Clubbed Case-85 Morning 17B2023, Commerce's Stream in the Punjab, Higher Education Department — 2024 · Solved Past Paper

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> **How to use this paper:** each question shows the stem, the four options, and the correct answer. Click “Why each option?” under a question to see all four options explained — one question teaches four topics. General Knowledge answers are as of the 2024 sitting.

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Question 1 General Knowledge

World Economic Forum meets every year in which city?

- A. Davos ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Geneva
- D. New York

A. Davos, Switzerland, hosts the World Economic Forum's annual meeting every year.

B. London is a major world city, but the Forum does not meet there every year.

C. Geneva hosts many UN bodies, but the Forum's annual meeting is in Davos, not Geneva.

D. New York hosts the UN headquarters, but the Forum's annual meeting is in Davos, not New York.

Question 2 English Literature

"Gulliver's Travels" was written by?

- A. Jonathan Swift ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. H.C.Armstrong
- C. Pearl S. Buck
- D. James Frazer

A. Jonathan Swift wrote Gulliver's Travels, published in 1726.

B. H. C. Armstrong wrote biographies, not Gulliver's Travels.

C. Pearl S. Buck wrote The Good Earth, not Gulliver's Travels.

D. James Frazer wrote The Golden Bough, not Gulliver's Travels.

Question 3 Everyday Science

"Tooth decay"due to the deficiency of

- A. Iodine
- B. Fluorine ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. None of these

A. Iodine deficiency causes goitre, not tooth decay.

B. Fluorine (fluoride) deficiency causes tooth decay: fluoride hardens tooth enamel, and low fluoride leads to dental caries.

C. Calcium deficiency weakens bones and teeth in general, but the standard deficiency answer for tooth decay is fluorine.

D. One of the options names the deficiency, so 'None of these' does not apply.

Note: Note: PRINTED-KEY CORRECTION — C to B: tooth decay is due to deficiency of fluorine (fluoride), not calcium (Testbook: fluoride deficiency leads to tooth caries; the identical stem is keyed B Fluorine in built 37ve Q4). Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 4 Current Affairs

Who is the current speaker of the provincial Assembly of Sindh?

- A. Murad Ali Shah
- B. Rihanna Leghari
- C. Agha Siraj Durani
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Murad Ali Shah was the Chief Minister of Sindh in June 2024, not the Speaker of the Assembly.

B. Rihanna Leghari is not the Speaker of the Sindh Assembly.

C. Agha Siraj Durrani was the Speaker until February 2024, when Awais Qadir Shah succeeded him.

D. The Speaker on the exam date (8 June 2024) was Awais Qadir Shah, who is not listed, so

se is correct.

Note: Note: NO PRINTED KEY: the quiz POST timed out and the individual /question/ page carries no key, so the answer is supplied independently — Awais Qadir Shah was elected Speaker of the Sindh Assembly on 25 February 2024 (preceded by Agha Siraj Durrani); built 37sw keyed the same stem C Durrani for 2020, when Durrani was speaker. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 5 Current Affairs

What is the current Federal Tax Ombudsman?

- A. Salman farooqi
- B. Tariq Bajwa
- C. Mushtaq Sukhera
- D. None of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Salman Farooqi was the Wafaqi Mohtasib (Federal Ombudsman), not the Federal Tax Ombudsman.

B. Tariq Bajwa was not the Federal Tax Ombudsman in June 2024.

C. Mushtaq Sukhera was the Federal Tax Ombudsman in 2017-2021, not in June 2024.

D. The Federal Tax Ombudsman on the exam date (8 June 2024) was Dr Asif Mahmood Jah, who is not listed, so 'None of these' is correct.

Note: Note: NO PRINTED KEY: the quiz POST timed out and the individual /question/ page carries no key, so the answer is supplied independently — Dr Asif Mahmood Jah was appointed Federal Tax Ombudsman in September 2021 for a four-year term and held the office through 2024; built 37tc keyed the same stem C Sukhera for 2019, when Sukhera held the office. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

MS Word and MS Excel are:

- A. Operating systems
- B. Application software ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. High level language
- D. Low level language

A. MS Word and MS Excel are not operating systems; an operating system is software such as Windows.

B. MS Word and MS Excel are application software: programs built for specific user tasks such as writing and spreadsheets.

C. They are not programming languages, high level or low level.

D. They are not low level languages; they are ready-made programs, not languages.

Question 7 General Knowledge

What is the largest hardware company:

- A. Microsoft
- B. Dell
- C. Apple Inc. ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. My Space

A. Microsoft is mainly a software company, not the largest hardware company.

B. Dell is a hardware company, but it is smaller than Apple by revenue and market value.

C. Apple Inc. is the largest hardware company: its iPhone, Mac and iPad hardware business makes it the biggest by revenue.

D. My Space is a social networking site, not a hardware company.

Neelam Valley is in:

- A. Azad Kashmir ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Abbotababad
- C. Muzaffrabad
- D. Swat

A. Neelam Valley is in Azad Kashmir, in the north of the territory.

B. Abbottabad is a city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, not the home of Neelam Valley.

C. Muzaffarabad is the capital of Azad Kashmir, but Neelam Valley lies to its north-east, not in the city itself.

D. Swat is a valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, not the home of Neelam Valley.

Question 9 Geography

Vertical distance from Sea level is called:

- A. Longitude
- B. Altitude ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Geodetic
- D. Orthometric

A. Longitude measures east-west position, not vertical distance from sea level.

B. Altitude is the vertical distance of a place above sea level.

C. Geodetic refers to the science of measuring the earth, not the vertical distance itself.

D. Orthometric height is a technical kind of height measurement, but the standard term asked for is altitude.

10 Pakistan Studies

When India stopped waters of Pakistan:

- A. 1st April 1948 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 5th April 1949
- C. 01 May 1948
- D. None of these

A. India stopped the waters of Pakistan on 1st April 1948, cutting off canal supplies.

B. 5th April 1949 is not the date of the stoppage.

C. 1st May 1948 is not the date of the stoppage.

D. One of the options gives the correct date, so 'None of these' does not apply.

Question 11 Pakistan Studies

When was the plan of five years presented?

