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Question 1 Geography

Which of the following continent have no desert:

- A. Australia
- B. Europe ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. America

A. Australia has deserts (the Great Victoria and Great Sandy deserts).

B. Europe is the continent with no desert.

C. The Americas have deserts (Sahara is in Africa, but the Mojave, Atacama and others are in the Americas).

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 2 Geography

How many Countries Share Border with Pakistan:

- A. 03
- B. 04 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 05
- D. 06

A. Pakistan borders four countries, not three.

B. Pakistan shares borders with China, India, Afghanistan and Iran — four countries.

C. Pakistan borders four countries, not five.

D. Pakistan borders four countries, not six.

Question 3 Geography

Wind blowing in a spiral form around a region of low atmospheric pressure is a :

- A. Tornado
- B. Hurricane
- C. Cyclone ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Anti cyclone

is a violent rotating column, not the general spiral wind around low pressure.

B. A hurricane is a tropical cyclone, a specific kind, not the general term.

C. Wind blowing in a spiral form around a region of low atmospheric pressure is a cyclone.

D. An anticyclone is a spiral around high pressure, the opposite.

Question 4 Everyday Science

Charged particles from the sun that travel through space at high speeds are called:

- A. Solar radiation
- B. Solar wind ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. The aurora
- D. Bashir Badr

A. Solar radiation is light and heat energy, not charged particles.

B. Charged particles streaming from the sun at high speed are the solar wind.

C. The aurora is the light display the solar wind causes, not the particles themselves.

D. Bashir Badr is a poet's name, unrelated to solar physics.

Question 5 Geography

What is the length of Pakistan China border?

- A. 517 KM
- B. 579 KM
- C. 599 KM ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 617 KM

A. 517 km is not the book's figure for the Pakistan–China border.

B. 579 km is not the book's figure.

gives 399 km for the Pakistan–China border (the true length is about 596 km).

D. 617 km is not the book's figure.

Question 6 Computer Science

_____ refers to a pre-made images ready for use in MS-word documents.

- A. Auto Shape
- B. Autofill
- C. Clipart ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Wordart

A. Auto Shapes are shapes you draw yourself, not pre-made images.

B. Autofill completes entries automatically, it is not pre-made images.

C. Clipart refers to pre-made images ready for use in MS Word documents.

D. WordArt is decorative text, not pre-made images.

Question 7 Computer Science

In Slide layout panel how many layouts are available for text layout by default:

- A. 4 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 7
- C. 12
- D. None of these

A. Four text layouts are available by default in the Slide Layout panel.

B. Seven is not the number of default text layouts.

C. Twelve is not the number of default text layouts.

D. Wrong: option A is correct.

8 Computer Science

The only difference between memory and storage is:

- A. Slow, Fast
- B. Temporary, permanent ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. permanent, Temporary
- D. None of these

A. Speed is not the defining difference between memory and storage.

B. Memory is temporary (lost when power is off) and storage is permanent.

C. Reversed: memory is temporary and storage is permanent.

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 9 Computer Science

Which one of the following Page Orientation by default is used in MS Word:

- A. Landscape
- B. Regular
- C. Portrait ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Standard

A. Landscape is the alternative orientation, not the default.

B. "Regular" is not a page orientation.

C. Portrait is the default page orientation in MS Word.

D. "Standard" is not a page orientation.

Question 10 Computer Science

What is gutter margin in MS Word:

- B. Margin that is added to right margin when printing
- C. Margin that is added to the binding side of page when printing ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Margin that is added to the outside of the page when printing

A. The gutter is not simply added to the left margin.

B. The gutter is not added to the right margin.

C. The gutter margin is the extra space added to the binding side of the page when printing.

D. The gutter is on the binding side, not the outside.

Question 11 Computer Science

Who was the father of Computer:

- A. Douglas Engelbart
- B. Charles Babbage ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Steve Jobs
- D. Alan Turing

A. Engelbart invented the computer mouse, he is not the father of the computer.

B. Charles Babbage is known as the father of the computer (Analytical Engine).

C. Steve Jobs co-founded Apple, he is not the father of the computer.

D. Alan Turing is the father of computer science, not of the computer itself.

Question 12 Everyday Science

Which is the oldest freezing method:

- A. Contact freezing

h freezing

- C. Brine freezing ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Contact freezing is a later method, not the oldest.

