Which of the following states joined Pakistan first?

irpur

- B. Bahawalpur ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Chitral
- D. Swat

A. Khairpur acceded later (it joined in October 1947, after Bahawalpur).

B. Bahawalpur was the first princely state to accede to Pakistan (3 October 1947).

C. Chitral acceded in November 1947, after Bahawalpur.

D. Swat acceded in November 1947, after Bahawalpur.

Question 75 Pakistan Studies

The first woman Prime Minister in Pakistan was Benazir Bhutto? In which year she assumed the office?

- A. 1999
- B. 1988 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1989
- D. 1998

A. Benazir Bhutto was not in office in 1999 (her second term ended in 1996).

B. Benazir Bhutto became Prime Minister on 2 December 1988, the first woman prime minister of Pakistan (and of any Muslim-majority country).

C. She had already taken office in December 1988, not 1989.

D. She was not prime minister in 1998.

Question 76 Sports

First Pakistani who climbed Mount Everest on 14th May 2000 is

- A. Nazir Sabir ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Numira Saleem
- D. Muhammad Massom

A. Nazir Sabir became the first Pakistani to climb Mount Everest on 17 May 2000 (the paper dates it 14 May 2000); he is the correct person.

B. Ashraf Aman (printed "AshrafHanan") was the first Pakistani to climb K2 (1977), not Everest.

C. Samina Baig (not "Numira Saleem") became the first Pakistani woman on Everest in 2013.

D. No such Everest climber matches this name.

Question 77 English

What do you understand by Magnum opus?

- A. A great success
- B. A gigantic project
- C. A great work ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. "Magnum opus" does not mean a great success in general.

B. "Magnum opus" does not mean a gigantic project; size is not the point.

C. "Magnum opus" (Latin) means a person's greatest work, a great work.

D. Wrong, since C is correct.

Question 78 English

What do you understand by Mala fide?

- A. Based on facts

acherously ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Beyond doubts
- D. None of these

A. "Mala fide" means the opposite: acting in bad faith, not on facts.

B. "Mala fide" means in bad faith, treacherously — acting with dishonest intent.

C. "Mala fide" has nothing to do with being beyond doubt.

D. Wrong, since B is correct.

Question 79 General Knowledge

Nobel peace prize winner M. Younas bom 1940 at

- A. Lakhnow
- B. Chittagong ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Dehli
- D. Khulna

A. Muhammad Yunus was not born in Lucknow.

B. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize winner (2006), was born in 1940 in Chittagong (then Bengal).

C. He was not born in Delhi.

D. He was not born in Khulna.

Question 80 General Knowledge

How much of the total world's land is occupied by the African continent?

- A. 22%
- B. 18%
- C. 17%

✓ Correct answer

A. Africa covers about 20% of the world's land area, not 22%.

B. 18% is too low for Africa's share of world land.

C. 17% is too low for Africa's share of world land.

D. Africa (about 30 million sq km) covers roughly 20% of the Earth's land area.

Question 81 General Knowledge

The deepest lake in the world is

- A. Red Sea
- B. Dal Lake
- C. Caspian Sea
- D. Baikal ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Red Sea is a sea, not a lake, and is not the deepest lake.

B. Dal Lake in Kashmir is shallow, not the world's deepest.

C. The Caspian is the largest lake by area, but Baikal is deeper (1,642 m).

D. Lake Baikal in Siberia (1,642 m deep) is the world's deepest lake.

Question 82 Everyday Science

The study of earthquakes is:

- A. seismology ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. physiology
- C. etymology
- D. zoology

A. Seismology is the scientific study of earthquakes.

y is the study of how living organisms function.

C. Etymology is the study of the origin of words.

D. Zoology is the study of animals.

Question 83 Everyday Science

The science which deals with the study of the heavenly bodies is:

- A. Astrology
- B. astronomy ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. biology
- D. zoology

A. Astrology is the belief system about stars influencing human affairs, not the science of heavenly bodies.

B. Astronomy is the science of the heavenly bodies (stars, planets, galaxies).

C. Biology is the study of living things.

D. Zoology is the study of animals.

Question 84 English

What is the meaning of Havoc?

- A. prosperity
- B. knowledge
- C. fact
- D. devastation ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "Havoc" means destruction, the opposite of prosperity.

B. "Havoc" has nothing to do with knowledge.

not a fact, it means widespread destruction.

D. "Havoc" means great destruction or devastation.

Question 85 English

What is the meaning of Huddle?

- A. arrange
- B. neutral
- C. confuse ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. genuine

A. "Huddle" does not mean to arrange; a huddle is a confused crowding together.

B. "Huddle" has nothing to do with being neutral.

C. In the paper's sense, "huddle" means to crowd together in a confused mass — to confuse or muddle.

D. "Huddle" has nothing to do with being genuine.

Question 86 General Knowledge

Which country has the oldest anthem of the world?

- A. Japan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. China
- C. Denmark
- D. UK

A. Japan's anthem "Kimigayo" has lyrics dating to the 9th century, making it the world's oldest national anthem.

B. China's anthem "March of the Volunteers" dates to 1935, far newer.

C. Denmark's anthem dates to the 18th–19th centuries.

e the King" dates to the 18th century, newer than Kimigayo's lyrics.

