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Question 1 Pakistan Studies

Campbellpur is the old name of which city of Pakistan?

- A. Abbottabad

ock ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Jacobabad
- D. Lyallpur

A. Abbottabad still carries its British-era name; it was never called Campbellpur.

B. Correct: Attock city and district were named Campbellpur after Sir Colin Campbell, who laid the foundation of the town in 1908 during British rule; the name was changed back to Attock in 1978, after the historic Attock Fort on the Indus.

C. Jacobabad still carries its British-era name; it was never called Campbellpur.

D. Lyallpur is itself an old name (of Faisalabad), not of Attock.

Question 2 Pakistan Studies

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto became President of Pakistan on

- A. 16 December 1971
- B. 14 August 1973
- C. 20 December 1971 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 5 July 1977

A. 16 December marks the surrender at Dhaka, not the transfer of power to Bhutto.

B. 14 August 1973 is when the new Constitution came into force and Bhutto became Prime Minister.

C. Correct: after the fall of Dhaka, General Yahya Khan resigned and handed over power to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who took oath as President and Chief Martial Law Administrator on 20 December 1971.

D. 5 July 1977 is the date of General Zia-ul-Haq's coup, which removed Bhutto, not the date he became President.

3 Pakistan Studies

Which is the largest district of Punjab by area?

- A. Rahim Yar Khan
- B. Bahawalpur ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Dera Ghazi Khan
- D. Lahore

A. Rahim Yar Khan covers about 11,880 sq km, well under half of Bahawalpur's area.

B. Correct: Bahawalpur district covers about 24,830 square kilometres, much of it in the Cholistan desert, making it the largest district of Punjab by area.

C. Dera Ghazi Khan is also large but well under half the size of Bahawalpur.

D. Lahore is one of the smallest districts by area despite having the largest population.

Question 4 Pakistan Studies

Who started the Jihad Movement (Tehrik-e-Mujahideen) against Sikh rule in 1826?

- A. Haji Shariatullah
- B. Shah Waliullah
- C. Syed Ahmad Barelvi (Shaheed) ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

A. Haji Shariatullah led the Faraizi Movement in Bengal, not the 1826 Jihad Movement.

B. Shah Waliullah, who died in 1762, was the intellectual inspiration rather than the leader of the 1826 movement.

C. Correct: Syed Ahmad Shaheed of Rae Bareli launched the Jihad Movement in 1826 to free the Muslims of Punjab and the Frontier from Sikh rule; he won at Akora in 1826, set up an Islamic state at Peshawar in 1830 and fell at Balakot in 1831.

D. Sir Syed was a reformer and educationist of the later nineteenth century, not the leader

movement.

Question 5 Pakistan Studies

Which building is printed on the back of the Pakistani Rs 5,000 currency note?

- A. Badshahi Mosque
- B. Mohenjo-daro
- C. Islamia College Peshawar
- D. Faisal Mosque, Islamabad ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Badshahi Mosque appears on the Rs 500 note, not the Rs 5,000 note.

B. Mohenjo-daro appears on the Rs 20 note, not the Rs 5,000 note.

C. Islamia College Peshawar appears on the Rs 1,000 note, not the Rs 5,000 note.

D. Correct: the Rs 5,000 note, the highest denomination issued by the State Bank of Pakistan, carries Shah Faisal Mosque of Islamabad on its reverse.

Question 6 Pakistan Studies

Nawaz Sharif's first tenure as Prime Minister of Pakistan began in

- A. 1988
- B. 1990 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1993
- D. 1997

A. In 1988 Benazir Bhutto became Prime Minister, not Nawaz Sharif.

B. Correct: Nawaz Sharif first became Prime Minister on 6 November 1990 after the Islami Jamhoori Ittehad won the October 1990 general election; that term ended in July 1993.

C. 1993 saw Benazir Bhutto return to office, not Nawaz Sharif's first term.

D. 1997 was the start of Nawaz Sharif's second, not first, term.

7 General Knowledge

Aleppo is a city of which country?