B. Flash freezing is a modern quick-freezing method, not the oldest.

C. Brine freezing is the oldest freezing method (salt brine was used to freeze food before mechanical refrigeration).

D. Wrong: option C is correct.

Question 13 Everyday Science

Vaccine was discovered by:

- A. Louis Pasteur
- B. Jonas Salk
- C. Edward Jenner ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Alexander Fleming

A. Pasteur developed vaccines for rabies and anthrax, but did not discover the first vaccine.

B. Salk developed the polio vaccine, not the first vaccine.

C. Edward Jenner discovered the first vaccine (smallpox, 1796).

D. Fleming discovered penicillin, not the vaccine.

Question 14 Everyday Science

Which of the following gases has role an important in maintaining atmospheric temperature:

- A. Nitrogen

- C. Argon
- D. Carbon dioxide ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Nitrogen makes up most of the air but does not drive atmospheric temperature.

B. Oxygen does not play the key role in maintaining atmospheric temperature.

C. Argon is inert and plays no such role.

D. Carbon dioxide is the greenhouse gas that plays the important role in maintaining atmospheric temperature.

Question 15 Everyday Science

Which of the following is not a monosaccharide?

- A. Lactose ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Fructose
- C. Glucose
- D. Glyceraldehyde

A. Lactose is a disaccharide (glucose + galactose), not a monosaccharide.

B. Fructose is a monosaccharide.

C. Glucose is a monosaccharide.

D. Glyceraldehyde is a monosaccharide (a triose).

Question 16 Everyday Science

Hemoglobin is soluble in :

- A. Benzene
- B. Alcohol
- C. Water ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Hemoglobin is not soluble in benzene.

B. Hemoglobin is not soluble in alcohol.

C. Hemoglobin is soluble in water.

D. Wrong: hemoglobin is soluble in water.

Question 17 Everyday Science

Pasteurization of milk depends on:

- A. Temperature
- B. Time
- C. Quantity
- D. Both A & B ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Temperature alone is not the whole answer; time matters too.

B. Time alone is not the whole answer; temperature matters too.

C. Quantity does not determine pasteurization.

D. Pasteurization of milk depends on both temperature and time.

Question 18 Everyday Science

Penicillin was discovered by:

- A. Alexander Fleming ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Graham Bell
- C. Louis Pasteur
- D. Lister

A. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928.

el invented the telephone, not penicillin.

C. Pasteur worked on germs and vaccines, not penicillin.

D. Joseph Lister pioneered antiseptic surgery, not penicillin.

Question 19 Computer Science

Which of the following is the default view of MS Word:

- A. Draft
- B. Web Layout
- C. Print Layout ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Full screen reading

A. Draft is a view, but not the default.

B. Web Layout is a view, but not the default.

C. Print Layout is the default view of MS Word.

D. Full Screen Reading is a view, but not the default.

Question 20 Everyday Science

Electron Discovered by:

- A. Rutherford
- B. J.J Thomson ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. James Chadwick
- D. Goldstein

A. Rutherford discovered the nucleus, not the electron.

B. J.J. Thomson discovered the electron (1897).

C. Chadwick discovered the neutron, not the electron.

discovered canal rays (protons), not the electron.

Question 21 Everyday Science

The destruction of Tsunami is measured by its:

- A. Height ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Momentum
- C. Predictability
- D. None of these

A. The destruction of a tsunami is measured by its height (the run-up height of the wave).

B. Momentum is not the measure used for tsunami destruction.

C. Predictability is not a measure of destruction.

D. Wrong: option A is correct.

Question 22 Computer Science

Storage device that uses lasers and lights as its technology of reading and writing information is known as _____.

- A. Magnetic storage
- B. Optical storage ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Cloud storage
- D. Paper storage

A. Magnetic storage uses magnetism, not lasers.

B. Optical storage (CDs, DVDs) uses lasers and light to read and write information.

C. Cloud storage is remote storage over the internet, not laser-based.

D. Paper storage does not use lasers.

23 Everyday Science

Which of the following has maximum water content:

- A. Vegetables
- B. Sauces
- C. Fruits ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Vegetables have high water content, but less than fruits in this comparison.

B. Sauces are not the highest in water content here.

C. Fruits have the maximum water content among the options.

D. Wrong: option C is correct.

Question 24 Everyday Science

Bakelite is a:

- A. Conductor
- B. Insulator ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Semi-Conductor
- D. None of these

A. Bakelite does not conduct electricity.

B. Bakelite is an insulator (a plastic that does not conduct electricity or heat).

C. Bakelite is not a semiconductor.

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 25 Everyday Science

Butter and margarine are _____ in nature:

oid ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Stick
- C. Lodge
- D. Linger

A. Butter and margarine are colloids (emulsions of water in fat).

B. "Stick" does not describe their nature.

C. "Lodge" does not describe their nature.

D. "Linger" does not describe their nature.

Question 26 Everyday Science

The protein factories of cells are _____.

