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Question 1 English Vocabulary

What does the phrase 'bona fide' mean?

- A. In bad faith
- B. In good faith ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. By the way

the time being

A. That is 'mala fide', the opposite of bona fide.

B. Correct: bona fide is Latin for 'in good faith', meaning genuine and honest.

C. That is 'by the by' or 'incidentally', not bona fide.

D. That is 'pro tem' (pro tempore), not bona fide.

Question 2 Islamiat

Under the Islamic law of inheritance, when a full brother and a full sister inherit together as residuaries, the brother's share compared with the sister's is:

- A. Equal
- B. Half
- C. Twice ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Three times

A. No: a brother and sister do not take equal shares as residuaries.

B. The brother's share is not half the sister's.

C. Correct: Quran 4:176 — when brothers and sisters inherit together, the male takes the share of two females.

D. No such ratio exists in the law of inheritance.

Question 3 Islamiat

Which Companion of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) narrated the largest number of ahadith?

- A. Hazrat Abu Hurairah (RA) ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hazrat Aisha (RA)
- C. Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar (RA)
- D. Hazrat Anas ibn Malik (RA)

bu Hurairah narrated 5,374 ahadith, the most of any Companion.

B. Aisha narrated 2,210 ahadith, second most, but fewer than Abu Hurairah.

C. Ibn Umar narrated 2,630 ahadith, fewer than Abu Hurairah.

D. Anas narrated 2,286 ahadith, fewer than Abu Hurairah.

Question 4 General Knowledge

Which of the following countries is NOT in Asia?

- A. Yemen
- B. Jordan
- C. Libya ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Oman

A. Yemen is on the Arabian Peninsula in Asia.

B. Jordan is in Western Asia.

C. Correct: Libya is in North Africa, not Asia.

D. Oman is on the Arabian Peninsula in Asia.

Question 5 General Knowledge

Azerbaijan is located in which region?

- A. The Balkans
- B. The Baltic region
- C. Scandinavia
- D. The Caucasus ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Balkans are in south-eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria and others), not Azerbaijan.

states are Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, not Azerbaijan.

C. Scandinavia is Denmark, Norway and Sweden, not Azerbaijan.

D. Correct: Azerbaijan lies in the South Caucasus, between Russia and Iran.

Question 6 English Vocabulary

Choose the synonym of 'malady'.

- A. Remedy
- B. Disease ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Melody
- D. Comfort

A. A remedy is a cure, the opposite of a malady.

B. Correct: a malady is an illness or disease.

C. A melody is a tune; it only sounds like 'malady'.

D. Comfort is ease, the opposite of a malady.

Question 7 English Vocabulary

Choose the antonym of 'clear'.

- A. Lucid
- B. Evident
- C. Obscure ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Transparent

A. Lucid means clear, a synonym, not an antonym.

B. Evident means clear or obvious, a synonym.

C. Correct: obscure means unclear or hard to see, the opposite of clear.

ent means see-through or clear, a synonym.

Question 8 English Grammar

Fill in the blank: He is _____ to his friend for a large sum.

- A. devoted
- B. indebted ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. attached
- D. addicted

A. Devoted means loyal; one is devoted to a person, not 'devoted for a sum'.

B. Correct: to be indebted for a sum means to owe that money.

C. Attached means fond of; it does not take 'for a large sum'.

D. Addicted means dependent on a habit, not owing money.

Question 9 Islamiat

For how many years did the Holy Prophet (PBUH) live in Madinah after the Hijrah?

- A. 13 years
- B. 8 years
- C. 10 years ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 23 years

A. Thirteen years is the Makkan period of the mission, not the Madinan period.

B. The Prophet (PBUH) did not live only eight years in Madinah.

C. Correct: the Hijrah was in 622 CE and the Prophet (PBUH) passed away in 632 CE, ten years later.

D. Twenty-three years is the whole period of the mission (13 in Makkah + 10 in Madinah).

10 English Vocabulary

What does 'alma mater' mean?

