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Question 1 General Knowledge

ASEAN was formed in:

- A. 1965

- C. 1967 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1965

A. 1965 is not the year ASEAN was formed, and it is printed twice in this question (options A and D are the same value).

B. 1960 is not the year ASEAN was formed.

C. Correct: ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) was formed on 8 August 1967 by the Bangkok Declaration.

D. 1965 is not the year ASEAN was formed; it duplicates option A.

Question 2 Geography

which of the following country is located inn the Levant region ?

- A. Iran
- B. France
- C. Iraq
- D. Syria ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Iran lies east of the Levant; it is not a Levant country.

B. France is in Western Europe, not the Levant.

C. Iraq is Mesopotamia, east of the Levant, not part of it.

D. Correct: Syria is a core Levant country (the Levant covers Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel/Palestine and nearby coasts).

Question 3 General Knowledge

"Thomas Cup" is given in the game of:

- A. Lawn Tennis

- C. Table tennis
- D. Badminton ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Thomas Cup is not a lawn tennis trophy.

B. The Thomas Cup is not a golf trophy (golf's team trophy is the Ryder Cup).

C. The Thomas Cup is not a table tennis trophy (that is the Swaythling Cup).

D. Correct: the Thomas Cup is the men's world team badminton championship trophy.

Note: Note: Printed key B (Golf) corrected to D on the facts.

Question 4 General Knowledge

What is the length of "Great Wall of China"?

- A. 22,196 kms
- B. 20,196 kms
- C. 21,996 kms
- D. 21,196 kms ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 22,196 km is not the surveyed length of the Great Wall.

B. 20,196 km is not the surveyed length of the Great Wall.

C. 21,996 km is not the surveyed length of the Great Wall.

D. Correct: the official surveyed length of the Great Wall (all branches) is 21,196 km.

Question 5 History

Who is called the " Father Of French Revolution"?

- A. Thomes Hobbes
- B. Rousseau ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Montesquieu

A. Thomas Hobbes wrote on political philosophy; he is not called the father of the French Revolution.

B. Correct: Jean-Jacques Rousseau's ideas (the social contract, the general will) are treated as the intellectual seed of the French Revolution.

C. Francis Bacon was an English philosopher of an earlier age, not the father of the French Revolution.

D. Montesquieu influenced revolutionary thought, but the title belongs to Rousseau.

Question 6 English Literature

"Divine Comedy " was written by :

- A. Gibbon
- B. Goethe
- C. DanteT ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Milton

A. Edward Gibbon wrote The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, not the Divine Comedy.

B. Goethe wrote Faust, not the Divine Comedy.

C. Correct: the Divine Comedy was written by Dante Alighieri.

D. Milton wrote Paradise Lost, not the Divine Comedy.

Question 7 Everyday Science

Which of the following Scientists is known as the father of astronomy ?

- A. Einstein

ernicus ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Archimedes
- D. Newton

A. Einstein is known for relativity, not as the father of astronomy.

B. Correct: Nicolaus Copernicus, who placed the Sun at the centre of the solar system, is called the father of modern astronomy.

C. Archimedes was a mathematician and inventor of antiquity, not the father of astronomy.

D. Newton founded classical mechanics and gravitation, not astronomy itself.

Question 8 General Knowledge

In France the Bastille day is celebrated on :

- A. 14 May
- B. 14 June
- C. 14 July ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 14 August

A. 14 May is not Bastille Day.

B. 14 June is not Bastille Day.

C. Correct: Bastille Day is celebrated in France on 14 July (the storming of the Bastille, 14 July 1789).

D. 14 August is not Bastille Day (it is Pakistan's Independence Day).

Question 9 General Knowledge

The " Swaythling Cup" is related to the game of :

- A. Badminton

- C. volleyball
- D. Table Tannis ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Swaythling Cup is not a badminton trophy.

B. The Swaythling Cup is not a tennis trophy.

C. The Swaythling Cup is not a volleyball trophy.

D. Correct: the Swaythling Cup is the men's world team table tennis championship trophy.

Question 10 Everyday Science

In 1774 Oxygen was discovered by :

- A. Newton
- B. Priestly ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Faraday
- D. B. Franklin

A. Newton did not discover oxygen in 1774.

B. Correct: Joseph Priestley isolated oxygen in 1774 (calling it dephlogisticated air); Scheele found it independently around the same time.

C. Faraday worked on electricity and chemistry later; he did not discover oxygen.

D. Benjamin Franklin worked on electricity, not the discovery of oxygen.

Question 11 History

In the history of the world the stone age is also called by the name of :

- A. palaeolithic period ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Mesolithic period
- C. Neolithic period

lcolithic period

A. Correct: the Stone Age is also called the Palaeolithic period (the Old Stone Age).

B. The Mesolithic is the Middle Stone Age, a later phase, not the whole Stone Age.

C. The Neolithic is the New Stone Age, a later phase, not the whole Stone Age.

D. The Chalcolithic is the Copper Age, after the Stone Age proper.

Question 12 General Knowledge

Pedagogy is the Science of :

- A. Birds
- B. Space
- C. Pharmacy
- D. Teaching ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Pedagogy is not the science of birds (that is ornithology).

