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Question 1 English Spelling

Which word is correctly spelt in the following set of words:

- A. garuantee
- B. gaurantee
- C. guarantee ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. guarentee

elling: the 'a' and 'i' are transposed.

B. Wrong spelling: the 'a' and 'u' are transposed.

C. Correct: G-U-A-R-A-N-T-E-E is the correct spelling.

D. Wrong spelling: the second 'a' is written as 'e'.

Question 2 English Spelling

Which word is correctly spelt in the following set of words:

- A. Violit
- B. Voilance
- C. Violance
- D. Voile ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Not a word: 'violate' is spelt with an 'a' and a final 'e'.

B. Not a word: 'violence' is spelt with an 'i' after the 'v'.

C. Wrong spelling: 'violence' ends in '-ence', not '-ance'.

D. Correct: voile is a real English word, a thin fabric.

Question 3 English Vocabulary

De Facto means

- A. In practice ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. By law
- C. By the way
- D. By fiction

A. Correct: de facto is Latin for 'in fact' or 'in practice'.

B. That is 'de jure', the opposite of de facto.

the by , not de facto.

D. No such meaning: de facto is about fact, not fiction.

Question 4 English Grammar

There has been a completer break of law and order in the country.

- A. up
- B. off
- C. down ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. of

A. 'Break up' means to end a relationship or disperse, not a breakdown of order.

B. 'Break off' means to stop suddenly, not a breakdown of order.

C. Correct: a 'complete breakdown' of law and order; the phrasal verb is 'break down'.

D. 'Break of' is not a phrasal verb of this sense.

Question 5 English Grammar

The police must enough evidence to ensure his country.

- A. hoard
- B. gather ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. store
- D. capture

A. To hoard is to stockpile secretly, not what police do with evidence.

B. Correct: the police must gather enough evidence; the stem is garbled in the source but 'gather' is the verb that fits.

C. To store is to keep, not to collect evidence.

e is to seize a person, not to collect evidence.

Question 6 Pakistan Studies

The first Chief Minister of Punjab after creation of Pakistan was :

- A. Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan
- B. Nawab litikhar Hussain Mamdot ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Mian Mumtaz Khan Daultana
- D. Nawab Sir Khizar Tiwana

A. Sikandar Hayat Khan was Premier of Punjab before partition (1937–1942), not after 1947.

B. Correct: Nawab Iftikhar Hussain Khan Mamdot (filed as printed, 'litikhar') was the first Chief Minister of Punjab (1947–1949).

C. Daultana became Chief Minister in 1951, not the first.

D. Khizar Hayat Tiwana was Premier before partition (1942–1947), not after 1947.

Question 7 Urdu Literature

Famous Punjab writer Waris Shah wrote his famous book' Heer Ranjah' living at the town of:

- A. Harbanspura
- B. Malka Hans ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Takht Hazara
- D. Jhang

A. Harbanspura is a locality in Lahore, not where Waris Shah wrote Heer.

B. Correct: Waris Shah wrote Heer Ranjha at Malka Hans (near Pakpattan).

C. Takht Hazara is Ranjha's village in the story, not where Waris Shah wrote.

eer's city in the story, not where Waris Shah wrote.

Question 8 Pakistan Studies

Rohtas Fort was built on the orders of Sher Shah Suri by:

- A. Raja Todar Mal ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Barjram Khan
- C. AbulFazl
- D. Raja Birbal

A. Correct: Rohtas Fort was built under Sher Shah Suri's orders by his finance minister Raja Todar Mal.

B. Bairam Khan was Akbar's regent, not the builder of Rohtas.

C. Abul Fazl was Akbar's court historian, not the builder of Rohtas.

D. Birbal was Akbar's courtier, not the builder of Rohtas.

Question 9 Pakistan Studies

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

- A. Guru Nanak Devji
- B. Khawaja Ghareeb Nawaz
- C. Acharya Rakeshprasad pande
- D. Hazrat Mian Mir ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Guru Nanak founded Sikhism but died before the Golden Temple was built.

B. Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti lived centuries earlier, in Ajmer.

C. No such person laid the foundation stone.

D. Correct: the Sufi saint Mian Mir laid the foundation stone of the Golden Temple in 1589.

10 Pakistan Studies

The Chairman of the Council of Common interests is the:

- A. President
- B. Chief Justice of Pakistan
- C. Prime Minister ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Attoreny General

A. The President does not chair the Council of Common Interests.

B. The Chief Justice does not chair the Council.

C. Correct: the Prime Minister chairs the Council of Common Interests under the 1973 Constitution.

D. The Attorney General is the government's lawyer, not the Council's chairman.

Question 11 Labour Law

which of the following is collected by the Punjab Employees Social Security Institution?

- A. Social Security Contribution ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Property Tax
- C. Education Cess
- D. Both A and C

A. Correct: PESSI collects the Social Security Contribution from employers under the Provincial Employees' Social Security Ordinance 1965.

B. Property tax is collected by the Excise and Taxation Department, not PESSI.

C. Education cess is not collected by PESSI.

D. Wrong: only the Social Security Contribution is collected by PESSI.

12 Sports

The Big Three of International Cricket Council (ICC) do not include thhe following:

- A. England
- B. South Africa ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Australia
- D. India

A. England is one of the Big Three (with India and Australia).

B. Correct: the Big Three are India, England and Australia; South Africa is not among them.

C. Australia is one of the Big Three.

D. India is one of the Big Three.

Question 13 Sports

Pakistan Men's Hockey Team has won the Asian Games gold medal Times.

- A. Five
- B. Four
- C. Nine
- D. Eight ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Pakistan won more than five Asian Games hockey golds.