- A. One's mother tongue
- B. The school, college or university one attended ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. A foster mother
- D. One's place of birth

A. That is the language one learns first, not alma mater.

B. Correct: alma mater is Latin for 'nourishing mother', used for the institution where one studied.

C. A foster mother raises a child; alma mater is not a person.

D. That is one's birthplace, not alma mater.

Question 11 English Vocabulary

A plan that fails to achieve its purpose is called:

- A. Abortive ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Tentative
- C. Feasible
- D. Viable

A. Correct: abortive means unsuccessful, coming to nothing.

B. Tentative means provisional or not yet settled, not failed.

C. Feasible means possible to do, the opposite sense.

D. Viable means able to work or survive, the opposite sense.

12 Pakistan Studies

Who founded Dar-ul-Musannifeen (Shibli Academy), Azamgarh?

- A. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
- B. Maulana Altaf Hussain Hali
- C. Maulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar
- D. Allama Shibli Nomani ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Sir Syed founded the MAO College at Aligarh, not Dar-ul-Musannifeen.

B. Hali was a poet and biographer, not the founder of this academy.

C. Jauhar founded the Jamia Millia Islamia and the newspaper Comrade, not this academy.

D. Correct: Shibli Nomani founded Dar-ul-Musannifeen at Azamgarh in 1914.

Question 13 Urdu Literature

Who is generally regarded as the first short-story writer (afsana nigar) of Urdu?

- A. Saadat Hasan Manto
- B. Premchand ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Krishan Chander
- D. Rajinder Singh Bedi

A. Manto is the greatest Urdu short-story writer, but he came after Premchand.

B. Correct: Premchand (Dhanpat Rai) is regarded as the father of the Urdu short story; his collection Soz-e-Watan (1908) began the form.

C. Krishan Chander was a leading later short-story writer, not the first.

D. Bedi was a major short-story writer of a later generation.

14 Urdu Literature

Which poem is regarded as Allama Iqbal's first nazm and opens his collection Bang-e-Dra?

- A. Tarana-e-Hind
- B. Shikwa
- C. Saqi Nama
- D. Himala ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Tarana-e-Hind ('Saare Jahan se Achha') is a famous Iqbal poem, but not the first nazm of Bang-e-Dra.

B. Shikwa is a famous later poem in Bang-e-Dra, not the opening one.

C. Saqi Nama is a long poem in Bal-e-Jibril, not Bang-e-Dra.

D. Correct: 'Himala' (1904) is regarded as Iqbal's first nazm and opens Bang-e-Dra.

Question 15 Urdu Literature

Which novel was written by Qurratulain Hyder?

- A. Udaas Naslain
- B. Raja Gidh
- C. Aag Ka Darya ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Khuda Ki Basti

A. Udaas Naslain was written by Abdullah Hussain.

B. Raja Gidh was written by Bano Qudsia.

C. Correct: Aag Ka Darya (River of Fire, 1959) is Qurratulain Hyder's masterpiece.

D. Khuda Ki Basti was written by Shaukat Siddiqui.

16 Urdu Vocabulary

What does the Urdu word 'mutamawwil' mean?

- A. Wealthy ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Poor
- C. Learned
- D. Brave

.means rich or wealthy, one who possesses maal (wealth) (متمول) **A.** Correct: mutamawwil

B. Poor is 'muflis' or 'ghareeb', the opposite.

C. Learned is 'aalim' or 'danishwar', not mutamawwil.

D. Brave is 'bahadur' or 'shuja', not mutamawwil.

Question 17 Urdu Literature

What is the meaning of the Urdu proverb 'Kaghaz ki nao sada nahin behti' (a paper boat does not float forever)?

- A. Patience brings reward
- B. Unity is strength
- C. Deceit cannot last long ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Haste makes waste

A. That is the sense of 'sabr ka phal meetha', not this proverb.

B. That is 'ittefaq mein barkat', not this proverb.

C. Correct: a paper boat sinks sooner or later, so a thing built on falsehood cannot last.

D. That is 'jaldi ka kaam shaitan ka', not this proverb.

18 Urdu Literature

'Mah-e-Tamam' is the collected poetry (kulliyat) of which poet?

- A. Ada Jafri
- B. Kishwar Naheed
- C. Fahmida Riaz
- D. Parveen Shakir ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Ada Jafri's kulliyat is 'Saz-e-Sukhan Bahana Hai'.