B. Pedagogy is not the science of space (that is astronomy).

C. Pedagogy is not the science of pharmacy.

D. Correct: pedagogy is the science (method and practice) of teaching.

Question 13 Computer

One megabyte is equal to:

- A. 1000 bytes
- B. 10,000 bytes
- C. 100,000 bytes
- D. 1000,000 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 1,000 bytes is a kilobyte in decimal terms, not a megabyte.

C. 100,000 bytes is not a megabyte.

D. Correct: in the paper's decimal convention one megabyte is 1,000,000 bytes (the printed option reads '1000,000').

Question 14 General Knowledge

Maple Leaf is the national emblem of :

- A. Germany
- B. China
- C. Canada ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. The maple leaf is not Germany's emblem.

B. The maple leaf is not China's emblem.

C. Correct: the maple leaf is the national emblem of Canada.

D. One of the given options is the emblem, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 15 General Knowledge

" Wheel" is a symbol of :

- A. Peace
- B. prosperity
- C. progress ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. speed

A. The wheel is not a symbol of peace (that is the dove or the olive branch).

B. The wheel is not a symbol of prosperity.

...e wheel is the conventional symbol of progress (and of movement and the turning of time).

D. Speed is suggested by the wheel, but the set symbol is progress.

Question 16 General Knowledge

Which of the following country 's Parliament is called "Diet" ?

- A. Denmark
- B. Russia
- C. Japan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Denmark's parliament is the Folketing, not the Diet.

B. Russia's parliament is the Duma, not the Diet.

C. Correct: Japan's parliament is called the Diet (the National Diet).

D. One of the given options is the Diet, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 17 General Knowledge

Who invented Bicycle?

- A. Nelson
- B. Karl Von Drais ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Louis Braille
- D. Johan Hall

A. Nelson (Horatio Nelson) was a naval commander, not the bicycle's inventor.

B. Correct: the bicycle (the running machine / draisine) was invented by Karl von Drais in 1817.

C. Louis Braille invented the Braille writing system, not the bicycle.

o recognised bicycle inventor called Johan Hall.

Question 18 Geography

What is the total area of Australia?

- A. 8,787,801 Sq. km
- B. 8,687,000 Sq. km
- C. 7,891,000 Sq. km ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 8,192,921 Sq. km

A. 8,787,801 sq km is further from Australia's true area (7,692,024 sq km) than option C.

B. 8,687,000 sq km is further from the true area than option C.

C. Correct (closest): Australia's area is about 7,692,024 sq km; 7,891,000 is the nearest of the four options.

D. 8,192,921 sq km is further from the true area than option C.

Question 19 Geography

Which of the following is the Baltic State?

- A. Estonia ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Serbia
- C. Romania
- D. Bulgaria

A. Correct: Estonia is a Baltic state (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania border the Baltic Sea).

B. Serbia is landlocked in the Balkans, not a Baltic state.

C. Romania borders the Black Sea, not the Baltic.

D. Bulgaria borders the Black Sea, not the Baltic.

20 Geography

What is meant by EQUINOX ?

- A. Day and Night are equal ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. The longest night
- C. The shortest Day
- D. The longest Day

A. Correct: an equinox is the time when day and night are (nearly) equal all over the Earth.

B. The longest night is a solstice (winter solstice), not an equinox.

C. The shortest day is a solstice, not an equinox.

D. The longest day is a solstice (summer solstice), not an equinox.

Question 21 Geography

Which Sea is located in central Asia ?

- A. Red Sea
- B. North Sea
- C. Aral Sea ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Japan Sea

A. The Red Sea lies between Africa and Arabia, not in Central Asia.

B. The North Sea lies between Britain and mainland Europe, not in Central Asia.

C. Correct: the Aral Sea lies in Central Asia (between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan).

D. The Japan Sea lies off East Asia, not in Central Asia.

Question 22 General Knowledge

What is Viticulture ?

ivation of Grapes ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Growing small Plants
- C. growing Tobacco
- D. cultivation of Spices

A. Correct: viticulture is the cultivation of grapes (for wine and table use).

B. Growing small plants generally is horticulture, not viticulture.

C. Growing tobacco is not viticulture.

D. Cultivation of spices is not viticulture.

Question 23 General Knowledge

Widow's Tears is the name of :

- A. Peninsula
- B. Lake
- C. Island
- D. Plant ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Widow's Tears is not a peninsula.

B. Widow's Tears is not a lake.

C. Widow's Tears is not an island.

D. Correct: Widow's Tears (Tradescantia) is a plant.

Question 24 Geography

Kalahari desert is located in :

- A. Botswana ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Australia
- C. Pakistan

A. Correct: the Kalahari desert lies mainly in Botswana (extending into Namibia and South Africa).

B. The Kalahari is not in Australia.

C. The Kalahari is not in Pakistan.

D. The Kalahari extends into Namibia and South Africa, but its main body is in Botswana, not Mozambique.

Question 25 History

The author of the " New Deal " was :

- A. president Roosevelt ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. President Wilson
- C. President John F . Kennedy
- D. President George Washington

A. Correct: the 'New Deal' was President Franklin D. Roosevelt's programme of relief, recovery and reform in the 1930s.

B. President Wilson (1913-1921) predates the New Deal.

C. President Kennedy (1961-1963) postdates the New Deal.

D. President George Washington (1789-1797) predates it by a century and a half.

Question 26 General Knowledge

The currency of Portugal is :

- A. Zloty
- B. Peso
- C. Euro ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The zloty is Poland's currency, not Portugal's.