- A. Nucleus
- B. Ribosome ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Golgi complex
- D. Chloroplast

A. The nucleus holds the DNA, it does not make proteins.

B. Ribosomes are the protein factories of the cell.

C. The Golgi complex modifies and packages proteins, it does not make them.

D. The chloroplast makes food by photosynthesis, not proteins.

Question 27 Everyday Science

The SI unit of Energy is:

- A. Watt
- B. Joule ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Newton

A. The watt is the unit of power, not energy.

B. The joule is the SI unit of energy.

C. The newton is the unit of force, not energy.

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 28 Everyday Science

Brass gets discoloured in air because of the presence of which of the following gases in air:

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

A. Carbon dioxide does not discolour brass.

B. Hydrogen sulphide in air reacts with brass to form sulphides that discolour it.

C. Nitrogen is inert and does not discolour brass.

D. Oxygen alone does not discolour brass in this way.

Question 29 Everyday Science

The rate at which temperature decreases with increasing altitude is known as the:

- A. Lapse rate ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sounding
- C. Temperature slope
- D. Thermocline

t which temperature decreases with increasing altitude is the lapse rate.

B. A sounding is a measurement of the atmosphere, not the rate itself.

C. "Temperature slope" is not the term used.

D. A thermocline is a temperature gradient in water, not in air.

Question 30 Everyday Science

Diamond is an allotropic form of:

- A. Germanium
- B. Carbon ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Silicon
- D. Sulphur

A. Diamond is not an allotrope of germanium.

B. Diamond is an allotrope of carbon (the other is graphite).

C. Diamond is not an allotrope of silicon.

D. Diamond is not an allotrope of sulphur.

Question 31 Everyday Science

The formula of Quartz is:

- A. SiO
- B. SiO2 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. SiO3
- D. SiO4

A. SiO is not the formula of quartz.

B. Quartz is silicon dioxide, SiO2.

t the formula of quartz.

D. SiO4 is not the formula of quartz.

Question 32 Urdu

Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi was not a :

- A. Poet
- B. Novelist ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Columnist
- D. Short story author

A. Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi was a poet, so he was one.

B. Qasmi was a poet, columnist and short-story writer, but not a novelist.

C. Qasmi was a columnist, so he was one.

D. Qasmi was a short-story author, so he was one.

Question 33 Urdu

Shahr-e-Sukhan Aarasta Hai written by:

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

A. "Shahr-e-Sukhan Aarasta Hai" was written by Ahmad Faraz.

B. Faiz did not write "Shahr-e-Sukhan Aarasta Hai".

C. Ishfaq Ahmad did not write it.

D. Habib Jalib did not write it.

34 Urdu

Mehr-e-Do Neem written by:

- A. Qateel Shifai
- B. Ada Jafri
- C. Iftikhar Arif ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Bashir Badr

A. Qateel Shifai did not write "Mehr-e-Do Neem".

B. Ada Jafri did not write it.

C. "Mehr-e-Do Neem" is a poetry collection by Iftikhar Arif.

D. Bashir Badr did not write it.

Question 35 English

Select the synonym of the given word. VIRTUE:

- A. Faith
- B. Vice
- C. Iniquity
- D. Goodness ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Faith is belief, not a synonym of virtue.

B. Vice is the opposite of virtue.

C. Iniquity is wickedness, the opposite of virtue.

D. Virtue means goodness, moral excellence.

Question 36 Mathematics

The ratio of last year income of A, B & C was 3 : 4:5. While the ratio of their last year

current year income is 4:5,2:3 and 3:4 respectively. If their total current year income is Rs. 98500. Find the present income of A?

- A. 22400
- B. 22500 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 22600
- D. 22700

A. Not the present income of A.

B. Last incomes are 3x, 4x, 5x; current incomes are 15x/4, 6x, 20x/3; their total is 197x/12 = 98500, so x = 6000 and A's current income is 15 x 6000 / 4 = 22500.

C. Not the present income of A.

D. Not the present income of A.

Question 37 Mathematics

The true discount on RS. 1760 due after a certain time at 12% per annum is RS. 160. The time after which it is due is:

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

A. 5 months would give a discount of about 78, not 160.

B. Present worth = 1760 - 160 = 1600; interest on 1600 at 12% for 10 months = 1600 x 12/100 x 10/12 = 160, the true discount.

C. 15 months would give a discount of about 240, not 160.

D. 20 months would give a discount of about 320, not 160.

38 Mathematics

Solve the equation -8/20 - 9/2 - 1/2 =

- A. 7/20
- B. -3/20
- C. -27/5 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. -23/9

A. Not the result of the calculation.

B. Not the result of the calculation.

C. -8/20 - 9/2 - 1/2 = -2/5 - 9/2 - 1/2 = -2/5 - 10/2 = -2/5 - 5 = -27/5 (the stem's "+" before 9/2 is a misprint for "−").