Question 87 General Knowledge

The Headquarters of the IOC is located at

- A. Olympia
- B. Lausanne ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Paris
- D. Athens

A. Olympia in Greece is the ancient home of the Games, not the IOC headquarters.

B. The International Olympic Committee is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

C. Paris is not the IOC headquarters (the IOC was founded in Paris in 1894, but is based in Lausanne).

D. Athens hosted the first modern Games, but is not the IOC headquarters.

Question 88 Sports

The background colour of Olympic Flag is

- A. Yellow
- B. White ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Light Blue
- D. Silver

A. Yellow is one of the ring colours, not the flag's background.

B. The Olympic flag has a white background with the five coloured rings.

C. Light blue is not the flag's background colour.

D. Silver is not the flag's background colour.

89 Sports

Which marathon runner won the gold medal at the first modem Olympic Games held in Athens in 1896?

- A. Spyridon Louis ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. EmilZatopek
- C. AbebeBikila
- D. Waldemar Cierpinski

A. Spyridon Louis of Greece won the marathon at the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896.

B. Emil Zátopek won Olympic golds in 1948 and 1952, not 1896.

C. Abebe Bikila won the marathon in 1960 and 1964, not 1896.

D. Waldemar Cierpinski won the marathon in 1976 and 1980, not 1896.

Question 90 Pakistan Studies

Under whose leadership the All India Muslim League was set up?

- A. Mohammed Ali Jinnah
- B. Sayyed Ahmed Khan
- C. Agha Khan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Nawab Salimullah of Dacca

A. Jinnah joined the League in 1913; he did not found it or lead it at its founding.

B. Sir Syed died in 1898, eight years before the League was founded.

C. The All-India Muslim League was founded in 1906 at Dhaka, with Aga Khan III as its first president.

D. Nawab Salimullah hosted the founding session at Dhaka, but Aga Khan was chosen as the first president/leader.

91 Pakistan Studies

The Ahrar Movement was started as a:

- A. Pro-British movement
- B. Pro-Muslim League movement
- C. National and militant movement ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Anti-communal and anti-Muslim League movement

A. The Ahrar (Majlis-e-Ahrar) opposed British rule; it was not pro-British.

B. The Ahrar opposed the Muslim League's politics, not supported it.

C. The Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Islam (founded 1929) was a nationalist, activist movement.

D. The Ahrar were a religious-political movement, not described as anti-communal; the "national and militant" description is the paper's key.

Question 92 General Knowledge

Shaheen Air Line is the name of airline of:

- A. Pakistan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Brunei
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Iran

A. Shaheen Air International was a Pakistani airline (based in Karachi).

B. Brunei's airline is Royal Brunei, not Shaheen Air.

C. Bangladesh's airline is Biman, not Shaheen Air.

D. Iran's airline is Iran Air, not Shaheen Air.

93 General Knowledge

Kigali is the name of Airport:

- A. Rwanda ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Japan
- C. Russia
- D. Canada

A. Kigali is the capital of Rwanda, served by Kigali International Airport — so the airport is Rwanda's.

B. No Kigali airport exists in Japan.

C. No Kigali airport exists in Russia.

D. No Kigali airport exists in Canada.

Question 94 General Knowledge

"JANA" is the news agency of:

- A. Japan
- B. Russia
- C. Libya ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. USA

A. Japan's news agency is Kyodo (Jiji is another), not JANA.

B. Russia's news agencies are TASS and Interfax, not JANA.

C. JANA (Jamahiriya News Agency) was the state news agency of Libya.

D. The USA's news agency is the Associated Press (AP), not JANA.

95 General Knowledge

MAD is the name of secret agency of:

- A. Germany ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. United States of America
- C. London
- D. Manchester

A. MAD (Militärischer Abschirmdienst) is Germany's military counter-intelligence service.

B. The USA's agencies are the CIA, FBI and NSA, not MAD.

C. London is a city, not a country with an agency called MAD.

D. Manchester is a city, not a country with an agency called MAD.

Question 96 General Knowledge

World day for War orphans is observed every year on

- A. 1st January
- B. 3rd January
- C. 5th January
- D. 6th January ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 1 January is New Year's Day, not the World Day for War Orphans.

B. 3 January is not the World Day for War Orphans.

C. 5 January is not the World Day for War Orphans.

D. The World Day for War Orphans is observed on 6 January every year.

Question 97 General Knowledge

World Cancer Day is observed every year on

- B. 12th February
- C. 04th February ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 19th February

A. 21 February is International Mother Language Day, not World Cancer Day.

B. 12 February is not World Cancer Day.

C. World Cancer Day is observed on 4 February every year.

D. 19 February is not World Cancer Day.

Question 98 Pakistan Studies

Which place is called the Brasilia of Pakistan?

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

A. Islamabad, Pakistan's planned capital, is called the "Brasilia of Pakistan" (Brasilia being Brazil's planned capital).

B. Karachi is Pakistan's largest city and old capital, not a planned capital like Brasilia.

C. Lahore is an ancient historic city, not a planned capital.

D. Quetta is Balochistan's capital, not a planned capital like Brasilia.

Question 99 General Knowledge

Seraglio is a

- A. Ancient residence of the sultan of Turkey at Istanbul ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. A roof with small regular opening

- D. Passage for the escape of smoke

A. The seraglio (Topkapi Palace) was the residence of the Ottoman sultans in Istanbul.

B. That describes a lantern or louvre, not a seraglio.

C. That describes a column or pier, not a seraglio.

D. That describes a chimney or flue, not a seraglio.

Question 100 General Knowledge

Which of the following cities was known earlier as 'Pearl of the Antilles'?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Cuba ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Manila
- D. Shanghai

A. Mumbai was known as Bombay, not the Pearl of the Antilles.

B. Cuba (and its capital Havana) is known as the "Pearl of the Antilles".

C. Manila was known as the "Pearl of the Orient", not of the Antilles.

D. Shanghai was known as the "Pearl of the Orient", not of the Antilles.

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