- A. Iraq
- B. Jordan
- C. Syria ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Lebanon

A. Iraq's major cities are Baghdad, Basra and Mosul; Aleppo is not in Iraq.

B. Jordan's capital is Amman; Aleppo is not in Jordan.

C. Correct: Aleppo (Halab) in north-western Syria is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world and was Syria's largest city and commercial centre before the civil war.

D. Lebanon's capital is Beirut; Aleppo is not in Lebanon.

Question 8 Urdu

The Urdu book 'Bajang Aamad' by Colonel Muhammad Khan belongs to which genre?

- A. Novel
- B. Travelogue
- C. Poetry collection
- D. Humorous autobiography ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Bajang Aamad is written as a memoir of the author's own life, not as fiction, so it is not a novel.

B. Although it describes postings abroad, it is not a travelogue in form.

C. Bajang Aamad is prose, not poetry.

D. Correct: Bajang Aamad (1966) is Colonel Muhammad Khan's light-hearted account of his own army service during the Second World War, and it is counted among the classics

our (mizan).

Question 9 English

Choose the correct preposition: The cake was shared ___ Zaid and Ali.

- A. between ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. among
- C. with
- D. into

A. Correct: when something is divided between exactly two people, English uses "between".

B. "Among" is reserved for three or more sharers.

C. "With" would need a different structure (Zaid shared the cake with Ali).

D. "Into" describes division into parts, not sharers.

Question 10 English

Choose the correct preposition: He went ___ the direction of the school.

- A. to
- B. in ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. at
- D. on

A. "To the direction" is not idiomatic English.

B. Correct: the fixed English phrase is "in the direction of", meaning towards a place.

C. "At the direction" is not idiomatic English.

D. "On the direction" would wrongly suggest acting on someone's instruction (on the direction of the court).

11 English

Choose the correct preposition: Hassan acted according ___ his father's advice.

- A. with
- B. by
- C. on
- D. to ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "According with" is a common error; "with" belongs to "in accordance with".

B. "According by" does not exist in standard English.

C. "According on" does not exist in standard English.

D. Correct: "according" is always followed by "to" to form the compound preposition "according to", meaning in agreement with or as stated by.

Question 12 Urdu

Who is regarded as the founder of modern Urdu prose (Jadeed Urdu Nasr)?

- A. Maulvi Abdul Haq
- B. Deputy Nazir Ahmad
- C. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Maulana Altaf Hussain Hali

A. Maulvi Abdul Haq is Baba-e-Urdu for his service to the language, but he is not the founder of modern Urdu prose.

B. Nazir Ahmad wrote the first Urdu novels, but he is not the founder of modern Urdu prose.

C. Correct: Sir Syed Ahmad Khan gave Urdu prose a plain, purposeful style through his journal Tehzib-ul-Akhlaq and his essays, replacing the ornate rhymed prose of the earlier period; for this he is called the founder of modern Urdu prose.

ered modern criticism, but he built on the path Sir Syed opened.

Question 13 English

The word 'enormous' means

- A. ancient
- B. huge ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. ordinary
- D. tiny

A. Ancient refers to age rather than size.

B. Correct: "enormous" means very large in size, amount or degree, so "huge" is its closest synonym.

C. Ordinary means usual or average, the opposite of the exceptional size the word conveys.

D. Tiny is the antonym of enormous, not its meaning.

Question 14 English

In the sentence 'She finished her work quickly', the word 'quickly' is a/an

- A. adjective
- B. noun
- C. adverb ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. verb

A. "Quick" itself would be the adjective, used to describe a noun (a quick worker), not to modify a verb.

B. "Quickly" is not a noun; it names no person, place or thing.

C. Correct: "quickly" tells us how the action of finishing was performed, so it modifies the

d", a word that modifies a verb is an adverb.