B. Pakistan won more than four Asian Games hockey golds.

C. Pakistan won eight, not nine (India won in 1966).

D. Correct: Pakistan won the Asian Games hockey gold in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1974, 1978, 1982, 1990 and 2010 — eight times.

14 Sports

Hockey's Champions Trophy in 2014 was held in:

- A. Malaysia
- B. India ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Germany
- D. Australia

A. Malaysia hosted the Champions Trophy in other years, not 2014.

B. Correct: the 2014 Champions Trophy was held in Bhubaneswar, India.

C. Germany won the 2014 tournament but did not host it.

D. Australia hosted the Champions Trophy in other years, not 2014.

Question 15 Science

Trachoma is a disease of the

- A. Brain
- B. Spinal Cord
- C. Larynx
- D. Eye ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Trachoma does not affect the brain.

B. Trachoma does not affect the spinal cord.

C. Trachoma does not affect the larynx.

D. Correct: trachoma is a bacterial infection of the eye (conjunctiva), a leading cause of blindness.

16 Science

The Element which is most abundant in the Earth's crust is:

- A. Silicon
- B. Iron
- C. Aluminium
- D. Oxygen ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Silicon is the second most abundant element in the crust (about 28%).

B. Iron is about 5% of the crust, far behind oxygen.

C. Aluminium is about 8% of the crust, behind oxygen and silicon.

D. Correct: oxygen is about 46% of the Earth's crust by weight, the most abundant element.

Question 17 Science

The gas commonly used in balloons is:

- A. Hydrogen
- B. Helium ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Oxygen
- D. Carbon dioxide

A. Hydrogen is lighter but flammable, so it is not used in ordinary balloons.

B. Correct: helium is light and non-flammable, so it is used in balloons.

C. Oxygen is heavier than air and supports burning, so it is not used.

D. Carbon dioxide is heavier than air, so it cannot lift a balloon.

18 Science

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) has the same chemical composition as that of:

- A. LPG
- B. Sui Gas ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Tear gas
- D. Poison Gas

A. LPG is mainly propane and butane, not the same as CNG.

B. Correct: CNG is compressed natural gas, the same methane as Sui gas (Pakistan's natural gas).

C. Tear gas is a chemical irritant, not natural gas.

D. Poison gas is a weapon, not natural gas.

Question 19 Science

An ordinary mobile phone communicates by using:

- A. Sound waves
- B. Infranred waves
- C. Radio waves ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. NV waves

A. Sound waves carry the voice to the microphone, but not the phone signal.

B. Infrared is used in remote controls, not in ordinary mobile calls.

C. Correct: mobile phones communicate with base stations by radio waves.

D. No such waves exist.

20 Science

Another organ that filter blood besides the heart, in human body is:

- A. Pancreas
- B. Spleen
- C. Live r
- D. Kidney ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The pancreas makes insulin and digestive enzymes; it does not filter blood.

B. The spleen does filter blood, but the paper's filed answer is the kidney (the principal blood-filtering organ).

C. The liver (filed as printed, 'Live r') does filter blood, but the paper's filed answer is the kidney.

D. Correct: the kidneys are the body's main blood filters.

Question 21 Mathematics

if x^2=32 what is x^2

- A. 5
- B. 10
- C. 25
- D. 1924

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. DEFECTIVE — EXCLUDED, no answer taught (The stem is garbled: it asks 'if x^2 = 32 what is x^2', which is a restatement, not a question; no recoverable question exists. No answer is asserted.)

A. No working can be done from a garbled stem.

B. No working can be done from a garbled stem.

C. No working can be done from a garbled stem.

ng can be done from a garbled stem.

Question 22 Science

An example of a heredity disease is :

- A. Polio
- B. Haemophilia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Cholera
- D. Typhoid

A. Polio is caused by a virus, not inherited.

B. Correct: haemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder.

C. Cholera is caused by bacteria in water, not inherited.

D. Typhoid is caused by bacteria, not inherited.

Question 23 Science

Exposure to sunlight results in formation of in the body.

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

A. Vitamin A comes from food (carrots, liver), not sunlight.

B. Vitamin C comes from fruit, not sunlight.

C. Vitamin K comes from food and gut bacteria, not sunlight.

D. Correct: sunlight on the skin makes vitamin D.

24 Mathematics

List the Fraction 2/3,5/8 and 13/20 in ascending order

- A. 2/3,5/8,13/20
- B. 5/8,2/3,13/20
- C. 13/20,5/8,2/3
- D. 13/20,2/3,5/8

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. DEFECTIVE — EXCLUDED, no answer taught (The correct ascending order is 5/8 (0.625), 13/20 (0.65), 2/3 (0.667); that order is not among the options, and the printed key A is wrong. No answer is asserted.)

A. Wrong: 2/3 (0.667) is the largest, not the smallest.

B. Wrong: 2/3 (0.667) is larger than 13/20 (0.65).

C. Wrong: 13/20 (0.65) is larger than 5/8 (0.625).

D. Wrong: this is the descending order, not ascending.

Question 25 Mathematics

Basit's weight increased by 25% from year 2009 to 2014. if his weight was k Kilogram in 2014, what it in 2009?

- A. 1.75 k
- B. 1.25 k
- C. 0.80 k ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 0.75 k

A. That would be a 75% increase, not 25%.

B. That is the 2014 weight in terms of the 2009 weight, not the other way round.

C. Correct: 2009 weight × 1.25 = k, so 2009 weight = k / 1.25 = 0.80k.

d be a 25% decrease, not the inverse of a 25% increase.