D. Not the result of the calculation.

Question 39 Pakistan Studies

When did Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan die:

- A. August 01, 2021
- B. September 19, 2021
- C. October 10, 2021 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. November 25, 2021

A. Dr. A.Q. Khan did not die in August 2021.

B. He did not die in September 2021.

C. Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan died on 10 October 2021.

D. He did not die in November 2021.

40 Current Affairs

Pakistan Happiness Development Index 2023:

- A. 103
- B. 108 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 113
- D. 132

A. Pakistan was not ranked 103rd in the 2023 World Happiness Report.

B. Pakistan ranked 108th in the World Happiness Report 2023.

C. Pakistan was not ranked 113th.

D. Pakistan was not ranked 132nd.

Question 41 Current Affairs

Who is the current Head of State in Afghanistan:

- A. Amir Mutaqi
- B. Hassan Akhund
- C. Haibatullah Akhundzada ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Ashraf Ghani

A. Amir Khan Muttaqi is the acting foreign minister, not the head of state.

B. Hassan Akhund is the acting prime minister, not the head of state.

C. Haibatullah Akhundzada is the Supreme Leader, the head of state of Afghanistan.

D. Ashraf Ghani fled in August 2021 and is no longer head of state.

Question 42 Current Affairs

Who is the current Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia:

- B. King Abdul Aziz
- C. Muhammad bin Salman ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Not the Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

B. King Abdul Aziz died in 1953 and was never prime minister under this system.

C. Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman became Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia in September 2022.

D. Wrong: option C is correct.

Question 43 Current Affairs

Queen Elizabeth 2 died on which date:

- A. 8 April 2022
- B. 8 July 2022
- C. 8 September 2022 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 8 October 2022

A. Queen Elizabeth II did not die in April 2022.

B. She did not die in July 2022.

C. Queen Elizabeth II died on 8 September 2022.

D. She did not die in October 2022.

Question 44 Current Affairs

Which of the following country became the full member of EU on January 2023:

- A. North Korea
- B. Norway

- D. Croatia ✓ **Correct answer**

A. North Korea is not a member of the EU.

B. Norway is not a member of the EU.

C. Italy joined the EU (EEC) in 1957, not 2023.

D. Croatia joined the EU in 2013 and became a full member of the eurozone and Schengen on 1 January 2023 — the only plausible option.

Question 45 General Knowledge

_____ was awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature.

- A. Louise Glück
- B. Herta Müller
- C. Alice Munro
- D. Abdul Razak Gurnah ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Louise Glück won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2020, not 2021.

B. Herta Müller won in 2009, not 2021.

C. Alice Munro won in 2013, not 2021.

D. Abdul Razak Gurnah was awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Question 46 Current Affairs

Who is the current CEO of Facebook:

- A. Bill Gates
- B. Mark Zuckerberg ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Tim Berners Lee
- D. Elon Musk

co-founded Microsoft, he is not the CEO of Facebook.

B. Mark Zuckerberg is the founder and CEO of Facebook (Meta).

C. Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web, he is not the CEO of Facebook.

D. Elon Musk owns X (Twitter), he is not the CEO of Facebook.

Question 47 Current Affairs

The newly elected president of Brazil is:

- A. Michel Temer
- B. Jair Bolsonaro
- C. Lula da Silva ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Dilma Rousseff

A. Michel Temer was president 2016–2018, not the newly elected one.

B. Jair Bolsonaro was the outgoing president, defeated in the 2022 election.

C. Lula da Silva was elected president of Brazil in October 2022.

D. Dilma Rousseff was president 2011–2016, not the newly elected one.

Question 48 Pakistan Studies

Who was the last Viceroy of India:

- A. Lord William
- B. Lord Harding
- C. Lord Curzon
- D. Lord Mountbatten ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Lord William Bentinck was an early Governor-General, not the last Viceroy.

B. Lord Harding was Viceroy 1910–1916, not the last.

on was Viceroy 1899–1903, not the last.

D. Lord Mountbatten was the last Viceroy of India (1947).

Question 49 Pakistan Studies

How many governor generals ruled over Pakistan:

- A. 3
- B. 4 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 5
- D. 6

A. There were four Governors-General, not three.

B. Four Governors-General ruled Pakistan: Jinnah, Khawaja Nazimuddin, Ghulam Muhammad and Iskandar Mirza.

C. There were four, not five.

D. There were four, not six.

Question 50 Pakistan Studies

Which of the following state was acceded to Pakistan on 15th August 1947:

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Junagadh ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Swat

A. Jodhpur acceded to India, not Pakistan.

B. Junagadh acceded to Pakistan on 15 August 1947.

C. Hyderabad did not accede to Pakistan on 15 August 1947.

ded to Pakistan later (1947, but not on 15 August).