D. "Quickly" is not a verb; it performs no action.

Question 15 English

In the phrase 'a beautiful garden', the word 'beautiful' is a/an

- A. adverb
- B. noun
- C. pronoun
- D. adjective ✓ **Correct answer**

A. An adverb modifies a verb; "beautiful" here describes a noun.

B. The noun form is "beauty", not "beautiful".

C. "Beautiful" is not a pronoun; it stands in for no noun.

D. Correct: "beautiful" describes the noun "garden", telling us what kind of garden it is; a word that describes or qualifies a noun is an adjective.

Question 16 Pakistan Studies

Who was the famous Muslim ruler of the princely state of Mysore who fought the British?

- A. Tipu Sultan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Siraj-ud-Daula
- C. Nizam-ul-Mulk
- D. Bahadur Shah Zafar

A. Correct: Tipu Sultan, the "Tiger of Mysore", ruled Mysore from 1782 after his father Hyder Ali and fought the Anglo-Mysore wars against the East India Company before dying in the defence of Seringapatam in 1799.

A. Alivardi Khan was Nawab of Bengal, not the ruler of Mysore.

C. Nizam-ul-Mulk founded the Hyderabad state, not Mysore.

D. Bahadur Shah Zafar was the last Mughal emperor at Delhi, not the ruler of Mysore.

Question 17 Pakistan Studies

Khuzdar and Kalat are districts of which province of Pakistan?

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

A. Neither place is in Sindh, though Khuzdar lies on the RCD Highway that connects Balochistan with Karachi in Sindh.

B. Correct: Kalat, seat of the former Khanate of Kalat, and Khuzdar, the historic capital of the Jhalawan region, both lie in central Balochistan.

C. Neither place is in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

D. Neither place is in Punjab.

Question 18 Islamiat

The Khawarij rebellion started during the caliphate of

- A. Hazrat Umar (RA)
- B. Hazrat Usman (RA)
- C. Hazrat Ali (RA) ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Hazrat Muawiya (RA)

A. The Khawarij sect did not exist under Hazrat Umar.

B. The Khawarij sect did not exist under Hazrat Usman.

he Khawarij (the seceders) broke away from the army of Hazrat Ali (RA) after he accepted arbitration with Muawiya following the Battle of Siffin in 657 AD; Ali fought them at Nahrawan in 658 and was later assassinated by a Kharijite, Ibn Muljam, in 661.

D. By the time of Muawiya's rule the Khawarij were already an established movement.

Question 19 General Knowledge

The capital of Ethiopia is

- A. Nairobi
- B. Khartoum
- C. Addis Ababa ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Asmara

A. Nairobi is the capital of Kenya, not Ethiopia.

B. Khartoum is the capital of Sudan, not Ethiopia.

C. Correct: Addis Ababa has been the capital of Ethiopia since the reign of Menelik II in the late nineteenth century and also hosts the headquarters of the African Union.

D. Asmara is the capital of Eritrea, which separated from Ethiopia in 1993.

Question 20 Mathematics

5448 rounded to the nearest thousand is

- A. 5000 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 5400
- C. 5500
- D. 6000

A. Correct: to round to the nearest thousand, look at the hundreds digit: in 5448 it is 4, which is less than 5, so the thousands digit stays 5 and everything after it becomes zero, giving 5000.

e value rounded to the nearest hundred, not the nearest thousand.

C. 5500 is not the nearest thousand to 5448.

D. 6000 would be correct only if the hundreds digit were 5 or more.

Question 21 Pakistan Studies

The Siachen Glacier lies in which mountain range?

- A. Himalaya
- B. Hindu Kush
- C. Pamir
- D. Karakoram ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Himalaya lies to the south of Siachen, but the glacier itself is not in it.

B. The Hindu Kush is far to the west beyond the Indus, not where Siachen lies.

C. The Pamirs are to the north-west across the Wakhan corridor, not where Siachen lies.

D. Correct: Siachen, about 76 km long, lies in the eastern Karakoram range near the Line of Control between Pakistan and India and is the world's highest battlefield.

Question 22 Pakistan Studies

The town of Kargil, the scene of the 1999 conflict between Pakistan and India, lies in which region?