B. Kishwar Naheed's works include 'Lab-e-Goya', not Mah-e-Tamam.

C. Fahmida Riaz's works include 'Pathar ki Zaban', not Mah-e-Tamam.

D. Correct: Mah-e-Tamam is the collected poetry of Parveen Shakir.

Question 19 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Chief Minister of Punjab after the creation of Pakistan?

- A. Mumtaz Daultana
- B. Nawab Iftikhar Hussain Khan Mamdot ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Malik Feroz Khan Noon
- D. Abdul Hameed Dasti

A. Daultana became Chief Minister later (1951), not the first.

B. Correct: Mamdot was the first Chief Minister of Punjab (August 1947 – January 1949).

C. Noon became Chief Minister in 1953, not the first.

D. Dasti was Chief Minister in 1955, not the first.

Question 20 Pakistan Studies

Who was the Prime Minister of Pakistan when martial law was imposed in October 1958?

- B. Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy
- C. Malik Feroz Khan Noon ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Chaudhry Muhammad Ali

A. Chundrigar was Prime Minister in late 1957, before Noon.

B. Suhrawardy was Prime Minister in 1956–57, before Noon.

C. Correct: Noon was Prime Minister when Ayub Khan imposed martial law on 7 October 1958.

D. Muhammad Ali was Prime Minister in 1955–56, before Noon.

Question 21 Current Affairs

In 2015, who held the portfolio of Foreign Minister of Pakistan?

- A. Nawaz Sharif ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sartaj Aziz
- C. Khawaja Muhammad Asif
- D. Hina Rabbani Khar

A. Correct: in 2015 Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held the foreign affairs portfolio himself; Sartaj Aziz was only Adviser on Foreign Affairs.

B. Aziz was Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, not the Foreign Minister.

C. Asif was Defence Minister in 2015, not Foreign Minister.

D. Khar was Foreign Minister in the PPP government (2011–2013), not in 2015.

Question 22 Pakistan Studies

Who was the only Vice President of Pakistan?

- A. Nurul Amin ✓ **Correct answer**

Fazlul Haq

- C. Khawaja Nazimuddin
- D. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

A. Correct: Nurul Amin was the first and only Vice President of Pakistan (1970–1971) under the 1962 Constitution; the office was abolished afterwards.

B. Fazlul Haq was a Chief Minister and Governor, never Vice President.

C. Nazimuddin was Governor General and Prime Minister, never Vice President.

D. Bhutto was President and Prime Minister, never Vice President.

Question 23 Urdu Literature

Which Urdu poet was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize by the Soviet Union?

- A. Habib Jalib
- B. Ahmad Faraz
- C. Josh Malihabadi
- D. Faiz Ahmad Faiz ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Jalib was a revolutionary poet but never received the Lenin Peace Prize.

B. Faraz received many honours but not the Lenin Peace Prize.

C. Josh received the Padma Bhushan from India, not the Lenin Peace Prize.

D. Correct: Faiz received the Lenin Peace Prize in 1962.

Question 24 Pakistan Studies

The Rawalpindi Conspiracy Case, in which Faiz Ahmad Faiz was arrested, came to light in:

- A. March 1951 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. October 1958
- C. July 1949

A. Correct: the Rawalpindi Conspiracy was uncovered in March 1951; Faiz was arrested with Major General Akbar Khan.

B. October 1958 is the date of Ayub Khan's martial law, not this case.

C. No such conspiracy came to light in July 1949.

D. February 1953 is the time of the anti-Ahmadi disturbances, not this case.

Question 25 Pakistan Studies

In which city did Quaid-e-Azam present his Fourteen Points in 1929?

- A. Lahore
- B. Calcutta
- C. Allahabad
- D. Delhi ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Lahore session of 1940 passed the Lahore Resolution, not the Fourteen Points.

B. The Nehru Report was debated at Calcutta in 1928, not the Fourteen Points.

C. Allahabad hosted the Muslim League session of 1930, not the Fourteen Points.

D. Correct: Jinnah presented his Fourteen Points at the Muslim League session in Delhi in March 1929.

Question 26 General Knowledge

Prague is the capital of:

- A. Hungary
- B. Czech Republic ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Slovakia
- D. Austria

s capital is Budapest.