B. The peso is used in Spain's past and in Latin America, not in Portugal.

C. Correct: Portugal uses the euro (it replaced the escudo in 2002).

D. The escudo was Portugal's old currency before the euro; it is no longer current.

Question 27 General Knowledge

What is the Parliament of Denmark:

- A. National Assembly
- B. Senate
- C. Folketing ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. The National Assembly is not Denmark's parliament.

B. The Senate is not Denmark's parliament (Denmark has a unicameral parliament).

C. Correct: Denmark's parliament is the Folketing.

D. One of the given options is the parliament, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 28 General Knowledge

The first Asian Secretary General of united Nation was :

- A. Tryve Lie
- B. Vijay Lakshmi Pandit
- C. U _Thant ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Kurt Waldheim

A. Trygve Lie of Norway was the first UN Secretary-General, but he was European, not

B. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit was president of the UN General Assembly, not Secretary-General.

C. Correct: U Thant of Burma (Myanmar) was the first Asian Secretary-General (1961-1971).

D. Kurt Waldheim of Austria was a later Secretary-General, and European.

Question 29 General Knowledge

The Headquarters of EFTA is in :

- A. London
- B. Geneva ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Rome
- D. Paris

A. EFTA's headquarters is not in London.

B. Correct: the European Free Trade Association is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

C. EFTA's headquarters is not in Rome.

D. EFTA's headquarters is not in Paris.

Question 30 General Knowledge

"Bread for the world " Institute which focuses on problem of poverty and hunger in the world , is based in :

- A. London
- B. Washington ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Geneva
- D. Newyork

A. The Bread for the World Institute is not based in London.

...e Bread for the World Institute (anti-hunger policy) is based in Washington, DC.

C. The Institute is not based in Geneva.

D. The Institute is not based in New York.

Question 31 General Knowledge

ANSA is the news agency of :

- A. Germany
- B. Italy ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. India
- D. USA

A. ANSA is not Germany's news agency (that is DPA).

B. Correct: ANSA (Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata) is Italy's news agency.

C. ANSA is not India's news agency (that is PTI).

D. ANSA is not the USA's news agency (that is AP).

Question 32 General Knowledge

Aeroflot is the airline of :

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

A. Aeroflot is not Canada's airline (that is Air Canada).

B. Aeroflot is not Sri Lanka's airline (that is SriLankan Airlines).

eroflot is Russia's national airline.

D. Aeroflot is not Japan's airline (that is Japan Airlines).

Question 33 General Knowledge

"Tegel "is the international Airport of :

- A. Greece
- B. Turkey
- C. Germany ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. USA

A. Tegel is not an airport in Greece.

B. Tegel is not an airport in Turkey.

C. Correct: Tegel was Berlin's international airport (Germany).

D. Tegel is not an airport in the USA.

Question 34 General Knowledge

"Broadway Street" O USA is famous for :

- A. Banking
- B. Stock Exchange
- C. Cinema Halls ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. shoping centers

A. Broadway is not a banking district (that is Wall Street).

B. Broadway is not famous for the stock exchange (that is Wall Street).

C. Correct (closest): Broadway is New York's theatre district; of the options, cinema halls is the nearest entertainment-venue answer.

is not a shopping centre district.

Question 35 Geography

What is the name of Leningrad?

- A. St. Peterburg ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Red Square
- C. Moscow
- D. Stalingrad

A. Correct: Leningrad was renamed St. Petersburg in 1991.

B. Red Square is a place in Moscow, not the new name of Leningrad.

C. Moscow is a different city, not the renamed Leningrad.

D. Stalingrad was renamed Volgograd; it is not Leningrad's new name.

Question 36 General Knowledge

Which country is called the Cockpit of Europe?

- A. Belgium ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Canada
- C. UK
- D. Sweden

A. Correct: Belgium is called the Cockpit of Europe because so many European battles were fought there.

B. Canada is not the Cockpit of Europe.

C. The UK is not the Cockpit of Europe.

D. Sweden is not the Cockpit of Europe.

37 Geography

Which city is called the 'Land of Seven hills'?

- A. Rome ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Venice
- C. Shiraz
- D. Babylon

A. Correct: Rome is called the city of the seven hills.

B. Venice is the city of canals, not of seven hills.

C. Shiraz is a city of Iran, not the seven-hills city.

D. Babylon is an ancient Mesopotamian city, not the seven-hills city.

Question 38 General Knowledge

Which is the highest military award of Italy?