- A. Gilgit-Baltistan
- B. Azad Kashmir
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Ladakh ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Gilgit-Baltistan is on the Pakistani side of the Line of Control; Kargil is not in it.

B. Azad Kashmir is on the Pakistani side of the Line of Control; Kargil is not in it.

Pradesh is a separate Indian state to the south of Ladakh.

D. Correct: Kargil is a district town of the Ladakh region of Indian-held Jammu and Kashmir, on the Srinagar-Leh highway just across the Line of Control from Pakistan's Gilgit-Baltistan.

Question 23 Pakistan Studies

The proposed Kalabagh Dam in Pakistan is a ___ project.

- A. hydroelectric (hydel) ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. thermal power
- C. nuclear power
- D. solar power

A. Correct: Kalabagh Dam is a proposed multipurpose dam on the River Indus near Kalabagh in Mianwali district, Punjab, designed to store water for irrigation and to generate about 3,600 MW of hydroelectric (hydel) power.

B. Thermal plants do not need a dam, so this does not fit.

C. Nuclear plants do not need a dam, so this does not fit.

D. Solar plants do not need a dam, so this does not fit.

Question 24 General Knowledge

The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement concerning

- A. nuclear disarmament
- B. protection of the ozone layer
- C. free trade
- D. reduction of greenhouse gas emissions ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Nuclear disarmament is the subject of the NPT, not the Kyoto Protocol.

…n of the ozone layer is the subject of the Montreal Protocol (1987), not the Kyoto Protocol.

C. Free trade is the subject of WTO agreements, not the Kyoto Protocol.

D. Correct: the Kyoto Protocol, adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 and in force from 2005, binds industrialised countries to cut their emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in order to limit global warming.

Question 25 General Knowledge

The headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO) is located in

- A. New York
- B. Geneva ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Paris
- D. Vienna

A. New York houses the UN headquarters, not the ILO.

B. Correct: the ILO, founded in 1919 under the Treaty of Versailles and now a specialised agency of the United Nations, has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, where the International Labour Conference meets every June.

C. Paris is home to UNESCO, not the ILO.

D. Vienna is home to the IAEA and UNIDO, not the ILO.

Question 26 General Knowledge

Tahrir Square, the centre of the 2011 uprising, is located in which city?

- A. Cairo ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Tunis
- C. Damascus
- D. Tripoli

Tahrir (Liberation) Square is the main public square of central Cairo, Egypt, and became the focal point of the mass protests that forced President Hosni Mubarak to resign in February 2011.

B. Tunis saw the earlier Tunisian revolution, but Tahrir Square is not there.

C. Damascus is the capital of Syria, not the city of Tahrir Square.

D. Tripoli is the capital of Libya, not the city of Tahrir Square.

Question 27 General Knowledge

International Labour Day is observed every year on

- A. 8 March
- B. 1 May ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 5 June
- D. 10 December

A. 8 March is International Women's Day, not Labour Day.

B. Correct: Labour Day, or May Day, is celebrated on 1 May in memory of the Haymarket affair of 1886 in Chicago, when workers demanding an eight-hour day were fired upon; Pakistan has observed it as a public holiday since 1972.

C. 5 June is World Environment Day, not Labour Day.

D. 10 December is Human Rights Day, not Labour Day.

Question 28 Pakistan Studies

Under Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan, the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of

- A. 3 to 12 years
- B. 5 to 16 years ✓ **Correct answer**

14 years

- D. 5 to 18 years

A. No Pakistani law fixes 3 to 12 years for free and compulsory education.

B. Correct: Article 25-A, inserted by the Eighteenth Amendment in 2010, makes it the duty of the State to provide free and compulsory education to all children between five and sixteen years of age in the manner determined by law.

C. The 6-to-14 range belongs to India's Right to Education Act, not Pakistan's Constitution.

D. No Pakistani law fixes 5 to 18 years for free and compulsory education.

Question 29 Pakistan Studies

Under Pakistani law, the sale of cigarettes is prohibited to persons below the age of

- A. 16 years
- B. 18 years ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 21 years
- D. 25 years

A. Sixteen is the upper limit of compulsory education, not the tobacco-sale limit.

B. Correct: the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance 2002 bars the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to anyone under eighteen years of age and requires sellers to display a notice to that effect.