B. Correct: Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic.

C. Slovakia's capital is Bratislava.

D. Austria's capital is Vienna.

Question 27 Urdu Language

The word 'Urdu' is derived from which language?

- A. Persian
- B. Arabic
- C. Turkish ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sanskrit

A. Urdu borrowed heavily from Persian, but the word 'Urdu' itself is not Persian.

B. Urdu borrowed much vocabulary from Arabic, but the word 'Urdu' is not Arabic.

C. Correct: 'Urdu' comes from the Turkish word 'ordu', meaning army or camp.

D. Urdu's grammar draws on the Indic base, but the word 'Urdu' is not Sanskrit.

Question 28 General Knowledge

Steve Jobs is famous as a co-founder of:

- A. Microsoft
- B. Apple ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Google
- D. Facebook

A. Microsoft was co-founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.

B. Correct: Steve Jobs co-founded Apple with Steve Wozniak in 1976.

as founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

D. Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg.

Question 29 Current Affairs

In 2015, John Kerry was serving as the United States':

- A. Vice President
- B. Secretary of Defense
- C. Secretary of State ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Senate Majority Leader

A. The Vice President in 2015 was Joe Biden.

B. The Secretary of Defense in 2015 was Chuck Hagel, then Ashton Carter.

C. Correct: John Kerry was US Secretary of State from 2013 to 2017.

D. The Senate Majority Leader in 2015 was Mitch McConnell.

Question 30 English Idioms

The idiom 'to have one's hands full' means:

- A. To be very busy ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. To be very rich
- C. To be generous
- D. To be caught stealing

A. Correct: to have one's hands full means to be fully occupied with work.

B. To be rich is 'to be rolling in money', not this idiom.

C. To be generous is 'to have an open hand', not this idiom.

D. To be caught stealing is 'to be caught red-handed', not this idiom.

31 English Grammar

Complete the simile: As fresh as a _____.

- A. bee
- B. feather
- C. daisy ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. fox

A. The bee belongs to 'as busy as a bee'.

B. The feather belongs to 'as light as a feather'.

C. Correct: the fixed simile is 'as fresh as a daisy'.

D. The fox belongs to 'as cunning as a fox'.

Question 32 General Knowledge

Ernest Hemingway belonged to which country?

- A. United States ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. Canada

A. Correct: Hemingway was born in Illinois, USA (1899), and was an American novelist.

B. Hemingway lived in Paris and Cuba, but he was not British.

C. Hemingway lived in Paris in the 1920s, but he was not French.

D. Hemingway worked briefly for the Toronto Star, but he was not Canadian.

Question 33 General Knowledge

'The Communist Manifesto' was written by:

- B. Adam Smith
- C. Joseph Stalin
- D. Karl Marx ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Lenin wrote 'What Is to Be Done?', not the Manifesto.

B. Adam Smith wrote 'The Wealth of Nations'.

C. Stalin wrote on the national question, not the Manifesto.

D. Correct: the Manifesto (1848) was written by Karl Marx with Friedrich Engels.

Question 34 Pakistan Studies

Which defence organisation did Pakistan join in 1954?

- A. SEATO ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. CENTO
- C. RCD
- D. NATO

A. Correct: Pakistan joined the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation in 1954.

B. Pakistan joined CENTO (the Baghdad Pact) in 1955, not 1954.

C. The Regional Cooperation for Development was formed in 1964, not 1954.

D. Pakistan never joined NATO.

Question 35 General Knowledge

The first summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was held in:

- A. Lahore
- B. Jeddah
- C. Makkah

at ✓ Correct answer

A. Lahore hosted the second OIC summit in 1974, not the first.

B. Jeddah is the seat of the OIC secretariat, not the first summit's venue.

C. Makkah hosted later summits, not the first.

D. Correct: the first Islamic Summit was held in Rabat, Morocco, in September 1969.

Question 36 Pakistan Studies

The constitutional reforms of 1909 are also known as the:

- A. Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms
- B. Minto-Morley Reforms ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Cripps Proposals
- D. Simon Commission Report

A. Those are the reforms of 1919, not 1909.

B. Correct: the Indian Councils Act 1909 is called the Minto-Morley Reforms, after Viceroy Lord Minto and Secretary of State John Morley.