- A. 1948 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 1951
- C. 1953
- D. 1955

A. Liaquat Ali Khan presented the first five-year plans at the parliament of Pakistan on 8 July 1948, so 1948 is the presentation year.

B. The first plan was approved in 1950 for 1950-55, not presented in 1951.

C. The Planning Board drew up the first plan in 1953, but the presentation to parliament was in 1948.

D. 1955 is the launch year of the First Five-Year Plan (1955-60), so it is the other defensible reading of the stem.

PICK ONE — Liaquat Ali Khan presented the first five-year plans on 8 July 1948 (Wikipedia), but 1955 is the First Five-Year Plan (1955-60) launch year and built 37ve keyed the same stem 1955 (1948 was not among its options); both readings are defensible, so the printed A is kept. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 12 Pakistan Studies

In which year Pakistan fund was established?

- A. 1945
- B. 1955
- C. 1947 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1975

A. The Pakistan Fund was not set up in 1945, before the demand for Pakistan had been settled.

B. The Pakistan Fund was not set up in 1955, years after independence.

C. The Pakistan Fund was set up by the Quaid in June 1947, in the year of independence.

D. The Pakistan Fund was not set up in 1975, decades after independence.

Question 13 English Grammar

Fill in the blank: the manager likes to be_____control?

- A. about
- B. Of
- C. In ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. On

A. The manager likes to be about control is not idiomatic English.

B. The manager likes to be of control is not idiomatic English.

ger likes to be in control is the correct idiom: in control means in charge.

D. The manager likes to be on control is not idiomatic English.

Question 14 English Grammar

I am envious ____them?

- A. Of ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. In
- C. On
- D. About

A. Envious of is the correct preposition: one is envious of a person.

B. Envious in is not the correct preposition after envious.

C. Envious on is not the correct preposition after envious.

D. Envious about is not the standard preposition after envious.

Question 15 Mathematics

Evaluate √6984

- A. 74
- B. 78
- C. 66
- D. 65

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. NO CORRECT OPTION — DEFECTIVE-excluded (decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation)

A. 74 squared is 5476, not 6984.

B. 78 squared is 6084, not 6984.

D. 65 squared is 4225, not 6984.

Question 16 Mathematics

Find the wrong number:5,16,6,16,7,16,9,.....

- A. 9 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 7
- C. 6
- D. 12

A. The series runs 5, 16, 6, 16, 7, 16, then the next number should be 8, so 9 is the wrong number.

B. 7 fits the rising pattern 5, 6, 7, so it is not the wrong number.

C. 6 fits the rising pattern 5, 6, 7, so it is not the wrong number.

D. 12 is not in the series at all, so it cannot be the wrong number in it.

Question 17 Islamic Studies

Which Angel is appointed for providing Food?

- A. Hazart Gebraiel A.S
- B. Hazrat Israfeel A.S
- C. Hazrat Meekail A.S ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Hazrat Izzrail A.S

A. Hazrat Jibrail (Gabriel) is the angel of revelation, not the provider of food.

B. Hazrat Israfeel is the angel who will blow the trumpet, not the provider of food.

C. Hazrat Mikael (Michael) is the angel appointed for providing food and rain.

ail is the angel of death, not the provider of food.

Question 18 Islamic Studies

What companion of Prophet (PBUH) was awarded with the title of "The lion of Allah"?

- A. Umar Farooq (R.A)
- B. Ali Al-Murtaza (R.A) ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hamza bin Abdul Mattalib (R.A)
- D. Khalid bin Waleed (R.A)

A. Hazrat Umar Farooq was known for his justice, not by the title Lion of Allah in the standard telling.

B. Hazrat Ali Al-Murtaza is the standard 'Lion of Allah' (Sher-e-Khuda) answer in the Pakistani MCQ bank, and built 37sv keys the identical stem to Ali.

C. Hazrat Hamza bin Abdul Muttalib is also titled Asadullah, the Lion of Allah, in Arabic sources, so this option is defensible too.

D. Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed was called Saifullah, the Sword of Allah, not the Lion of Allah.

Note: Note: PICK-ONE — Hazrat Ali is the standard 'Lion of Allah' answer in the Pak MCQ bank (built 37sv keys the identical stem to Ali), but Hazrat Hamza is also titled Asadullah, the Lion of Allah (Wikipedia; alislam.org), so both are defensible and the printed B is kept. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

Question 19 Urdu

"قاب قو سین" کا اردو میں مفہوم بتائیں

Correct answer ✓ A. نہایت قریب

B. دور نزدیک

C. دور دراز

A. Qab Qausain means nehayat qareeb, extremely near — the distance of two bow-lengths or less, from the Quranic phrase.

B. Door nazdeek mixes far and near and is not the meaning.

C. Door daraaz means far away, the opposite of the phrase.

D. Door ke dhol means distant drums sound sweet, a different idiom altogether.

Question 20 Urdu

"بے نیل و مرام" سے کیا مراد ہے"

A. بغیر کسی طلب کے

B. بے وفا

C. بے ادب

Correct answer ✓ D. ناکام و نامراد

A. Baghair kisi talab ke means without any demand, which is not the sense of the phrase.

B. Be wafa means faithless, which is not the sense of the phrase.

C. Be adab means ill-mannered, which is not the sense of the phrase.

D. Be Neel o Maraam means nakam o namurad: unsuccessful, without attaining one's aim.

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