- A. medal of honuor
- B. medal for Valour ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Military cross
- D. Iron cross

A. The Medal of Honour is the United States' highest military decoration, not Italy's.

B. Correct: Italy's highest military decoration is the Gold Medal of Military Valour (the paper's 'medal for Valour').

C. The Military Cross is a British decoration, not Italy's highest.

D. The Iron Cross is a German decoration, not Italy's highest.

39 Pakistan Affairs

which article of the 1973 constitution of islamic republic of pakistan prohibits all forms of slavery ,forced labour child labour

- A. 37
- B. 11 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 25
- D. 18

A. Article 37 deals with promotion of social justice, not the ban on slavery and forced labour.

B. Correct: Article 11 of the 1973 Constitution prohibits slavery, all forms of forced labour, and child labour in hazardous work.

C. Article 25 is equality before the law, not the slavery ban.

D. Article 18 is freedom of trade and profession, not the slavery ban.

Question 40 Current Affairs

Football world cup 2010 was won by :

- A. Spain ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. France
- C. Italy
- D. Brazil

A. Correct: the 2010 FIFA World Cup was won by Spain (1-0 against the Netherlands).

B. France did not win in 2010 (it won in 1998 and 2018).

C. Italy did not win in 2010 (it won in 2006).

D. Brazil did not win in 2010 (it won in 2002).

In human body flat bones are found in :

- A. neck
- B. skull ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. legs
- D. chest

A. Flat bones are not typically found in the neck.

B. Correct (filed): the skull's cranial bones are the textbook example of flat bones.

C. The legs have long bones, not flat bones.

D. The chest also has flat bones (sternum and ribs), so D is anatomically true too; B is filed as the paper's keyed textbook answer.

Question 42 Law

under the factories act,1934 no adult employee ,defined as a worker who as completed his or her 18th year of age can be required or permitted to work in any establishment in excess of ....hours a day and ....hours a week.

- A. 7,42
- B. 8,48
- C. 9,48 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 8,56

A. 7 hours a day / 42 hours a week is the limit for young persons under the Factories Act 1934, not for adults.

B. 8 hours a day / 48 hours a week is the usual 6-day pattern, but the Act's adult limit is 9 hours a day.

C. Correct: under the Factories Act 1934 (sections 34 and 36) no adult worker may work

hours a day and 48 hours a week.

D. 8 hours a day / 56 hours a week mixes the daily figure with the continuous-process weekly exception.

Note: Note: Printed key B (8, 48) corrected to C (9, 48) on the Act: section 36 caps the adult day at 9 hours, section 34 the week at 48 hours.

Question 43 English

Servile is the opposite of ;

- A. puerile
- B. futile
- C. haughty ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. faoul

A. Puerile means childish, not the opposite of servile.

B. Futile means useless, not the opposite of servile.

C. Correct: servile means slavishly submissive; its opposite is haughty (proudly superior).

D. 'Faoul' is a misprint of foul; foul is not the opposite of servile.

Question 44 Geography

'Cotours' are the line of connecting places having

- A. equal temprature
- B. equal pressure
- C. equal height ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. equal rainfall

A. Lines joining places of equal temperature are isotherms, not contours.

B. Lines joining places of equal pressure are isobars, not contours.

Contours (contour lines) join places of equal height (elevation) above sea level.

D. Lines joining places of equal rainfall are isohyets, not contours.

Question 45 English Literature

Ours sweetest songs are those that tell us of saddest thoughts " these words are attributed to :

- A. Keats
- B. Wordsworth
- C. Shelley ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Milton

A. Keats did not write this line.

B. Wordsworth did not write this line.

C. Correct: 'Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought' is from Shelley's 'To a Skylark'.

D. Milton did not write this line.

Question 46 General Knowledge

in the election of the president of the united states of America , the largest number of members of the "Electoral College " are elected from the state of

- A. New York
- B. Texas
- C. California ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Florida

A. New York does not have the largest Electoral College delegation.

B. Texas has the second-largest delegation, not the largest.

California has the largest number of Electoral College votes (55 at the time of the paper).

D. Florida's delegation is smaller than California's.

Question 47 English Literature

Who created the famous character of Dracula" ?

- A. Stanly Kubrik
- B. JohnPolidori
- C. James Cameron
- D. Bram Stoker ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Stanley Kubrick was a film director, not Dracula's creator.

B. John Polidori wrote 'The Vampyre', not Dracula.

C. James Cameron is a film director, not Dracula's creator.

D. Correct: Bram Stoker created Count Dracula in the novel Dracula (1897).

Question 48 Economics

'White goods "are :

- A. basic raw material
- B. durable consumption goods ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. cosmetic article
- D. goods imported from western countries

A. White goods are not raw materials.

B. Correct: white goods are large durable household appliances (fridges, washing machines) - durable consumption goods.

C. White goods are not cosmetics.

ods are not defined by import from western countries.

Question 49 General Knowledge

Out of the following ,the largest ethenic group by popultion without having state of its own is

- A. kurdish ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. welsh
- C. uighurs
- D. sikhs

A. Correct: the Kurds are the largest ethnic group without a state of their own (about 30-40 million people).

B. The Welsh have their own country (Wales) within the UK.

C. The Uighurs are smaller in number than the Kurds.

D. The Sikhs are smaller in number than the Kurds as a stateless group.

Question 50 General Knowledge

America Cup is associated with which of the following sports ?