C. The Cripps Proposals came in 1942, not 1909.

D. The Simon Commission reported in 1930, not 1909.

Question 37 Pakistan Studies

In which year did Pakistan and India sign the Indus Waters Treaty?

- A. 1958
- B. 1965
- C. 1960 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1972

e year of the first martial law in Pakistan, not the treaty.

B. 1965 is the year of the second Pakistan-India war, not the treaty.

C. Correct: the Indus Waters Treaty was signed at Karachi on 19 September 1960, brokered by the World Bank.

D. 1972 is the year of the Simla Agreement, not the treaty.

Question 38 General Knowledge

Who was the first woman to rule the Delhi Sultanate?

- A. Nur Jahan
- B. Chand Bibi
- C. Razia Sultana ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Rani Lakshmibai

A. Nur Jahan was the wife of Jahangir and wielded power, but she never ruled the Delhi Sultanate.

B. Chand Bibi defended Ahmadnagar against the Mughals, but she did not rule Delhi.

C. Correct: Razia Sultana ruled Delhi from 1236 to 1240, the first and only woman Sultan of Delhi.

D. Lakshmibai was the Rani of Jhansi in 1857, not a ruler of Delhi.

Question 39 General Knowledge

Guglielmo Marconi is known for inventing the:

- A. Radio ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Telephone
- C. Television
- D. Electric bulb

Marconi developed the first practical wireless telegraphy system and is credited with the radio.

B. The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.

C. Television was developed by John Logie Baird and others.

D. The electric bulb was developed by Thomas Edison.

Question 40 General Knowledge

The printing press with movable type was invented by:

- A. Thomas Edison
- B. Johannes Gutenberg ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. James Watt
- D. Galileo Galilei

A. Edison invented the phonograph and the practical light bulb, not the press.

B. Correct: Gutenberg's movable-type press (c. 1440) began printing in Europe.

C. Watt improved the steam engine, not the printing press.

D. Galileo built the telescope and worked on astronomy, not printing.

Question 41 Current Affairs

Which of the following politicians has won the Nobel Peace Prize?

- A. George W. Bush
- B. Tony Blair
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. Barack Obama ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Bush never won a Nobel Prize.

r won a Nobel Prize.

C. Clinton never won a Nobel Prize.

D. Correct: Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009.

Question 42 General Knowledge

Who was the second President of the United States?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. James Madison
- C. George Washington
- D. John Adams ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Jefferson was the third President (1801–1809).

B. Madison was the fourth President (1809–1817).

C. Washington was the first President (1789–1797).

D. Correct: John Adams was the second President (1797–1801).

Question 43 Science

The branch of medicine that deals with the skin is called:

- A. Cardiology
- B. Dermatology ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nephrology
- D. Neurology

A. Cardiology deals with the heart.

B. Correct: dermatology deals with the skin (Greek derma, skin).

C. Nephrology deals with the kidneys.

y deals with the nervous system.

Question 44 Science

A doctor who specialises in the eyes and eyesight is called a/an:

- A. Dermatologist
- B. Cardiologist
- C. Orthopaedist
- D. Ophthalmologist ✓ **Correct answer**

A. A dermatologist treats the skin.

B. A cardiologist treats the heart.

C. An orthopaedist treats bones and joints.

D. Correct: an ophthalmologist treats the eyes (Greek ophthalmos, eye).

Question 45 Economics

The term 'laissez-faire' refers to:

- A. Heavy state control of industry
- B. A policy of government non-interference in economic affairs ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nationalisation of banks
- D. Central planning of production

A. That is the opposite of laissez-faire.

B. Correct: laissez-faire is French for 'let do', the doctrine that government should not interfere in business.

C. Nationalisation is state takeover, the opposite of laissez-faire.

D. Central planning is state direction of the economy, the opposite of laissez-faire.

46 Pakistan Studies

Who wrote 'A Short History of the Saracens'?