Question 51 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan has constitution day on:

- A. 23 March
- B. 10 April ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 14 August
- D. 6 September

A. 23 March is Pakistan Day, not Constitution Day.

B. Constitution Day is observed on 10 April, the day the 1973 Constitution was passed.

C. 14 August is Independence Day, not Constitution Day.

D. 6 September is Defence Day, not Constitution Day.

Question 52 Pakistan Studies

National Flag of Pakistan was adopted on:

- A. 10 August 1947
- B. 11 August 1947 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 14 August 1947
- D. 15 August 1947

A. The flag was not adopted on 10 August 1947.

B. The National Flag of Pakistan was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 11 August 1947.

C. 14 August is Independence Day, not the flag's adoption date.

D. The flag was adopted on 11 August, not 15 August.

53 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Governor of State Bank of Pakistan:

- A. Zahid Hussain ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ishrat Hussain
- C. Shamshad Akhtar
- D. Raza Bakir

A. Zahid Hussain was the first Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (1948–1953).

B. Ishrat Hussain was a later Governor (1999–2005), not the first.

C. Shamshad Akhtar was a later Governor, not the first.

D. Raza Baqir was a later Governor, not the first.

Question 54 Pakistan Studies

Who was the second Governor-General of Pakistan:

- A. Khawaja Nazim-ud-din ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sikandar Mirza
- C. Ghulam Muhammad
- D. Liaqat Ali Khan

A. Khawaja Nazimuddin was the second Governor-General of Pakistan (1948–1951).

B. Iskandar Mirza was the fourth and last Governor-General.

C. Ghulam Muhammad was the third Governor-General.

D. Liaquat Ali Khan was the first Prime Minister, never Governor-General.

Question 55 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's National Flag was designed by:

- B. Ahmad Chagla
- C. Amiruddin Kidwai ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Abdur Rahman Chughtai

A. Hussnain Sadiq did not design the national flag.

B. Ahmad Chagla composed the national anthem's music, he did not design the flag.

C. Amiruddin Kidwai designed Pakistan's National Flag.

D. Abdur Rahman Chughtai was a painter, he did not design the flag.

Question 56 Pakistan Studies

The foundation stone of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's Mausoleum was laid by:

- A. Sikandar Mirza
- B. Yahya Khan
- C. Ayub Khan ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Zia-ul-Haq

A. Sikandar Mirza did not lay the mausoleum's foundation stone.

B. Yahya Khan did not lay it.

C. President Ayub Khan laid the foundation stone of the Quaid's Mausoleum (1960).

D. Zia-ul-Haq did not lay it.

Question 57 Pakistan Studies

Sui Gas was first discovered in Pakistan in:

- A. 1951
- B. 1952 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1953

A. Sui gas was not discovered in 1951.

B. Natural gas was first discovered at Sui, Balochistan, in 1952.

C. Sui gas was discovered in 1952, not 1953.

D. Sui gas was discovered in 1952, not 1954.

Question 58 Pakistan Studies

Which one of the following is the first Prime Minister of Pakistan to Visit China:

- A. Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Ch. Muhammad Ali
- C. Liaqat Ali Khan
- D. Feroz Khan Noon

A. Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy was the first Prime Minister of Pakistan to visit China (1956).

B. Chaudhry Muhammad Ali did not make the first visit to China.

C. Liaquat Ali Khan never visited China as Prime Minister.

D. Feroz Khan Noon was not the first to visit China.

Question 59 Pakistan Studies

First census of Pakistan was held in:

- A. 1947
- B. 1949
- C. 1951 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1956

; was held in 1947.

B. No census was held in 1949.

C. The first census of Pakistan was held in 1951.

D. The second census was in 1961; the first was 1951.

Question 60 Pakistan Studies

Which was the first princely state to accede Pakistan:

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

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

B. Swat acceded later than Bahawalpur.

C. Umerkot was not the first to accede.

D. Chitral acceded later than Bahawalpur.

Question 61 General Knowledge

Which country is not a member of SAARC:

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Myanmar ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nepal
- D. Sri Lanka

A. Afghanistan is a SAARC member (since 2007).

B. Myanmar is not a member of SAARC.

founding member of SAARC.

D. Sri Lanka is a founding member of SAARC.

Question 62 General Knowledge

Which country is not a member of ASEAN:

- A. Cambodia
- B. Malaysia
- C. Indonesia
- D. Bangladesh ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Cambodia is an ASEAN member.

B. Malaysia is a founding member of ASEAN.

C. Indonesia is a founding member of ASEAN.

D. Bangladesh is not a member of ASEAN.

Question 63 Urdu

Waris Shah was the author of:

- A. Heer Ranjha ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sassi Punnu
- C. Qissa Sohni Mahiwal
- D. None of these

A. Waris Shah wrote the epic "Heer Ranjha".

B. "Sassi Punnu" was written by Hashim Shah, not Waris Shah.

C. "Sohni Mahiwal" was written by Fazal Shah, not Waris Shah.

D. Wrong: option A is correct.

64 Pakistan Studies

Which Mughal emperor buried in Lahore:

- A. Akbar
- B. Shah Jahan
- C. Aurangzeb
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Akbar is buried at Sikandra (Agra), not Lahore.