C. Twenty-one applies to alcohol sales in some other countries, not to tobacco in Pakistan.

D. No Pakistani law fixes 25 years for tobacco sales.

Question 30 Pakistan Studies

According to Article 11(3) of the Constitution of Pakistan, no child below the age of ___ shall be engaged in any factory or mine or any other hazardous employment.

- B. 14 years ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 16 years
- D. 18 years

A. Twelve is not the constitutional child-labour limit.

B. Correct: Article 11(3) of the Constitution fixes fourteen years as the minimum age for work in a factory, mine or other hazardous employment, and the Employment of Children Act 1991 uses the same limit to define a child.

C. Sixteen is the upper limit of compulsory education under Article 25-A, not the child-labour limit.

D. Eighteen is the age of majority, not the child-labour limit.

Question 31 Computer

Who is the founder of Facebook?

- A. Bill Gates
- B. Steve Jobs
- C. Mark Zuckerberg ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Larry Page

A. Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft, not Facebook.

B. Steve Jobs co-founded Apple, not Facebook.

C. Correct: Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook from his Harvard dormitory in February 2004 together with Eduardo Saverin, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes, and remains its chief executive.

D. Larry Page co-founded Google, not Facebook.

32 Computer

Bill Gates is the co-founder of which company?

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

A. Apple was founded by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, not Bill Gates.

B. Google was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, not Bill Gates.

C. Correct: Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft in 1975 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and its MS-DOS and Windows operating systems made it the world's largest software company.

D. IBM dates from 1911, long before Gates was born, though IBM did license MS-DOS from Microsoft for its first PC.

Question 33 Computer

Which of the following is an internet search engine?

- A. Google ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Windows
- C. Facebook
- D. MS Word

A. Correct: Google is a search engine — it indexes web pages and returns a ranked list of results for the words a user types.

B. Windows is an operating system, not a search engine.

C. Facebook is a social-networking site; it does not search the whole web.

D. MS Word is a word-processing program, not a search engine.

34 Islamiat

The foundation of Masjid-e-Nabvi in Madinah was laid in

- A. 1 AH ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 2 AH
- C. 5 AH
- D. 8 AH

A. Correct: the Holy Prophet (PBUH) laid the foundation of Masjid-e-Nabvi soon after his arrival in Madinah in 622 AD, the first year of the Hijrah, on land bought from two orphans where his camel had stopped.

B. The battle of Badr was fought in 2 AH, not the foundation of Masjid-e-Nabvi.

C. The battle of the Trench was fought in 5 AH, not the foundation of Masjid-e-Nabvi.

D. Makkah was conquered in 8 AH, not the foundation of Masjid-e-Nabvi.

Question 35 Urdu

The famous Urdu novel 'Raja Gidh' was written by

- A. Bano Qudsia ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ashfaq Ahmed
- C. Qurratulain Hyder
- D. Abdullah Hussain

A. Correct: Raja Gidh (1981) is Bano Qudsia's best-known novel, built around the theme that unlawful (haram) sustenance breeds madness in the human mind.

B. Ashfaq Ahmed was her husband and the author of Gadaria and Zavia, not of Raja Gidh.

C. Qurratulain Hyder wrote Aag Ka Darya, not Raja Gidh.

D. Abdullah Hussain wrote Udas Naslain, not Raja Gidh.

36 Pakistan Studies

The first general elections in Pakistan on the basis of adult franchise were held in

- A. 1956
- B. 1965
- C. 1970 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1977

A. No election was held in 1956; the first constitution was adopted that year.

B. The 1965 contest was an indirect presidential election through Basic Democrats, not a general election on adult franchise.