- A. Allama Iqbal
- B. Shibli Nomani
- C. Syed Ameer Ali ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

A. Iqbal wrote poetry and 'The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam', not this book.

B. Shibli wrote 'Seerat-un-Nabi' and 'Al-Farooq', not this book.

C. Correct: Syed Ameer Ali wrote 'A Short History of the Saracens' (1899).

D. Sir Syed wrote 'Asar-us-Sanadid' and 'Asbab-e-Baghawat-e-Hind', not this book.

Question 47 Pakistan Studies

Who is the author of 'Witness to Surrender'?

- A. Siddiq Salik ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hassan Zaheer
- C. Altaf Gauhar
- D. Qudratullah Shahab

A. Correct: Siddiq Salik, a Pakistan Army officer, wrote 'Witness to Surrender' (1977) on the 1971 war.

B. Hassan Zaheer wrote 'The Separation of East Pakistan', not this book.

C. Gauhar wrote on Ayub Khan and edited Dawn, not this book.

D. Shahab wrote 'Shahab Nama', not this book.

48 Mathematics

Find the value of x: 4(-x) + 13 = 7 - 2x

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

A. Substituting -1 gives 4 + 13 = 17 on the left and 9 on the right; not equal.

B. Correct: -4x + 13 = 7 - 2x gives 13 - 7 = 4x - 2x, so 6 = 2x and x = 3.

C. Substituting -3 gives 12 + 13 = 25 on the left and 13 on the right; not equal.

D. Substituting 1 gives -4 + 13 = 9 on the left and 5 on the right; not equal.

Question 49 Mathematics

0.7683 + 0.369 + 0.05 + 0.8 = ?

- A. 1.9873 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1.9783
- C. 1.8973
- D. 2.0873

A. Correct: 0.7683 + 0.369 = 1.1373; + 0.05 = 1.1873; + 0.8 = 1.9873.

B. That sum is 0.009 short of the true total.

C. That sum is 0.09 short of the true total.

D. That sum is 0.1 more than the true total.

Question 50 Mathematics

4.56 + 3.82 + 5.06 = ?

- B. 13.34
- C. 13.44 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 14.44

A. That sum is 1.0 short of the true total.

B. That sum is 0.1 short of the true total.

C. Correct: 4.56 + 3.82 = 8.38; + 5.06 = 13.44.

D. That sum is 1.0 more than the true total.

Question 51 Mathematics

5005 - 5000 / 10 = ?

- A. 0.5
- B. 4505 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 500.5
- D. 4995

A. Division is not done first here; 5005 - 500 is not 0.5.

B. Correct: division first, 5000 / 10 = 500, then 5005 - 500 = 4505.

C. That is 5000 / 10 + 0.5, not the expression given.

D. That is 5005 - 10, which ignores the division.

Question 52 Pakistan Studies

In the Interim Government formed in 1946, who held the portfolio of External Affairs?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C. C. Rajagopalachari

Jawaharlal Nehru ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Liaquat held the Finance portfolio in the Interim Government.

B. Patel held the Home portfolio.

C. Rajagopalachari held the Education portfolio.

D. Correct: Nehru, as Vice President of the Executive Council, held External Affairs.

Question 53 Sports

Who captained Pakistan in the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup?

- A. Shahid Afridi
- B. Younis Khan
- C. Misbah-ul-Haq ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Mohammad Hafeez

A. Afridi captained the T20 side and played in the 2015 World Cup, but he was not the ODI captain.

B. Younis Khan played in the 2015 World Cup squad but did not captain it.

C. Correct: Misbah captained Pakistan at the 2015 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

D. Hafeez was a squad member, not the captain.

Question 54 Pakistan Studies

'Daughter of the East' is the autobiography of:

- A. Fatima Jinnah
- B. Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan
- C. Indira Gandhi
- D. Benazir Bhutto ✓ **Correct answer**

nan wrote 'My Brother', not 'Daughter of the East'.

B. Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan wrote no such autobiography.

C. Indira Gandhi wrote no autobiography of this title.

D. Correct: 'Daughter of the East' (1988) is Benazir Bhutto's autobiography.

Question 55 General Knowledge

10 Downing Street is the official residence of:

- A. The British Monarch
- B. The US President
- C. The Mayor of London
- D. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The monarch's official London residence is Buckingham Palace.