- A. canoeing
- B. yachting ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. American football
- D. paragliding

A. The America Cup is not a canoeing trophy.

B. Correct: the America's Cup is the yachting (sailing) trophy.

C. The America Cup is not an American football trophy.

D. The America Cup is not a paragliding trophy.

51 English

Hobson 's choice:

- A. giving no choice at all ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. to make the best choice
- C. To make the worst choice
- D. To settle for compromise

A. Correct: a Hobson's choice is no choice at all (take it or leave it).

B. Making the best choice is not a Hobson's choice.

C. Making the worst choice is not a Hobson's choice.

D. Settling for a compromise is not a Hobson's choice.

Question 52 Current Affairs

The first president of Palestine authority Yasir Arfat died on

- A. 11th September 2006
- B. 9th November 2001
- C. 12th December 2007
- D. 11th November 2004 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Yasir Arafat did not die on 11 September 2006.

B. Yasir Arafat did not die on 9 November 2001.

C. Yasir Arafat did not die on 12 December 2007.

D. Correct: Yasir Arafat, first president of the Palestinian Authority, died on 11 November 2004.

53 Everyday Science

which Vitamin is provided by sunlight to the body ?

- A. Vitamin A
- B. Vitamin B
- C. Vitamin C
- D. Vitamin D ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Sunlight does not provide vitamin A.

B. Sunlight does not provide vitamin B.

C. Sunlight does not provide vitamin C.

D. Correct: sunlight enables the skin to make vitamin D.

Question 54 Current Affairs

The phenomenon of Arab Spring " was sparked by the self immolation of Mohamed Bouzizl, a fruit-Seller in :

- A. Egypt
- B. Tunisia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Morocco
- D. Syria

A. The Arab Spring was not sparked in Egypt (Egypt's uprising followed Tunisia's).

B. Correct: the Arab Spring was sparked by Mohamed Bouazizi's self-immolation in Tunisia in December 2010.

C. The Arab Spring was not sparked in Morocco.

D. The Arab Spring was not sparked in Syria.

55 Geography

The imaginary line of zero degree longitude which passes through Greenwich is called :

- A. Meridian ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Equator
- C. Tropic of Cancer
- D. Tropic of Capricorn

A. Correct: the imaginary line of zero longitude through Greenwich is the (Prime) Meridian.

B. The Equator is the zero line of latitude, not longitude.

C. The Tropic of Cancer is a latitude line (23.5 degrees north), not zero longitude.

D. The Tropic of Capricorn is a latitude line (23.5 degrees south), not zero longitude.

Question 56 Current Affairs

The Hurricane in the October 2012 which caused white spread damge in the eastern Sea -board state of the USA is

- A. Katrina
- B. Sandy ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Isacc
- D. Irene

A. Katrina struck the US Gulf Coast in 2005, not the eastern seaboard in October 2012.

B. Correct: Hurricane Sandy struck the eastern seaboard of the USA in October 2012.

C. Isaac (2012) struck the Gulf Coast, not the eastern seaboard.

D. Irene struck the eastern seaboard in 2011, not October 2012.

57 English Literature

The famous book of "East of Eden" is the work of :

- A. John Stienback ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. R.W.Emerson
- C. Bertrand Russell
- D. Earnest Hemingway

A. Correct: East of Eden is the work of John Steinbeck (1952).

B. R. W. Emerson did not write East of Eden.

C. Bertrand Russell did not write East of Eden.

D. Ernest Hemingway did not write East of Eden.

Question 58 Economics

A voucher may be

- A. Payment bill
- B. Wages sheet
- C. Bank Receipt
- D. All of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. A voucher may be a payment bill, but that is not the whole answer.

B. A voucher may be a wages sheet, but that is not the whole answer.

C. A voucher may be a bank receipt, but that is not the whole answer.

D. Correct: a voucher may be any of these, so 'All of these'.

Question 59 History

Bastille Day is the commemoration of the storming of the Bastille-prison which was seen

of the revolutionary uprising in:

- A. Canada
- B. Belgium
- C. USA
- D. France ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Bastille was not stormed in Canada.

B. The Bastille was not stormed in Belgium.

C. The Bastille was not stormed in the USA.

D. Correct: the storming of the Bastille prison (14 July 1789) symbolised the revolutionary uprising in France.

Question 60 General Knowledge

Kyoto protocol talks about :

- A. Employment
- B. pollution ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Agriculture
- D. None of these

A. The Kyoto Protocol is not about employment.

B. Correct: the Kyoto Protocol (1997) is about cutting greenhouse-gas emissions - pollution and climate change.

C. The Kyoto Protocol is not about agriculture.

D. One of the given options covers it, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 61 English

Sui generis is a Latin term of !!

que ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Generous
- C. Sui gas
- D. Common

A. Correct: sui generis is Latin for 'of its own kind', i.e. unique.

B. Sui generis does not mean generous.

C. Sui generis has nothing to do with Sui gas.

D. Sui generis does not mean common; it means the opposite.

Question 62 Geography

The Strait of Hormuz fall between;

- A. UAE and Oman
- B. Iran and Iraq
- C. Iran, Oman and UAE ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. UAE and Qatar

A. The Strait of Hormuz is not only between the UAE and Oman.

B. The Strait of Hormuz is not between Iran and Iraq.

C. Correct: the Strait of Hormuz lies between Iran on one side and Oman (and the UAE's Musandam) on the other.

D. The Strait of Hormuz is not between the UAE and Qatar.

Question 63 General Knowledge

Rand is the currency of :

- A. South Africa ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Tanzania

- D. Somalia

A. Correct: the rand is the currency of South Africa.

B. The rand is not Tanzania's currency (that is the shilling).

C. The rand is not Ecuador's currency (Ecuador uses the US dollar).

D. The rand is not Somalia's currency (that is the shilling).

Question 64 History

What was the name of Libyan king deposed by Clonel Gadhafi in 1969 ?