Question 26 Science

The first Western Scientist to suggest that the Earth revolved around the sun was:

- A. Kepler
- B. Newton
- C. Copernicus ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Galileo

A. Kepler worked out the laws of planetary motion, but after Copernicus.

B. Newton worked out gravitation, but after Copernicus.

C. Correct: Copernicus proposed the heliocentric model in 1543.

D. Galileo supported Copernicus with observations, but after Copernicus.

Question 27 Science

The instrument for measuring the speed of wind is:

- A. Anemometer ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Speedmeter
- C. Hygrometer
- D. Tachometer

A. Correct: an anemometer measures wind speed.

B. No standard instrument of this name measures wind speed.

C. A hygrometer measures humidity.

D. A tachometer measures the speed of a rotating shaft.

28 Mathematics

if 3/4 of the hospital employees are females, the ratio of males to female employees in the hospital is

- A. 1:3 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 3: 7
- C. 3:4
- D. 4:3

A. Correct: if 3/4 are female, 1/4 are male, so males : females = 1/4 : 3/4 = 1:3.

B. No such ratio follows from the figures.

C. That is females : total, not males : females.

D. That is the inverse ratio (total : females is 4:3).

Question 29 Current Affairs

Which country has been declared as a "major non-NATO ally" of the United States of America?

- A. Turkey
- B. Pakistan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. India
- D. Italy

A. Turkey is a NATO member itself, not a non-NATO ally.

B. Correct: Pakistan was designated a major non-NATO ally of the US in 2004.

C. India was designated a major defence partner, not a major non-NATO ally, and only in 2016.

D. Italy is a NATO member itself, not a non-NATO ally.

30 General Knowledge

The headquarters of SAARC is located in:

- A. karachi
- B. Colombo
- C. Dhaka
- D. Kathmandu ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Karachi hosts no SAARC headquarters.

B. Colombo hosted SAARC summits but not the secretariat.

C. Dhaka hosted the first SAARC summit but not the secretariat.

D. Correct: the SAARC Secretariat is in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Question 31 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan recognised People's Republic of China in:

- A. 1951
- B. 1949
- C. 1950 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1948

A. Pakistan had recognised China a year earlier.

B. China was founded in October 1949; Pakistan recognised it the following year.

C. Correct: Pakistan recognised the People's Republic of China in January 1950, the first Muslim country to do so.

D. China was not yet founded in 1948.

32 Mathematics

if 100 kg of rice is divided into packages of 4/7 kg each, the total number of packages will be :

- A. 125
- B. 150
- C. 100
- D. 175 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 100 ÷ (4/7) is not 125.

B. 100 ÷ (4/7) is not 150.

C. That would be one package per kilogram, ignoring the 4/7 size.

D. Correct: 100 ÷ (4/7) = 100 × 7/4 = 175.

Question 33 Pakistan Studies

Who was the 1st Governor General of Pakistan:

- A. Kh. Nazimud Din
- B. Ghulam Muhammad
- C. Liqat Ali Khan
- D. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Khawaja Nazimuddin was the second Governor General.

B. Ghulam Muhammad was the third Governor General.

C. Liaquat Ali Khan was the first Prime Minister, not Governor General.

D. Correct: Jinnah was the first Governor General (1947–1948).

34 Pakistan Studies

Who issued the famous pamphlet "Now or Never " in 1933?

- A. Ch.Rahmat Ali ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar
- C. Maulana Shakat Ali
- D. Allam Iqbal

A. Correct: Chaudhry Rahmat Ali issued 'Now or Never' in 1933, coining the name Pakistan.

B. Jauhar led the Khilafat Movement, but did not issue this pamphlet.

C. Shaukat Ali was Jauhar's brother and a Khilafat leader, not the author.

D. Iqbal gave the Allahabad Address in 1930, but did not issue this pamphlet.

Question 35 Pakistan Studies

Prime Minister of Pakistan Liaqat Ali khan was assassinated on:

- A. October 16, 1951 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. October 18, 1951
- C. October 19, 1951
- D. October 20, 1951

A. Correct: Liaquat Ali Khan was assassinated at Company Bagh, Rawalpindi, on 16 October 1951.

B. Two days after the assassination.

C. Three days after the assassination.

D. Four days after the assassination.

36 Pakistan Studies

When was Pakistan Resolution moved?

- A. 22 March, 1940
- B. 23 March, 1940 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 24 March,1940
- D. 25 March, 1940

A. The Lahore session opened on 22 March, but the Resolution was moved the next day.

B. Correct: the Pakistan Resolution was moved on 23 March 1940 and passed on 24 March.

C. The Resolution was passed on 24 March, but moved on 23 March.

D. The session had ended by then.

Question 37 Pakistan Studies

The first Chief Justice of Pakistan was:

- A. Zafar-ul-Haq
- B. Abdul Rashid ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Mushtaq Hussain
- D. Sajjad Ali Shah

A. Zafar-ul-Haq was a politician, not a Chief Justice.

B. Correct: Justice Abdul Rashid was the first Chief Justice of Pakistan (1949–1954).

C. No such first Chief Justice exists.

D. Sajjad Ali Shah was Chief Justice in the 1990s, not the first.

Question 38 Pakistan Studies

In which year Minto Morley Reforms were introduced in india?

- B. 1909 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1911
- D. 1915

A. The reforms were not introduced in 1907.

B. Correct: the Indian Councils Act 1909, the Minto-Morley Reforms, was passed in 1909.

C. 1911 is the year of the Delhi Durbar, not the reforms.

D. The reforms were not introduced in 1915.

Question 39 Pakistan Studies

Which poet had written the National Anthem of Pakistan?