B. Shah Jahan is buried in the Taj Mahal (Agra), not Lahore.

C. Aurangzeb is buried at Khuldabad, not Lahore.

D. None of the named emperors is buried in Lahore (Jahangir is buried in Lahore, but he is not among the options).

Question 65 General Knowledge

The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of _____ interlinked goals:

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 16
- D. 17 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. There are 17 SDGs, not 14.

B. There are 17 SDGs, not 15.

C. There are 17 SDGs, not 16.

D. The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked goals.

66 General Knowledge

The SDGs were set in 2015 by the:

- A. United Nations General Assembly ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. European Union
- C. Amnesty International
- D. United Nations Trusteeship Council

A. The SDGs were set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly.

B. The EU did not set the SDGs.

C. Amnesty International did not set the SDGs.

D. The Trusteeship Council did not set the SDGs.

Question 67 Current Affairs

Kashmiri leader Zakir Musa was killed by India in which year:

- A. 2017
- B. 2019 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 2021
- D. 2023

A. Zakir Musa was not killed in 2017.

B. Zakir Musa was killed by Indian forces in May 2019.

C. He was killed in 2019, not 2021.

D. He was killed in 2019, not 2023.

Question 68 General Knowledge

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was formed in :

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

A. NATO was formed in 1949, not 1948.

B. NATO was formed in 1949 (North Atlantic Treaty, 4 April 1949).

C. NATO was formed in 1949, not 1950.

D. NATO was formed in 1949, not 1951.

Question 69 General Knowledge

The second president of US was:

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

A. George Washington was the first president.

B. Thomas Jefferson was the third president.

C. John Adams was the second president of the United States (1797–1801).

D. James Madison was the fourth president.

Question 70 Current Affairs

The Predecessor of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak was:

- A. Liz Truss ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Theresa May
- C. Boris Johnson

A. Liz Truss was Prime Minister immediately before Rishi Sunak (September–October 2022).

B. Theresa May was Prime Minister 2016–2019, not Sunak's predecessor.

C. Boris Johnson preceded Liz Truss, not Sunak.

D. David Cameron was Prime Minister 2010–2016, not Sunak's predecessor.

Question 71 General Knowledge

The International Human Rights Day is observed on:

- A. 10 September
- B. 10 October
- C. 10 November
- D. 10 December ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Human Rights Day is not 10 September.

B. Human Rights Day is not 10 October.

C. Human Rights Day is not 10 November.

D. International Human Rights Day is observed on 10 December (the day the Universal Declaration was adopted in 1948).

Question 72 General Knowledge

Mocenthons was the minister of:

- A. Napoleon
- B. Churchill ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Alexander
- D. None of these

ed name is not a minister of Napoleon.

B. The name in the stem is garbled (most likely Desmond Morton, Churchill's intelligence adviser and personal assistant); the keyed answer is Churchill.

C. The garbled name is not a minister of Alexander.

D. Wrong: the keyed answer is Churchill.

Note: Note: the stem's name "Mocenthons" is garbled in both transcriptions (no such person exists); the intended figure is most likely Desmond Morton, Churchill's intelligence adviser. Filed as keyed (Churchill), decided by the assistant under the owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 73 Pakistan Studies

Which of the following American President did not visit Pakistan:

- A. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- B. Lyndon B. Johnson
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. Barack Obama ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Eisenhower visited Pakistan in 1959.

B. Johnson visited Pakistan in 1961 (as Vice President) and as President in 1967.

C. Clinton visited Pakistan in 2000.

D. Barack Obama never visited Pakistan as President.

Question 74 Pakistan Studies

Treaty of Amritsar took place in:

- A. 1846 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1857

- D. 1935

A. The Treaty of Amritsar was signed in 1846 (Kashmir sold to Gulab Singh).

B. 1857 is the year of the War of Independence, not the treaty.

C. The treaty was signed in 1846, not 1861.

D. The treaty was signed in 1846, not 1935.

Question 75 General Knowledge

How many countries are member of ASEAN:

- A. 8
- B. 10 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 12
- D. 15

A. ASEAN has 10 members, not 8.

B. ASEAN has 10 member countries.

C. ASEAN has 10 members, not 12.

D. ASEAN has 10 members, not 15.

Question 76 Current Affairs

The Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Alireza Akbari was hanged recently due to spying for:

- A. MI 6 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. CIA
- C. Mossad
- D. None of these

bari was hanged in Iran in January 2023 for spying for Britain's MI6.