C. Correct: Pakistan's first direct general elections on the basis of one person, one vote were held on 7 December 1970 under General Yahya Khan's Legal Framework Order; the Awami League swept East Pakistan and the PPP won in the West.

D. 1977 was a later general election, not the first on adult franchise.

Question 37 Pakistan Studies

Chitral is located in which province of Pakistan?

- A. Gilgit-Baltistan
- B. Punjab
- C. Balochistan
- D. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Although Chitral touches Gilgit-Baltistan on the east across the Shandur Pass, it has never been part of that territory.

B. Chitral is far from Punjab.

C. Chitral is far from Balochistan.

D. Correct: Chitral, the northernmost district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (now split into Upper

hitral), lies in the Hindu Kush and is reached from Dir over the Lowari Pass; it borders Afghanistan's Wakhan corridor.

Question 38 Pakistan Studies

The Neelum Valley is located in

- A. Azad Jammu and Kashmir ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- C. Gilgit-Baltistan
- D. Punjab

A. Correct: the Neelum Valley runs for about 240 km along the Neelum (Kishanganga) river north-east of Muzaffarabad and is a district of Azad Jammu and Kashmir; the Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project takes its name from the river.

B. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's famous valleys are Swat and Kaghan, not Neelum.

C. Gilgit-Baltistan's valleys include Hunza and Skardu, not Neelum.

D. The Neelum Valley is not in Punjab.

Question 39 Pakistan Studies

The Government of India Act, which introduced provincial autonomy in British India, was passed in

- A. 1909
- B. 1919
- C. 1935 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1947

A. The 1909 Act introduced separate electorates, not provincial autonomy.

B. The 1919 Act introduced dyarchy, not full provincial autonomy.

…e Government of India Act 1935 abolished dyarchy in the provinces, gave them full autonomy under elected ministries and provided for an all-India federation; the 1937 provincial elections were held under it and it remained the basis of Pakistan's government until 1956.

D. The 1947 Act partitioned India; it did not introduce provincial autonomy.

Question 40 Pakistan Studies

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah joined the All-India Muslim League in

- A. 1906
- B. 1913 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1916
- D. 1920

A. 1906 is the year the Muslim League itself was founded, not the year Jinnah joined it.

B. Correct: Jinnah, already a member of the Indian National Congress, joined the Muslim League in 1913 at the persuasion of Maulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar and Syed Wazir Hasan, after the League adopted self-government as its aim.

C. 1916 was the year of the Lucknow Pact he negotiated, not the year he joined the League.

D. 1920 was when he left the Congress over non-cooperation, not the year he joined the League.

Question 41 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Mughal emperor of India?

- A. Babur ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Humayun
- C. Akbar

A. Correct: Zahir-ud-Din Muhammad Babur founded the Mughal Empire after defeating Ibrahim Lodhi at the first Battle of Panipat in 1526, and ruled until his death in 1530.

B. Humayun was Babur's son and successor, not the first emperor.

C. Akbar was the third Mughal emperor, not the first.

D. Sher Shah Suri was an Afghan who drove Humayun out and ruled from 1540 to 1545, but he was not a Mughal at all.

Question 42 Mathematics

If 10 labourers can complete a piece of work in 20 days, in how many days will 8 labourers complete the same work?

- A. 16 days
- B. 22 days
- C. 25 days ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 30 days

A. 16 days would be the answer if the proportion were wrongly treated as direct (20 x 8 / 10).

B. No working gives 22 days.

C. Correct: the work needs 10 x 20 = 200 labourer-days; with 8 labourers, the time is 200 / 8 = 25 days. The number of workers and the time taken are in inverse proportion, so fewer workers must take longer.

D. No working gives 30 days.

Question 43 Everyday Science

Relief from constipation is mainly obtained from which component of the diet?

erals

- B. Vitamins
- C. Fibre ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Protein

A. Minerals are needed in small amounts for metabolism, but they do not add bulk to the stool.

B. Vitamins are needed in small amounts for metabolism, but they do not add bulk to the stool.

C. Correct: dietary fibre, the indigestible part of fruit, vegetables and whole grains, absorbs water and adds bulk to the stool, which stimulates the bowel and eases its passage; a low-fibre diet is the commonest cause of constipation.