- A. Faiz Ahamd Faiz
- B. Hafeez Jullundri ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Sufi Ghulam Mustafa Tabssum
- D. Qateel Shifai

A. Faiz wrote 'Hum Dekhenge' and 'Nisaar Main Teri Galiyon Pe', not the anthem.

B. Correct: Hafeez Jalandhri wrote the national anthem (1952), set to Ahmed G. Chagla's music.

C. Tabassum wrote children's poetry, not the anthem.

D. Qateel Shifai wrote film songs, not the anthem.

Question 40 Mathematics

if x+y =6, y+z=7 and z+ x=9 the average(arithmetic mean) of x,y and z is

- A. 11/3 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 11/2

- D. 11

A. Correct: adding the three equations gives 2(x + y + z) = 22, so x + y + z = 11 and the mean is 11/3.

B. That is 11 divided by 2, not by 3.

C. That is the sum 22 divided by 3, but the sum of x, y and z is 11, not 22.

D. That is the sum of x, y and z, not their mean.

Question 41 General Knowledge

The Currency of Japan is:

- A. Dollar
- B. Lira
- C. yen ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Franc

A. The dollar is the currency of the USA and others, not Japan.

B. The lira was the currency of Italy and Turkey, not Japan.

C. Correct: the yen is the currency of Japan.

D. The franc is the currency of Switzerland and others, not Japan.

Question 42 Pakistan Studies

The Cabinet Mission was headed by:

- A. Sir Stafford Cripps
- B. A.V.Alexander
- C. Lord Pethick Lawrence ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Lord Mayo

s a member of the Mission, not its head.

B. Alexander was a member of the Mission, not its head.

C. Correct: the Cabinet Mission (1946) was headed by the Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence.

D. Lord Mayo was a Viceroy of the 1870s, not a member of the Mission.

Question 43 General Knowledge

Greenwich is situated near:

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

A. Correct: Greenwich is in south-east London, on the Thames.

B. Greenwich Village is in New York, but the prime meridian's Greenwich is in London.

C. Greenwich is not near Tokyo.

D. Greenwich is not near Paris.

Question 44 Pakistan Studies

In the National Assembly of Pakistan, minonities are allocated seats.

- A. 9
- B. 10 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 8
- D. 7

A. The reserved seats for minorities are not 9.

0 seats in the National Assembly are reserved for non-Muslim minorities.

C. The reserved seats for minorities are not 8.

D. The reserved seats for minorities are not 7.

Question 45 General Knowledge

The Headquarters of Arab League is at:

- A. Rabat
- B. Cairo ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Riyadh
- D. Amman

A. Rabat is the capital of Morocco, not the Arab League's seat.

B. Correct: the Arab League is headquartered in Cairo, Egypt.

C. Riyadh is the capital of Saudi Arabia, not the Arab League's seat.

D. Amman is the capital of Jordan, not the Arab League's seat.

Question 46 Pakistan Studies

An important river of Pothohar Plateau is:

- A. Hub river
- B. Bolan river
- C. Gomal river
- D. Swan river ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Hub flows in Sindh and Balochistan, not the Pothohar.

B. The Bolan flows in Balochistan, not the Pothohar.

C. The Gomal flows in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, not the Pothohar.

The Soan (Swan) is the main river of the Pothohar Plateau.

Question 47 Pakistan Studies

The newest district of Punjab out of the following is:

- A. Nankana Sahib ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Pakpatten
- C. Kasur
- D. Mandi Bahauddin

A. Correct: Nankana Sahib was created in 2005, the newest of the four listed at the exam date.

B. Pakpattan is an old district (created in 1991 from Sahiwal).

C. Kasur is an old district, created in 1976.

D. Mandi Bahauddin was created in 1993, before Nankana Sahib.

Question 48 General Knowledge

Which country is known as the 'Cockpit of Europe'?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Belgium ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Italy
- D. Netherlands

A. Switzerland is known as the Playground of Europe, not the Cockpit.

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

C. Italy is not called the Cockpit of Europe.

D. The Netherlands is not called the Cockpit of Europe.

49 Mathematics

The Ratio of the circumference of a circle to its radius is :

- A. 1
- B. π/2
- C. 2π ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. √π

A. The circumference is not equal to the radius.

B. π/2 is a quarter of 2π, not the ratio; the source key says B, but that is wrong.

C. Correct: circumference = 2πr, so circumference / radius = 2π.

D. The square root of π has no such meaning here.

Question 50 Science

The Number of pairs of ribs in human body is:

- A. 12 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 15
- C. 20
- D. 30

A. Correct: the human body has 12 pairs of ribs (24 ribs).

B. The body has 12 pairs of ribs, not 15.

C. The body has 12 pairs of ribs, not 20.

D. The body has 12 pairs of ribs, not 30.

Question 51 General Knowledge

Ethiopia was earlier knows as:

- B. Formosa
- C. Abyssinia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Persia

A. No country was called Christina.

B. Formosa was the old name of Taiwan, not Ethiopia.

C. Correct: Ethiopia was formerly known as Abyssinia.

D. Persia was the old name of Iran, not Ethiopia.

Question 52 General Knowledge

Which country is known as the 'Land of Rising Sun'?