- A. King Abdullah
- B. King Idris ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. King Saud
- D. King Sadaat

A. King Abdullah was not the Libyan king deposed in 1969.

B. Correct: King Idris of Libya was deposed by Colonel Gaddafi's coup in 1969.

C. King Saud was a Saudi king, not the Libyan king deposed in 1969.

D. King Sadat is not a Libyan king (Anwar Sadat was Egypt's president).

Question 65 General Knowledge

the number of working children according to ILO estimates in Developing countries is :

- A. 80 Million
- B. 300Million
- C. 250 Million ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 320 Million

is below the ILO figures cited for working children.

B. 300 million is above the ILO figures cited for working children.

C. Correct (filed): the paper's keyed ILO figure is about 250 million working children in developing countries.

D. 320 million is above the ILO figures cited for working children.

Question 66 Political Science

which one of the following statement is false?

- A. The legislative function is inferior to the judicial function of the government ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. The lagislative function is primarily responsible for making unmaking and amending the Law
- C. The executive function gives effect to and enforce the law
- D. The primary judicial function is interpret and apply the law ,resolve disputes ,provide remedies and determine punishments when the law is breached

A. Correct: this is the false statement - the legislative function is not inferior to the judicial function; the organs are coordinate, and in a parliamentary system the legislature is supreme.

B. The legislative function does make, unmake and amend the law, so this statement is true.

C. The executive function does give effect to and enforce the law, so this statement is true.

D. The primary judicial function is indeed to interpret and apply the law and resolve disputes, so this statement is true.

Note: Note: Printed key C corrected to A: C is a true statement, so it cannot be the false one; A is false.

67 English Literature

Who said ,"Where Wealth accumulates ,men decay"?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. Winston Churchill
- C. Gold Smith ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Roosevelt

A. Abraham Lincoln did not say 'Where wealth accumulates, men decay'.

B. Winston Churchill did not say it.

C. Correct: the line is from Oliver Goldsmith's 'The Deserted Village'.

D. Roosevelt did not say it.

Question 68 Geography

Baikal lake is situated in :

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Russian ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. USA
- D. Angola

A. Lake Baikal is not in Kazakhstan.

B. Correct: Lake Baikal is in Russia (Siberia).

C. Lake Baikal is not in the USA.

D. Lake Baikal is not in Angola.

Question 69 Economics

What is meant by "Laissez-Faire"?

ed economy

- B. Non Interference of govt . in economic affairs ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Controlled economy
- D. None of these

A. Laissez-faire is not a mixed economy.

B. Correct: laissez-faire means non-interference by government in economic affairs.

C. Laissez-faire is not a controlled economy; it is the opposite.

D. One of the given options defines it, so 'None of these' is wrong.

Question 70 History

The Agreement which provided for territorial allocations as spheres of Western influence in the Middle East , in case of breakup of Ottomon Empire , is known as:

- A. Treaty of Alexendropol
- B. Balfour Declaration
- C. Accord Ancarra
- D. Sykes -Picot ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Treaty of Alexandropol (1920) was between Turkey and Armenia, not the Sykes-Picot allocation.

B. The Balfour Declaration (1917) was about a Jewish national home, not the spheres-of-influence allocation.

C. There is no such allocation agreement called the Accord of Ankara.

D. Correct: the Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916) allocated Middle Eastern territories as British and French spheres of influence.

71 Economics

The country having the highest GDP in the world

- A. Qatar ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Luxembourg
- C. Singapore
- D. Kuwait

A. Correct (filed): Qatar had the world's highest GDP per capita in 2014, the sense the options point to.

B. Luxembourg also has very high GDP per capita, but below Qatar's in 2014.

C. Singapore's GDP per capita was below Qatar's in 2014.

D. Kuwait's GDP per capita was below Qatar's in 2014.

Question 72 Political Science

which one of the following statement is false ?

- A. 'Unenforceable " means that there is no remedy for beach of convention
- B. The laws of constitution are enforceable in the courts
- C. The conventions of the constitution are binding political rules which are not enforceable in the courts
- D. Constitutional conventions are not binding on anyone ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'Unenforceable' does mean there is no legal remedy for breach of a convention, so this statement is true.

B. The laws of the constitution are enforceable in the courts, so this statement is true.

C. Conventions of the constitution are binding political rules not enforceable in the courts, so this statement is true.

D. Correct: this is the false statement - constitutional conventions ARE binding (politically

of those they apply to, even though courts do not enforce them.

Note: Note: Printed key B corrected to D: B is a true statement, so it cannot be the false one; D is false.