B. He was not accused of spying for the CIA.

C. He was not accused of spying for Mossad.

D. Wrong: option A is correct.

Question 77 General Knowledge

World Trade Organization was founded in:

- A. 1992
- B. 1993
- C. 1994
- D. 1995 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The WTO was not founded in 1992.

B. The WTO was not founded in 1993.

C. The Marrakesh Agreement was signed in 1994, but the WTO came into being in 1995.

D. The World Trade Organization was founded on 1 January 1995.

Question 78 Current Affairs

Which of the following company is not owned by Elon Musk:

- A. Starlink
- B. SpaceX
- C. Tesla
- D. WWE ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Starlink is owned by Elon Musk (SpaceX).

B. SpaceX is owned by Elon Musk.

D. WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) is not owned by Elon Musk.

Question 79 Pakistan Studies

Regional Cooperation for Development was established in:

- A. 1962
- B. 1963
- C. 1964 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1965

A. RCD was established in 1964, not 1962.

B. RCD was established in 1964, not 1963.

C. Regional Cooperation for Development (Pakistan, Iran, Turkey) was established in 1964.

D. RCD was established in 1964, not 1965.

Question 80 Pakistan Studies

Pakistan's Foreign Policy Dilemma written by:

- A. Aitzaz Ahsan
- B. Shamshad Ahmad ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hassan Askari
- D. Maleeha Lodhi

A. Aitzaz Ahsan wrote "The Indus Saga", not this book.

B. "Pakistan's Foreign Policy Dilemma" was written by Shamshad Ahmad.

C. Hassan Askari did not write this book.

D. Maleeha Lodhi edited "Pakistan: Beyond the Crisis State", not this book.

81 Pakistan Studies

India test nuclear bomb in 1998 at:

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Pokhran ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Eastern
- D. None of these

A. Rajasthan is the state, not the test site itself.

B. India tested its nuclear bombs in 1998 at Pokhran (Rajasthan).

C. Not a test site.

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 82 Pakistan Studies

How much percentage of Kashmir is under the control of China:

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

A. China controls about 15%, not 5%.

B. China controls about 15%, not 10%.

C. About 15% of Kashmir (Aksai Chin and the Trans-Karakoram Tract) is under Chinese control.

D. China controls about 15%, not 20%.

83 Pakistan Studies

How much percentage of Kashmir is under the control of India:

- A. 25%
- B. 35%
- C. 45%
- D. 55% ✓ **Correct answer**

A. India controls about 55%, not 25%.

B. India controls about 55%, not 35%.

C. India controls about 55%, not 45%.

D. About 55% of Kashmir (Jammu, Kashmir Valley and Ladakh) is under Indian control.

Question 84 Pakistan Studies

The book "Jinnah: The sole spokesman" is written by

- A. Syed Hassan Riaz
- B. Ayesha Jalal ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Stanley Wolpert
- D. Jaswant Singh

A. Syed Hassan Riaz did not write this book.

B. "Jinnah: The Sole Spokesman" was written by Ayesha Jalal.

C. Stanley Wolpert wrote "Jinnah of Pakistan", not this book.

D. Jaswant Singh wrote "Jinnah: India, Partition, Independence", not this book.

Question 85 Pakistan Studies

Who was the PM of India during the Indo Pak war of 1965:

- Bahadur Shastri ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Rajiv Gandhi
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

A. Lal Bahadur Shastri was Prime Minister of India during the 1965 Indo-Pak war.

B. Indira Gandhi became Prime Minister in 1966, after the war.

C. Rajiv Gandhi became Prime Minister in 1984.

D. Nehru died in 1964, before the war.

Question 86 Pakistan Studies

Which of the following institution was established in 1864:

- A. MAO College Lahore
- B. Punjab Training College
- C. Islamia College Lahore
- D. Government College Lahore ✓ **Correct answer**

A. MAO College Lahore was established later (1933).

B. Not established in 1864.

C. Islamia College Lahore was established in 1892, not 1864.

D. Government College Lahore was established in 1864.

Question 87 Current Affairs

Nancy Pelosi is controversial in the news because she visited which Country:

- A. Malaysia
- B. Taiwan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hong Kong

A. Pelosi's controversial visit was not to Malaysia.

B. Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August 2022 caused a major controversy with China.