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

A. Correct: Japan is the Land of the Rising Sun (Nippon, 'origin of the sun').

B. China is the Middle Kingdom, not the Land of the Rising Sun.

C. Thailand is the Land of Smiles, not the Land of the Rising Sun.

D. Malaysia is not called the Land of the Rising Sun.

Question 53 General Knowledge

Al Azhar University is situated in:

- A. Tehran
- B. Cairo ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Kuwait

A. Tehran is the capital of Iran; Al-Azhar is not there.

B. Correct: Al-Azhar University is in Cairo, Egypt, founded in 970 CE.

C. Al-Azhar is not in Kuwait.

D. Al-Azhar is not in Tunisia.

Question 54 Mathematics

x^2- y^2=28 and x-y=8 then the average of x and y is :

- A. 3.5
- B. 1.75 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 7
- D. 8

A. 3.5 is x + y, not the average of x and y.

B. Correct: $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$, so x + y = 28/8 = 3.5, and the average is 3.5/2 = 1.75.

C. No working gives 7.

D. 8 is x − y, not the average.

Question 55 Pakistan Studies

The first Commercial Bank of Pakistan was:

- A. Habib Bank Limited ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Muslim Commercial Bank
- C. UBL
- D. HSBC

A. Correct: Habib Bank, founded in 1941, was the first commercial bank of Pakistan.

founded in 1947, after Habib Bank.

C. United Bank was founded in 1959, after Habib Bank.

D. HSBC is a foreign bank, not Pakistan's first commercial bank.

Question 56 Pakistan Studies

The fate of Khyber-PakhtunKhwa (Form NWFP) at the time of independence was decided by:

- A. Referendum ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Election
- C. Jirga
- D. None of these

A. Correct: the NWFP's accession to Pakistan was decided by a referendum in July 1947.

B. No election decided the province's fate.

C. No jirga decided the province's fate.

D. Wrong: the referendum is among the options.

Question 57 Science

if 3: 00 Am , the temperature was 13 degree C therefore, the average hourly increase in temperature was :

- A. 5 degree
- B. 7.5 degree
- C. 45 degree
- D. (19/6) degree

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. DEFECTIVE — EXCLUDED, no answer taught (The stem is incomplete: only one temperature reading (13°C at 3:00 am) is

o second reading and no time, so no average hourly increase can be worked out. No answer is asserted.)

A. No working is possible from an incomplete stem.

B. No working is possible from an incomplete stem.

C. No working is possible from an incomplete stem.

D. No working is possible from an incomplete stem.

Question 58 Mathematics

In 7 years wasim will be twice as old as he was 8 years ago. how old he is now ?

- A. 12
- B. 23 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 32
- D. 21

A. If Wasim were 12, in 7 years he would be 19, not twice 4.

B. Correct: let his age be x; x + 7 = 2(x − 8) gives x + 7 = 2x − 16, so x = 23.

C. If Wasim were 32, in 7 years he would be 39, not twice 24.

D. If Wasim were 21, in 7 years he would be 28, not twice 13.

Question 59 Pakistan Studies

The most important feature of Government of India Act of 1919 was the introduction of :

- A. Provincial Autonomy
- B. Adult Franchise Diarchy
- C. Diarchy ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Seprate Electorate

autonomy came with the Act of 1935, not 1919.

B. Adult franchise was not introduced in 1919.

C. Correct: the Act of 1919 introduced dyarchy (diarchy) in the provinces, dividing subjects into reserved and transferred.

D. Separate electorates were introduced in 1909, not 1919.

Question 60 Labour Law

Employees Social Security Institution in Pakistan were set up under international conventions of :

- A. WTO
- B. ILO ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. OPEC
- D. UNESCO

A. The WTO deals with trade, not social security.

B. Correct: Pakistan's social security institutions follow the International Labour Organization's conventions on social security.

C. OPEC deals with oil, not social security.

D. UNESCO deals with education and culture, not social security.

Question 61 Islamiat

the name of the fifth Kalimah is :

- A. Kalimah Tauheed
- B. Kalima Shahadat
- C. Kalima Istighfar ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Kalimah Tamjeed

auheed is the first Kalimah.

B. Kalimah Shahadat is the second Kalimah.

C. Correct: the fifth Kalimah is Kalimah Istighfar (Astaghfar).

D. Kalimah Tamjeed is the third Kalimah.

Question 62 Islamiat

which is the 4rth month of the Islamic Year ?

- A. Muharram
- B. Rabi us Sani ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Shawal
- D. Shabaan

A. Muharram is the first month.

B. Correct: the Islamic months run Muharram, Safar, Rabi-ul-Awwal, Rabi-us-Sani, and so on.

C. Shawwal is the tenth month.

D. Sha'ban is the eighth month.

Question 63 Islamiat

participated (ﷺ) identify the last Ghazwa in which the prophet Hazrat Muhammad

- A. Mutah
- B. Tabuk ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hunain
- D. Ahzab

A. Mu'tah (8 AH) was fought before Tabuk, and the Prophet (PBUH) did not take part in it.

Tabuk (9 AH) was the last Ghazwa in which the Prophet (PBUH) personally participated.

C. Hunain (8 AH) came before Tabuk.

D. Ahzab (the Trench, 5 AH) came much earlier.

Question 64 Islamiat

Hazrat Abu Bakar died in :

- A. 10 Hijra
- B. 11th Hijra
- C. 13 Hijra ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 15 th Hijra

A. 10 AH is the year of the Farewell Pilgrimage, not Abu Bakr's death.

B. 11 AH is the year the Prophet (PBUH) passed away and Abu Bakr became Caliph.

C. Correct: Abu Bakr (RA) died in 13 AH (634 CE), after a caliphate of about two years.

D. Abu Bakr had died two years earlier.

Question 65 Pakistan Studies

The Cripps Mission visited india in the year .

- A. 1940
- B. 1942 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1943
- D. 1944

A. 1940 is the year of the Lahore Resolution, not the Cripps Mission.

B. Correct: Sir Stafford Cripps came to India in March–April 1942 with his proposals.

s Mission had already left by 1943.