Question 73 Current Affairs

"Brazuca" is the name of ;

- A. The standard shoulder-fired anti-tank weapon of US army
- B. A man portable recoiless antitank rocket launcher weapon of US army
- C. The official match ball FIFA world cup 2014 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. A brass musical instrument incorporating a telescopic tubing

A. Brazuca is not a US anti-tank weapon.

B. Brazuca is not a US rocket launcher.

C. Correct: Brazuca was the official match ball of the FIFA World Cup 2014 in Brazil.

D. Brazuca is not a brass musical instrument.

Question 74 General Knowledge

The Arab League was formed in :

- A. Cairo ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Jeddah
- C. Tehran
- D. Riyadh

A. Correct: the Arab League was formed in Cairo in 1945.

B. The Arab League was not formed in Jeddah.

C. The Arab League was not formed in Tehran.

League was not formed in Riyadh.

Question 75 History

Economic crises of 1930s originated in:

- A. France
- B. Brazil
- C. USA ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Russia

A. The economic crisis of the 1930s did not originate in France.

B. The crisis did not originate in Brazil.

C. Correct: the Great Depression began in the USA (the 1929 Wall Street crash) and spread worldwide.

D. The crisis did not originate in Russia.

Question 76 General Knowledge

In torts , the principle "restitutio ad Integrum " means:

- A. compensation for damages
- B. restoration to the original condition ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. restriction on the integration
- D. none of the above

A. Correct: the Suez Canal was opened in 1869.

B. The Suez Canal was not opened in 1868.

C. The Suez Canal was not opened in 1870.

D. The Suez Canal was not opened in 1859 (construction began in 1859).

77 Everyday Science

Southern cross which is constellation found in the Southern region of the nighty sky consists mainly of ;

- A. seven stars
- B. three stars
- C. five stars ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. none of these

A. Correct: the Earth's atmosphere is about 78% nitrogen.

B. Oxygen is about 21% of the atmosphere, not 78%.

C. Carbon dioxide is only about 0.04% of the atmosphere.

D. Argon is under 1% of the atmosphere.

Question 78 Everyday Science

Sylhet district at the time of the partition was part of the province of ;

- A. Bengal
- B. Assam ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Bihar
- D. United Provinces

A. Correct: the atmosphere is divided into layers (troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, exosphere).

B. The atmosphere is not one uniform layer.

C. The atmosphere is not divided into three layers only.

D. The atmosphere has more than four layers (five main layers).

Euphonious is the opposite of :

- A. Strident ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Lethargic
- C. Literary
- D. Merry

A. Punjabi is not an official language of the United Nations.

B. Bengali is not an official language of the United Nations.

C. Correct: Arabic is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

D. Urdu is not an official language of the United Nations.

Question 80 Everyday Science

Yangtze river does not pass through which of the country

- A. Mongolia
- B. Thailand
- C. Taiwan
- D. All of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. A star is not a non-luminous body.

B. The Moon shines by reflected light; it is not itself a luminous body.

C. Correct: the Sun is a luminous body - it produces its own light.

D. A planet shines by reflected light, not by producing its own.

Question 81 General Knowledge

The incan civilization flourished in

th America ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. North America
- C. Autralia
- D. Indonesia

A. The Sahara is not in Australia.

B. Correct: the Sahara desert lies in North Africa.

C. The Sahara is not in Central America.

D. The Sahara is not in South America.

Question 82 General Knowledge

The largest city by population in the great Lakes region is

- A. Tornoto
- B. Montreal
- C. Chicago ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Detroit

A. Correct: the largest producer of wool is Australia.

B. New Zealand is a major wool producer, but smaller than Australia.

C. China is a major wool producer, but smaller than Australia.

D. Russia is a smaller wool producer than Australia.

Question 83 Current Affairs

An ordinary mobile phone communicates by using :

- A. Sound waves
- B. Microwaves
- C. Radio waves ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Egypt does not have the world's largest population.

B. Nigeria does not have the world's largest population.

C. Correct: China had the world's largest population at the time of the paper (later overtaken by India in 2023).

D. Pakistan's population is smaller than China's.

Question 84 General Knowledge

Stock indices at Tokyo are known by their popular name of :

- A. Down jones
- B. Hang Seng
- C. Nikkei ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. FTSE

A. The Thames is not the world's longest river.

B. The Amazon is very long, but the Nile is longer by the usual measure.

C. Correct: the Nile is the world's longest river (about 6,650 km).

D. The Yangtze is shorter than the Nile.

Question 85 Economics

Annuity is:

- A. A sum of money recieved on a regular basis as one of series of fixed payments ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. A financial product designed to payout a stream of payments to the holder at a later point in time
- C. Both A and B

A. Correct (filed): an annuity is the annual payment of a fixed sum of money.

B. An annuity is not a bank account for a minor.

C. C is also defensible (the fixed sum is commonly paid yearly), but A alone is the standard definition and is filed.

D. An annuity is not a cheque paid by a bank.

Question 86 Current Affairs

For how many year Nelson Mendela remain in prison

- A. 27 Years ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 37 years
- C. 17 years
- D. 10 years

A. Pakistan was not the first to ratify the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

B. India was not the first to ratify it.

C. Correct: Ghana was the first country to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990).

D. Nepal was not the first to ratify it.

Question 87 Geography

When the Stock markeet is going down , it is called "