D. Protein builds tissue, but it does not add bulk to the stool.

Question 44 Urdu

'Ali Pur Ka Aili' is a famous work of

- A. Ashfaq Ahmed
- B. Mumtaz Mufti ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Qudratullah Shahab
- D. Shaukat Siddiqui

A. Ashfaq Ahmed wrote Zavia and Gadaria, not Ali Pur Ka Aili.

B. Correct: Ali Pur Ka Aili (1961) is Mumtaz Mufti's autobiographical novel, its title playing on "Aili" as the name he gave himself; its sequel is Alakh Nagri.

C. Qudratullah Shahab, his close friend, wrote Shahab Nama, not Ali Pur Ka Aili.

D. Shaukat Siddiqui wrote Khuda Ki Basti, not Ali Pur Ka Aili.

45 Urdu

Which book of Allama Iqbal contains poetry in both Persian and Urdu?

- A. Bang-e-Dara
- B. Bal-e-Jibril
- C. Zarb-e-Kalim
- D. Armaghan-e-Hijaz ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Bang-e-Dara (1924) is entirely in Urdu.

B. Bal-e-Jibril (1935) is entirely in Urdu.

C. Zarb-e-Kalim (1936) is entirely in Urdu.

D. Correct: Armaghan-e-Hijaz (The Gift of Hijaz), published in 1938 a few months after Iqbal's death, is his only collection with a Persian section followed by an Urdu section.

Question 46 Urdu

Which of the following poetry collections was written by Parveen Shakir?

- A. Sad-Barg ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Naqsh-e-Faryadi
- C. Barg-e-Nai
- D. Bang-e-Dara

A. Correct: Sad-Barg (1980) is Parveen Shakir's second collection, following Khushbu (1976); her later books include Khud-Kalami, Inkaar and Mah-e-Tamam.

B. Naqsh-e-Faryadi is Faiz Ahmad Faiz's first collection, not Parveen Shakir's.

C. Barg-e-Nai belongs to Nasir Kazmi, not Parveen Shakir.

D. Bang-e-Dara is Allama Iqbal's first Urdu collection, not Parveen Shakir's.

47 Urdu

Allama Iqbal obtained his doctorate (PhD) from which university?

- A. University of Munich ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. University of Cambridge
- C. University of Heidelberg
- D. University of London

A. Correct: Iqbal was awarded his PhD by Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich in 1907 for the thesis "The Development of Metaphysics in Persia".

B. At Cambridge he studied at Trinity College and took a BA in philosophy, not the doctorate.

C. Heidelberg was where he spent a few months learning German, not where his doctorate was conferred.

D. In London he qualified as a barrister at Lincoln's Inn; his doctorate was not from London.

Question 48 Urdu

Faiz Ahmad Faiz was born in

- A. Lahore
- B. Gujranwala
- C. Multan
- D. Sialkot ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Faiz later lived and worked in Lahore, where he died in 1984, which is why Lahore is the nearest wrong option; he was not born there.

B. Gujranwala has no connection with Faiz's birth.

C. Multan has no connection with Faiz's birth.

aiz Ahmad Faiz was born on 13 February 1911 at Kala Qadir, then in Sialkot district (the village is now in Narowal), and he was schooled in Sialkot, the same city that produced Allama Iqbal.

Question 49 Urdu

The Urdu book 'Awaz-e-Dost' was written by

- A. Mumtaz Mufti
- B. Qudratullah Shahab
- C. Mukhtar Masood ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Ashfaq Ahmed

A. Mumtaz Mufti wrote Ali Pur Ka Aili, not Awaz-e-Dost.

B. Qudratullah Shahab wrote Shahab Nama, not Awaz-e-Dost.

C. Correct: Awaz-e-Dost (1973) is Mukhtar Masood's celebrated collection of essays, opening with his account of the Minar-e-Pakistan project he supervised as Deputy Commissioner Lahore; his other books are Safar Naseeb and Loh-e-Ayyam.