D. The Cripps Mission had already left by 1944.

Question 66 Islamiat

According to Treaty of Hudaibiya, a truce(peace) was declared between Muslims and Quraish for _____ years ?

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 10 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 12

A. The truce was not for five years.

B. The truce was not for seven years.

C. Correct: the Treaty of Hudaibiya (6 AH) declared a ten-year truce between the Muslims and the Quraysh.

D. The truce was not for twelve years.

Question 67 Islamiat

To Which Arab Tribe did Hazrat Usman belong ?

- A. Bani Hashim
- B. Aus
- C. Khazraj
- D. Bani Umaayyad ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Prophet (PBUH) belonged to Banu Hashim, not Usman.

B. Aus was a tribe of Madinah (Ansar), not Usman's tribe.

C. Khazraj was a tribe of Madinah (Ansar), not Usman's tribe.

sman (RA) belonged to Banu Umayyah.

Question 68 Islamiat

Hazrat Yousif was the son of :

- A. Hazrat Ishaq
- B. Hazrat Yaqoob ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hazrat Ismail
- D. Hazrat Loot

A. Ishaq (Isaac) was Yusuf's grandfather.

B. Correct: Yusuf (Joseph) was the son of Yaqub (Jacob).

C. Ismail was Yusuf's great-uncle, not his father.

D. Lut (Lot) was not Yusuf's father.

Question 69 Labour Law

EOBL is the abbreviation of:

- A. Employees Old -Age Benefits Institution ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Emplovees of Bank & Industries
- C. Employees ' Offices and Banking Institution
- D. None of these

A. Correct: EOBI (filed as printed, 'EOBL') is the Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution, which pays pensions to retired workers.

B. No such body exists.

C. No such body exists.

D. Wrong: the correct expansion is among the options.

70 Islamiat

Which Surah of the Holy Quran is called the heart of the Quran?

- A. Surah Al- Ikhlas
- B. Surah Al- Baqra
- C. Surah Ya Sin ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sura Ar- Rahman

A. Al-Ikhlas equals a third of the Quran in reward, but is not its heart.

B. Al-Baqarah is the longest surah, not the heart of the Quran.

C. Correct: Surah Ya Sin is called the heart of the Quran in a well-known Hadith.

D. Ar-Rahman is called the bride of the Quran, not its heart.

Question 71 Islamiat

what is the name given to Ist Kalimah ?

- A. Kalimath Tayyabah ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Kalimath Shahdat
- C. Kalimath Tamjeed
- D. Kalimath Tauheed

A. Correct: the first Kalimah is Kalimah Tayyaba ('La ilaha illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah').

B. Kalimah Shahadat is the second Kalimah.

C. Kalimah Tamjeed is the third Kalimah.

D. Kalimah Tauheed is the fourth Kalimah.

72 Islamiat

Pick out the meaning of Ushr?

- A. 5th part
- B. 10th part ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 15th part
- D. 20th part

A. One-fifth is Khums, not Ushr.

B. Correct: Ushr is one-tenth of the produce of rain-fed land.

C. No such rate exists for Ushr.

D. One-twentieth is the rate for artificially watered land, not the standard Ushr.

Question 73 Urdu Literature

شوکت صدیقی نے اپنے کس ناول میں پی ٹی وی پر ڈرامہ کی شکل میں بھی پیش کیا گیا ہے جس پر معاشرہ میں اقتصادی نا ہمواری غربت اور سماجی چیز کی پیش کیا گیا ہے ؟

- A. چاند گرہن
- B. تلاش بہاراں
- C. جانگلوس
- D. خدا کی بستی ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Chand Grahan is not the Shaukat Siddiqui novel dramatised on PTV on these themes.

B. Talash-e-Baharan is not the novel in question.

C. Jangloos is Shaukat Siddiqui's later novel, not the PTV drama on poverty and inequality.

D. Correct: 'Khuda Ki Basti' (1967) was dramatised by PTV and portrays poverty and economic inequality in society.

74 Urdu Literature

بتایئے "شاعر کا انجام" کس کی تصنیف ہے ؟

Correct answer ✓ A. نیاز فتح پوری

B. فرمان فتح پوری

C. خواجہ حسن نظامی

D. مجنوں گور کھپوری

A. Correct: 'Shair ka Anjaam' is a work of Niaz Fatehpuri.

B. Farman Fatehpuri was a critic and linguist, not the author of this work.

C. Khwaja Hasan Nizami wrote on Sufism and history, not this work.

D. Majnun Gorakhpuri was a critic, not the author of this work.

Question 75 Urdu Literature

نیا نشان کس ڈرامہ نگار کا ڈرامہ ہے ؟

Correct answer ✓ A. خواجہ معین الدین

B. امانت لکھنوی

C. اشفاق احمد

D. آغا حشر

A. Correct: 'Naya Nishan' is a drama by Khwaja Moinuddin.

B. Amanat Lakhnawi wrote 'Inder Sabha', not Naya Nishan.

C. Ashfaq Ahmed wrote 'Tali' and 'Aik Muhabbat Sau Afsane', not Naya Nishan.

D. Agha Hashar wrote 'Yahudi ki Ladki' and 'Sita Haran', not Naya Nishan.

76 Pakistan Studies

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

- A. Ramsay McDonald ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Celement Attlee
- C. Chamberlian
- D. Lord Curzon