B. The US President lives at the White House in Washington.

C. The Mayor of London works at City Hall, not 10 Downing Street.

D. Correct: 10 Downing Street has been the Prime Minister's official residence since 1735.

Question 56 General Knowledge

'Kitab-ul-Hind' was written by:

- A. Ibn Battuta
- B. Al-Masudi
- C. Al-Biruni ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Ibn Khaldun

A. Ibn Battuta wrote the 'Rihla' (travels), not Kitab-ul-Hind.

B. Al-Masudi wrote 'Muruj al-Dhahab', not Kitab-ul-Hind.

l-Biruni wrote 'Kitab-ul-Hind' (c. 1030) on India.

D. Ibn Khaldun wrote the 'Muqaddimah', not Kitab-ul-Hind.

Question 57 Islamiat

Which surah contains the first revelation received by the Holy Prophet (PBUH)?

- A. Surah Al-Fatiha
- B. Surah Al-Muddaththir
- C. Surah Al-Muzzammil
- D. Surah Al-Alaq ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Al-Fatiha is the opening surah of the Quran, but not the first revealed.

B. Al-Muddaththir was revealed early, but after Al-Alaq.

C. Al-Muzzammil was revealed early, but after Al-Alaq.

D. Correct: the first five verses of Surah Al-Alaq ('Iqra bismi rabbik') were the first revelation, in Cave Hira.

Question 58 Pakistan Studies

In which year did Muhammad bin Qasim conquer Sindh, bringing Muslim rule to the subcontinent?

- A. 712 CE ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 632 CE
- C. 1001 CE
- D. 1192 CE

A. Correct: Muhammad bin Qasim conquered Sindh in 712 CE (93 AH), defeating Raja Dahir.

B. 632 CE is the year the Prophet (PBUH) passed away, before the conquest of Sindh.

the year of Mahmud of Ghazni's first invasion, not Bin Qasim.

D. 1192 CE is the year of the Second Battle of Tarain, not Bin Qasim.

Question 59 Sports

At the 2014 Hockey Champions Trophy in Bhubaneswar, Pakistan finished:

- A. Winner
- B. Runner-up ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

A. Germany won the 2014 Champions Trophy, beating Pakistan in the final.

B. Correct: Pakistan lost the final to Germany and finished second.

C. Australia finished third, beating India in the bronze-medal match.

D. India finished fourth.

Question 60 Islamiat

The rate of Ushr on the produce of land watered by rain or natural sources is:

- A. One-twentieth
- B. One-fortieth
- C. One-fifth
- D. One-tenth ✓ **Correct answer**

A. One-twentieth is the rate for land watered by artificial means (wells, canals).

B. One-fortieth is the rate of Zakat on cash and trade goods, not Ushr.

C. One-fifth is the rate of Khums on war booty and buried treasure, not Ushr.

D. Correct: Ushr is one-tenth of the produce of rain-fed or naturally watered land.

61 General Knowledge

The 38th parallel is associated with the division of:

- A. North and South Korea ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. North and South Vietnam
- C. India and China
- D. The USA and Canada

A. Correct: the 38th parallel divided Korea into North and South in 1945.

B. Vietnam was divided at the 17th parallel, not the 38th.

C. India and China are separated by the McMahon Line and the Line of Actual Control.

D. The USA and Canada are separated mainly by the 49th parallel.

Question 62 General Knowledge

Jamia Al-Azhar is located in:

- A. Baghdad
- B. Damascus
- C. Cairo ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Istanbul

A. Baghdad is the capital of Iraq; Al-Azhar is not there.

B. Damascus is the capital of Syria; Al-Azhar is not there.

C. Correct: Al-Azhar University and mosque are in Cairo, Egypt, founded in 970 CE.

D. Istanbul is in Turkey; Al-Azhar is not there.

Question 63 Pakistan Studies

Which countries were the members of the Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD)?

istan, Iran and Afghanistan

- B. Pakistan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia
- C. Iran, Iraq and Turkey
- D. Pakistan, Iran and Turkey ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Afghanistan was never a member of the RCD.