- A. Bearish ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Bullish
- C. Crashing

A. Correct: the Mariana Trench is the deepest known place in the Earth's oceans.

B. The Java Trench is shallower than the Mariana Trench.

C. The Puerto Rico Trench is shallower than the Mariana Trench.

D. The Kermadec Trench is shallower than the Mariana Trench.

Question 88 General Knowledge

Decible is unit used for :

- A. Spees of light
- B. Intensity of Sound ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Intensity of Heat
- D. None of these

A. Correct: the study of ancient writing (inscriptions) is epigraphy.

B. Numismatics is the study of coins, not ancient writing.

C. Archaeology is the study of past material remains generally, not specifically ancient writing.

D. Palaeontology is the study of fossils, not ancient writing.

Question 89 History

The element recquired for solar energy conversion is ;

- A. Silicon ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Germanium
- C. Uranium
- D. Selenium

s not a party to the Tripartite Treaty of 1867.

B. Russia was not a party to the Tripartite Treaty of 1867.

C. Correct: France, Austria and Italy signed the Tripartite Treaty of 1867.

D. Italy was a party (not the non-party); the treaty was signed by France, Austria and Italy.

Question 90 General Knowledge

A change in an individual behaviour prompted by information and experience refer to which one of the following concept?

- A. learning ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Role slection
- C. Perception
- D. Motivation

A. Correct: Zoroastrianism is the religion of the Parsis.

B. Zoroastrianism is not the religion of the Jews (Judaism is).

C. Zoroastrianism is not the religion of the Christians (Christianity is).

D. Zoroastrianism is not the religion of the Muslims (Islam is).

Question 91 English

which of the following approaches says that ethical issues should be judged on the basis of some universal code?

- A. Deontological ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ethical Sekepticism
- C. Utilitarianism
- D. Narcissism

A. A is not the correct way to form a question from this statement.

can do this work, can't I?' is the correct question tag for a first-person 'can' statement.

C. C is not the correct question tag.

D. D is not the correct question tag.

Question 92 English

Literally the word Ethic stand for :

- A. Understanding Human nature
- B. Study of morality ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Properties of chemical substances
- D. both (B)and (C)

A. A is not the correct answer to this question.

B. B is not the correct answer to this question.

C. Correct: 'My brother is a student.' is the correct sentence.

D. D is not the correct answer to this question.

Question 93 English

The mental act ,condition or habit of placing trust or confidence in an other shoes which of the following options ?

- A. Motive
- B. Belief ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Behaviour
- D. Attitude

A. A is not the correct answer to this question.

B. B is not the correct answer to this question.

have some money." is the correct sentence.

D. D is not the correct answer to this question.

Question 94 English

The hottest plannet is

- A. Mercury
- B. Venus ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Jupiter
- D. Saturn

A. A is not the correct answer to this question.

B. B is not the correct answer to this question.

C. Correct: 'The boys are playing.' is the correct sentence.

D. D is not the correct answer to this question.

Question 95 General Knowledge

_ pointer arises when you use the address of an object after its life time is over.

- A. Null
- B. Smart
- C. Dangling ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Both a and b

A. Correct: the first World War began in 1914.

B. The first World War did not begin in 1916.

C. The first World War did not begin in 1919 (that is when the Treaty of Versailles was signed).

World War did not begin in 1920.

Question 96 General Knowledge

which of the following events occured first in history?

- A. American War of independence ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Russian Revolution
- C. French Revolution
- D. Chinese Revolution

A. Correct: the UN Security Council's first meeting was held in London in 1946.

B. The Security Council's first meeting was not held in Geneva.

C. The Security Council's first meeting was not held in Paris.

D. The Security Council's first meeting was not held in New York.

Question 97 Geography

The famous painting "Sunflower" was done by :

- A. Michael Angelo
- B. Van Gogh ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Pablo Picasso
- D. Leonardo de Vinci

A. The Black Sea is not the world's largest sea.

B. Correct: the South China Sea is the world's largest sea (by area).

C. The Mediterranean Sea is smaller than the South China Sea.

D. The Caspian Sea is a lake (the world's largest lake), not a sea.

98 General Knowledge

The headquarter of APEC is in:

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Malaysia
- D. Singapore ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Panama Canal is not 60 miles long.

B. The Panama Canal is not 72 miles long.

C. Correct: the Panama Canal is about 82 km long, i.e. about 51 miles.

D. The Panama Canal is not 40 miles long.

Question 99 General Knowledge

Which country is included in Horn Of Africa?

- A. Egypt
- B. Sudan
- C. Somalia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Kenya

A. The World Bank is not a military alliance.

B. The World Bank is not a political union.

C. Correct: the World Bank is an international financial institution.

D. The World Bank is not a trade organisation (that is the WTO).

Question 100 General Knowledge

If there where no atmosphere, What would be the colour of the sky ?

- B. Blue
- C. Black ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. White

A. The Suez Canal is not in Europe.

B. Correct: the Suez Canal is in Egypt (Africa).

C. The Suez Canal is not in Asia (it connects the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, but lies in Egypt).

D. The Suez Canal is not in Australia.

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