A. Correct: Ramsay MacDonald was British Prime Minister (1929–1935) at the Second Round Table Conference in 1931.

B. Clement Attlee became Prime Minister in 1945, long after the Conference.

C. Neville Chamberlain became Prime Minister in 1937, after the Conference.

D. Lord Curzon was Viceroy of India (1899–1905), never Prime Minister.

Question 77 Urdu Literature

مصور قطرہ کس مشہور ناول نگار کا لقب ہے ؟

A. عبدالحلیم شرر•

B. مرزا ہادی•

Correct answer ✓ C. خواجہ حسن نظامی•

D. راشد الخیری•

A. Abdul Halim Sharar was a historical novelist, not known by this epithet.

B. Mirza Hadi Ruswa wrote 'Umrao Jan Ada', but is not known by this epithet.

C. Correct: Khwaja Hasan Nizami is known as 'Musawwir-e-Fitrat' (Painter of Nature); the 'مصورِ فطرت' a garble of ,'مصور قطرہ' stem prints.

D. Rashid-ul-Khairi is known as 'Musawwir-e-Gham' (Painter of Grief), a different epithet.

78 Urdu Literature

کتاب 420 ایک کتاب کا عنوان ہے یہ بتائے کہ یہ کتاب کس مشہور ناول نگار اور ڈرامہ کی تصنیف ہے ؟

A. جمیل ملک

Correct answer ✓ B. شوکت تھانوی

C. مرزا ادیب

D. اے حمید

A. Jameel Malik is not recorded as the author of 'Kitab 420'.

B. Filed on the paper's key: Shaukat Thanvi, the humourist, is the paper's answer for 'Kitab 420'; the attribution could not be independently confirmed in the sources checked.

C. Mirza Adeeb is not recorded as the author of 'Kitab 420'.

D. A. Hameed is not recorded as the author of 'Kitab 420'.

Question 79 Urdu Literature

سعادت حسن منٹو نے ادبی سفر کے آغاز مین کو سا قلمی نام اختیار کیا تھا ؟

A. حسن

Correct answer ✓ B. آدم

C. علوی

D. شعور

A. 'Hassan' is Manto's own first name, not his early pen name.

B. Filed on the paper's key: Manto's first story 'Tamasha' was published under a pseudonym, and the paper gives it as 'Adam'; the sources checked confirm a pseudonym was used but do not name it.

C. 'Alvi' is not recorded as Manto's early pen name.

s not recorded as Manto's early pen name.

Question 80 Pakistan Studies

The first Round Table Conference was held in ?

- A. London ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. paris
- C. Dublin
- D. Lahore

A. Correct: the first Round Table Conference was held in London (November 1930 – January 1931).

B. No Round Table Conference was held in Paris.

C. No Round Table Conference was held in Dublin.

D. No Round Table Conference was held in Lahore.

Question 81 Urdu Literature

ریشمی خطوط ریڈیو کا مشہور ڈرامہ ہے اس کے خالق کا نام بتایئے ؟

A. جمیل ملک

B. اے حمید

Correct answer ✓ C. ریاض فرشوری

D. بشریٰ رحمٰن

A. Jameel Malik is not recorded as the creator of 'Reshmi Khatoot'.

B. A. Hameed is not recorded as the creator of 'Reshmi Khatoot'.

C. Filed on the paper's key: Riaz Farshori is the paper's answer for the radio drama 'Reshmi Khatoot'; no independent confirmation was found in the sources checked.

hman is a novelist, not recorded as the creator of 'Reshmi Khatoot'.

Question 82 Urdu Literature

چارہ گر کس مشہور خاتون ناول نگار کا ناول ہے ؟

Correct answer ✓ A. بشریٰ رحمٰن

B. الطاف فاطمہ

C. خدیجہ مستور

D. حمیدہ جبیں

A. Correct: 'Chara Gar' is a novel by Bushra Rahman.

B. Altaf Fatima wrote 'Chalta Musafir', not Chara Gar.

C. Khadija Mastur wrote 'Aangan', not Chara Gar.

D. Hameeda Jabeen is not the author of Chara Gar.

Question 83 Pakistan Studies

Asar-us- Sanadeed was written by :

- A. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Muhammad Ali Johar
- C. Nazir Ahmad
- D. Ameer Ali

A. Correct: 'Asar-us-Sanadid' (1847) is Sir Syed's archaeological history of Delhi.

B. Jauhar was a Khilafat leader and journalist, not the author.

C. Nazir Ahmad wrote 'Mirat-ul-Uroos', not this book.

D. Syed Ameer Ali wrote 'A Short History of the Saracens', not this book.

84 Urdu Literature

مشہور تاریخی ناول نگار حجازی کا پہلا تاریخی ناول کون سا ہے ؟

A. معظم الی

B. کلیسا او ر آگ

Correct answer ✓ C. داستان مجاہد

D. شاہین

A. 'Muazzam Ali' is not Hijazi's first historical novel.

B. 'Kaleesa aur Aag' is a later Hijazi novel, not his first.

C. Correct: 'Dastan-e-Mujahid' is Naseem Hijazi's first historical novel.

D. 'Shaheen' is a famous Hijazi novel, but not his first.

Question 85 Urdu Literature

مولانا شبلی نعمانی کی کتاب الفاروق کا انگریزی ترجمہ کس نے کیا ؟

A. مولانا محمد علی جوہر

B. مولانا شوکت علی

Correct answer ✓ C. مولانا ظفر علی خان

D. مولانا الطاف حسین حالی

A. Jauhar did not translate Al-Farooq into English.

B. Shaukat Ali did not translate Al-Farooq into English.

C. Correct: Zafar Ali Khan translated Shibli Nomani's 'Al-Farooq' into English.

D. Hali did not translate Al-Farooq into English.

86 English Vocabulary

Cowardice is the opposite of:

- A. Admonition
- B. Injustice
- C. Valour ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Repression

A. Admonition is a warning, not the opposite of cowardice.

B. Injustice is unfairness, not the opposite of cowardice.

C. Correct: valour (bravery) is the opposite of cowardice.

D. Repression is suppression, not the opposite of cowardice.

Question 87 English Vocabulary

Degrade means:

- A. wit a grade
- B. of D grade
- C. Abase ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Abet

A. 'With a grade' is not a meaning of degrade.

B. 'Of D grade' is not a meaning of degrade.

C. Correct: to degrade is to abase, to lower in rank or dignity.

D. Abet means to encourage wrongdoing, not to degrade.

Question 88 English Vocabulary

Cataclysm means

heaval ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Catalyst
- C. Moderator
- D. Catcall

A. Correct: a cataclysm is a violent upheaval or disaster.

B. A catalyst speeds up a reaction, not a cataclysm.

C. A moderator presides over a discussion, not a cataclysm.

D. A catcall is a whistle of disapproval, not a cataclysm.

Question 89 English Vocabulary

Buoyant is the opposite of

- A. Restive
- B. placid ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Resistant
- D. Retiring

A. Restive means restless, not the opposite of buoyant.

B. Correct: in the paper's sense, buoyant (lively, rising) is opposed by placid (calm, still).

C. Resistant means opposing, not the opposite of buoyant.

D. Retiring means shy, not the opposite of buoyant.

Question 90 English Vocabulary

Majestic means

- A. Authoritative
- B. Magic
- C. Magisterial

al ✓ Correct answer

A. Authoritative means commanding, close to majestic but not its synonym.

B. Magic is sorcery, not majesty.

C. Magisterial means authoritative, close to majestic but not its synonym.

D. Correct: majestic means regal, kingly and grand.

Question 91 English Vocabulary

Expedite means

- A. Expedition
- B. Hasten ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Expedient
- D. Practical

A. An expedition is a journey, not the verb expedite.

B. Correct: to expedite is to hasten, to speed up.

C. Expedient means convenient, not to expedite.

D. Practical means useful, not to expedite.

Question 92 English Spelling

Which word is correctly spelt in the following set of word :

- A. Obsolite
- B. Absolute ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Absolete
- D. Obsilete

A. Wrong spelling: 'obsolete' has a double 's' and ends in '-ete'.

-B-S-O-L-U-T-E is the correct spelling.

C. Wrong spelling: 'absolute' has an 's' after the 'b', and 'obsolete' is a different word.

D. Wrong spelling: 'obsolete' is spelt O-B-S-O-L-E-T-E.

Question 93 English Vocabulary

Acquit has the same meaning as

- A. Forge
- B. Accuse
- C. Exonerate ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Reimburse

A. Forge means to fake or to shape metal, not to acquit.

B. Accuse is the opposite of acquit.

C. Correct: to acquit is to exonerate, to clear of a charge.

D. Reimburse means to repay money, not to acquit.

Question 94 English Vocabulary

Zealot means

- A. Beginner
- B. Patron
- C. Murderer
- D. Fanatic ✓ **Correct answer**

A. A beginner is a novice, not a zealot.

B. A patron is a supporter, not a zealot.

C. A murderer kills, but a zealot need not kill.

zealot is a fanatic, a person of extreme devotion to a cause.

Question 95 English Vocabulary

Vitality has the same meaning as:

- A. Effluent
- B. Affuent
- C. Influence
- D. Effervescence ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Effluent is waste water flowing out, not vitality.

B. 'Affuent' (affluent) means wealthy, not vitality; the source key says B, but that is wrong.

C. Influence is power over others, not vitality.

D. Correct: effervescence means bubbling liveliness, the same as vitality.

Question 96 English Vocabulary

Commodious is the opposite of

- A. limited ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Expensive
- C. Numerous
- D. Leisurely

A. Correct: commodious means roomy and spacious, so its opposite is limited (cramped).

B. Expensive is about price, not space.

C. Numerous is about number, not space.

D. Leisurely is about slowness, not space.

97 English Grammar

The policeman's story conflicts that of the accused.

- A. from
- B. to
- C. with ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. in

A. 'Conflicts from' is not idiomatic English.

B. 'Conflicts to' is not idiomatic English.

C. Correct: the verb 'conflict' takes 'with' ('conflicts with that of the accused').

D. 'Conflicts in' is not idiomatic English.

Question 98 English Grammar

A young police officer was charged the task of transporting the prisoners.

- A. for
- B. by
- C. in
- D. with ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'Charged for the task' is not idiomatic English.

B. 'Charged by the task' is not idiomatic English.

C. 'Charged in the task' is not idiomatic English.

D. Correct: 'charged with' is the idiom for being given a task or accused of a crime.

Question 99 English Vocabulary

Parallel is the opposite of:

- B. Alongside
- C. Equidistant
- D. Laterally

A. Correct: divergent lines move apart, the opposite of parallel lines.

B. Alongside means beside, close to parallel.

C. Equidistant describes parallel lines themselves (always the same distance apart).

D. Laterally means sideways, not the opposite of parallel.

Question 100 English Grammar

The debate in the Parliament was adjourned the following week.

- A. with
- B. for
- C. into
- D. to ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'Adjourned with the following week' is not idiomatic English.

B. 'Adjourned for the following week' would mean the adjournment lasted a week, not that it was put off until then.

C. 'Adjourned into the following week' is not idiomatic English.

D. Correct: a debate is adjourned 'to' a later time ('adjourned to the following week').

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