B. Saudi Arabia was never a member of the RCD.

C. Iraq was never a member of the RCD.

D. Correct: the RCD was founded in 1964 by Pakistan, Iran and Turkey; it was renamed ECO in 1985.

Question 64 Islamiat

The Islamic term 'Infaq' means:

- A. Spending wealth in the way of Allah ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Migration for the sake of Allah
- C. Offering prayers in congregation
- D. Seclusion in the mosque during Ramadan

.is spending one's wealth in the way of Allah (انفاق) **A.** Correct: Infaq

B. That is Hijrah, not Infaq.

C. That is Salat bil-Jama'ah, not Infaq.

D. That is I'tikaf, not Infaq.

Question 65 Labour Law

After the 18th Constitutional Amendment (2010), labour is mainly a _____ subject in Pakistan.

vincial ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Federal
- C. Concurrent
- D. Local government

A. Correct: the 18th Amendment abolished the Concurrent List in 2010, and labour became a provincial subject; the provinces run their own labour departments.

B. Labour ceased to be a federal subject after the 18th Amendment.

C. The Concurrent List was abolished by the 18th Amendment, so no subject is concurrent now.

D. Local government is a separate subject; labour is dealt with at the provincial level.

Question 66 General Knowledge

Which of the following was an economist?

- A. William Wordsworth
- B. Charles Darwin
- C. Adam Smith ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Isaac Newton

A. Wordsworth was a poet, not an economist.

B. Darwin was a naturalist, not an economist.

C. Correct: Adam Smith wrote 'The Wealth of Nations' (1776) and is called the father of economics.

D. Newton was a physicist, not an economist.

Question 67 Science

The theory of relativity was put forward by:

- B. Niels Bohr
- C. Albert Einstein ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Max Planck

A. Newton put forward the laws of motion and gravitation, not relativity.

B. Bohr worked on the atomic model, not relativity.

C. Correct: Einstein published the special theory of relativity in 1905 and the general theory in 1915.

D. Planck founded quantum theory, not relativity.

Question 68 General Knowledge

Neil Armstrong is famous as the first person to:

- A. Orbit the Earth
- B. Climb Mount Everest
- C. Reach the South Pole
- D. Walk on the Moon ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Yuri Gagarin was the first person to orbit the Earth (1961).

B. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first climbed Everest (1953).

C. Roald Amundsen first reached the South Pole (1911).

D. Correct: Neil Armstrong stepped onto the Moon on 20 July 1969 (Apollo 11).

Question 69 General Knowledge

Aristotle was the teacher of:

- A. Plato
- B. Alexander the Great ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Julius Caesar

A. Plato was Aristotle's teacher, not his pupil.

B. Correct: Aristotle tutored the young Alexander, later Alexander the Great.

C. Socrates was Plato's teacher, two generations before Aristotle.

D. Caesar lived centuries after Aristotle and was never his pupil.

Question 70 General Knowledge

Which of the following books was written by Sigmund Freud?

- A. The Interpretation of Dreams ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Das Kapital
- C. The Republic
- D. Leviathan

A. Correct: Freud published 'The Interpretation of Dreams' in 1900, the founding work of psychoanalysis.

B. Das Kapital was written by Karl Marx.

C. The Republic was written by Plato.

D. Leviathan was written by Thomas Hobbes.

Question 71 Pakistan Studies

Which Article of the Constitution of Pakistan prohibits slavery, forced labour and child labour?

- A. Article 9
- B. Article 11 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Article 17

A. Article 9 covers the security of person, not the ban on slavery.

B. Correct: Article 11 of the 1973 Constitution prohibits slavery, forced labour and child labour.

C. Article 17 protects freedom of association.

D. Article 25 protects equality before the law.

Question 72 Pakistan Studies

The Urdu newspaper 'Zamindar' is chiefly associated with:

- A. Maulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar
- B. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- C. Maulana Zafar Ali Khan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Maulana Hasrat Mohani

A. Jauhar edited 'Comrade' and 'Hamdard', not Zamindar.

B. Azad edited 'Al-Hilal', not Zamindar.

C. Correct: Zafar Ali Khan edited the daily 'Zamindar' from Lahore (1903–1928).

D. Hasrat Mohani edited 'Urdu-e-Mualla', not Zamindar.

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