C. Pelosi did not visit Hong Kong.

D. Pelosi did not visit Russia.

Question 88 General Knowledge

Which of the following is not a kind of non-state actor:

- A. Amnesty International
- B. ISIS
- C. NATO ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. International Red Crescent Society

A. Amnesty International is a non-state actor (an NGO).

B. ISIS is a non-state actor (a terrorist organisation, not a state).

C. NATO is an intergovernmental alliance of states, not a non-state actor.

D. The Red Crescent is a non-state humanitarian actor.

Note: Note: PACE's printed key records B (ISIS) for this question, but ISIS is a textbook non-state actor while NATO is an alliance of states; PakJob also keys NATO. Filed as C, decided by the assistant under the owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 89 General Knowledge

Amnesty International is an organization for:

- A. Prevention of Crimes
- B. Solving issues between two states

tection of Human Rights ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Providing loans to less developed countries

A. Amnesty International is not a crime-prevention body.

B. That is the work of courts and diplomacy, not Amnesty.

C. Amnesty International is an organisation for the protection of human rights.

D. That is the work of development banks, not Amnesty.

Question 90 General Knowledge

The Sino-Indian war was fought in:

- A. 1961
- B. 1962 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1963
- D. 1964

A. The Sino-Indian war was fought in 1962, not 1961.

B. The Sino-Indian war was fought in 1962.

C. The war was fought in 1962, not 1963.

D. The war was fought in 1962, not 1964.

Question 91 General Knowledge

The Fred Hollows foundation is an international development organization working for:

- A. Eliminating Dumbness
- B. Eliminating avoidable blindness ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Eliminating Autism issues
- D. None of these

Hollows Foundation does not work on that.

B. The Fred Hollows Foundation works to eliminate avoidable blindness.

C. The foundation does not work on autism.

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 92 General Knowledge

First Secretary General of OIC was _____.

- A. Ibrahim Taha
- B. Tunku Abdul Rahman ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Idi Amin
- D. None of these

A. Ibrahim Taha was a later Secretary-General, not the first.

B. Tunku Abdul Rahman (former Prime Minister of Malaysia) was the first Secretary-General of the OIC (1971–1973).

C. Idi Amin was never OIC Secretary-General.

D. Wrong: option B is correct.

Question 93 Current Affairs

Who is Jair Bolsonaro:

- A. Mexico Premier
- B. Switzerland PM
- C. Italy President
- D. Brazil President ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Bolsonaro was not Mexico's premier.

was not Switzerland's prime minister.

C. Bolsonaro was not Italy's president.

D. Jair Bolsonaro was the President of Brazil (2019–2022).

Question 94 Pakistan Studies

In which year nuclear test conducted by India;

- A. 1971
- B. 1974 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1976
- D. 1979

A. India did not conduct a nuclear test in 1971.

B. India conducted its first nuclear test in 1974 (Smiling Buddha, Pokhran).

C. India did not test in 1976.

D. India did not test in 1979.

Question 95 General Knowledge

Sukarno belongs to which country:

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Egypt
- D. Kazakhstan

A. Sukarno was not Malaysian.

B. Sukarno was the first President of Indonesia.

C. Sukarno was not Egyptian.

was not Kazakh.

Question 96 Pakistan Studies

When Allama Shibli Nomani died:

- A. August 18, 1911
- B. September 18, 1912
- C. October 18, 1913
- D. November 18, 1914 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Shibli Nomani did not die in 1911.

B. He did not die in 1912.

C. He did not die in 1913.

D. Allama Shibli Nomani died on 18 November 1914.

Question 97 General Knowledge

Economic Cooperation Organization was established in:

- A. 1981
- B. 1985 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 1989
- D. 1993

A. ECO was established in 1985, not 1981.

B. The Economic Cooperation Organization was established in 1985 (successor to RCD).

C. ECO was established in 1985, not 1989.

D. ECO was established in 1985, not 1993.

98 Current Affairs

Who is the Current Secretary of State of USA:

- A. Mark Esper
- B. Antony Blinken ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Mike Pompeo
- D. William Barr

A. Mark Esper was Secretary of Defense, not Secretary of State.

B. Antony Blinken was U.S. Secretary of State at the sitting date (15 December 2024).

C. Mike Pompeo was Secretary of State 2018–2021, not at the sitting date.

D. William Barr was Attorney General, not Secretary of State.

Note: Note: judged as at the sitting date (15 December 2024); the office has since changed hands (Marco Rubio, 2025).

Question 99 General Knowledge

"World Ozone Day" is celebrated every year on:

- A. 14 September
- B. 15 September
- C. 16 September ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 17 September

A. World Ozone Day is not 14 September.

B. World Ozone Day is not 15 September.

C. World Ozone Day is celebrated every year on 16 September.

D. World Ozone Day is not 17 September.

100 Computer Science

What does BCC mean in e-mail:

- A. Basic Carbon Card
- B. Business Carbon Copy
- C. Black carbon copy
- D. Blind Carbon Copy ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Not what BCC means.

B. Not what BCC means.

C. Not what BCC means.

D. BCC means Blind Carbon Copy in e-mail.

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