D. Ashfaq Ahmed wrote Zavia, not Awaz-e-Dost.

Question 50 Urdu

The Urdu novel 'Udas Naslain' was written by

- A. Intizar Hussain
- B. Abdullah Hussain ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Shaukat Siddiqui
- D. Bano Qudsia

A. Intizar Hussain wrote Basti, not Udas Naslain.

B. Correct: Udas Naslain (1963), Abdullah Hussain's first and most famous novel, follows a Punjabi family from the First World War to the Partition of 1947 and won the Adamjee

English version is The Weary Generations.

C. Shaukat Siddiqui wrote Khuda Ki Basti, not Udas Naslain.

D. Bano Qudsia wrote Raja Gidh, not Udas Naslain.

Question 51 Urdu

Which Urdu poet is known as 'Awami Shair' (the people's poet)?

- A. Nazeer Akbarabadi ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Mir Taqi Mir
- C. Dagh Dehlvi
- D. Josh Malihabadi

A. Correct: Nazeer Akbarabadi (1735-1830) of Agra is called the Awami Shair because he wrote in the everyday language of ordinary people about fairs, seasons, trades and festivals in poems such as Banjara Nama and Aadmi Nama.

B. Mir is Khuda-e-Sukhan, not the Awami Shair.

C. Dagh Dehlvi is the master of the idiomatic Delhi ghazal, not the Awami Shair.

D. Josh is Shair-e-Inqilab, not the Awami Shair.

Question 52 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan Steel Mills, Karachi was established with the technical and financial assistance of

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Germany
- D. Soviet Union (Russia) ✓ **Correct answer**

A. China's landmark projects in Pakistan are the Karakoram Highway and the Heavy

B. Japan was not a partner in the steel mill.

C. Germany was not a partner in the steel mill.

D. Correct: Pakistan Steel Mills at Bin Qasim, Karachi was built under a 1971 agreement with the Soviet Union, which supplied the design, machinery and technical experts; construction began in 1973 and the mill was formally commissioned in 1985.

Question 53 Mathematics

An article is sold for Rs 220 at a profit of 10%. What is its cost price?

- A. Rs 198
- B. Rs 200 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Rs 210
- D. Rs 242

A. The tempting answer Rs 198 comes from subtracting 10% of the selling price (22) instead of 10% of the cost price; a cost of 198 would give a selling price of 217.80, not 220.

B. Correct: a profit of 10% means the selling price is 110% of the cost price, so cost price = 220 / 1.10 = Rs 200; check: 10% of 200 is 20, and 200 + 20 = 220.

C. No working gives 210.

D. 242 is what the selling price would be if 220 were the cost price (220 + 10%), not the cost price.

Question 54 General Knowledge

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is a

- A. trade bloc
- B. military alliance ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. environmental agency

A. NATO has no trade mandate.

B. Correct: NATO was formed by the North Atlantic Treaty signed in Washington on 4 April 1949 as a collective defence alliance of the United States, Canada and Western European states; Article 5 treats an armed attack on one member as an attack on all.

C. NATO has no religious mandate.

D. NATO has no environmental mandate.

Question 55 Islamiat

The compilation (Tadween) of the Holy Quran into a single book was first started in the caliphate of

- A. Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hazrat Umar (RA)
- C. Hazrat Usman (RA)
- D. Hazrat Ali (RA)

A. Correct: after many huffaz were martyred at the battle of Yamama in 12 AH, Hazrat Umar (RA) urged Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) to have the Quran collected, and the Caliph entrusted Zaid bin Thabit (RA) with compiling it into one written copy.

B. Hazrat Umar urged the compilation, but it was carried out in Abu Bakr's caliphate, not his own.

C. Hazrat Usman (RA) later, in about 25 AH, had standard copies made from that text and sent to the provinces; his work was standardisation, not the first compilation.

D. The compilation was completed long before Hazrat Ali's caliphate.

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