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Question 1 Current Affairs

Ping Pong Diplomacy between the United States and China took place in which decade?

- A. 1950s
- B. 1960s
- C. 1970s ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1980s

A. The United States and China had no diplomatic contact through table tennis in the 1950s; the two countries were estranged after 1949.

B. The 1960s saw no Ping Pong exchange; the breakthrough came after Nixon's opening to China.

C. Correct: the American table-tennis team visited China in April 1971, and the Chinese team visited the United States in 1972 — the 'Ping Pong Diplomacy' that paved the way for Nixon's 1972 visit.

D. By the 1980s the two countries already had full diplomatic relations (established 1979).

Question 2 Current Affairs

In which country was the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2020 annual meeting held?

- A. United States
- B. Switzerland ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. UK
- D. Italy

A. The WEF annual meeting is not held in the United States.

B. Correct: the WEF annual meeting is held in Davos, Switzerland, every January; the 2020 meeting was in Davos.

nnual meeting is not held in the UK.

D. The WEF annual meeting is not held in Italy.

Question 3 General Knowledge

Which Pakistani cricketer is famously known as the Burewala Express?

- A. Shoaib Akhtar
- B. Wasim Akram
- C. Waqar Younis ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Imran Khan

A. Shoaib Akhtar is the 'Rawalpindi Express', not the Burewala Express.

B. Wasim Akram is the 'Sultan of Swing', not the Burewala Express.

C. Correct: Waqar Younis, the fast bowler from Burewala, is known as the 'Burewala Express'.

D. Imran Khan is not known as the Burewala Express.

Note: Note: PACE prints the names as "Wasim Akhtar" and "Waqar Yonus"; the filed options carry the correct spellings.

Question 4 Everyday Science

Leap year occurs after how many years?

- A. 2 years
- B. 3 years
- C. 4 years ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 5 years

A. A leap year does not occur every two years.

B. A leap year does not occur every three years.

leap year (366 days, with 29 February) occurs every four years to keep the calendar aligned with the Earth's orbit.

D. A leap year does not occur every five years.

Note: Note: PACE prints the options in a different order (3 / 2 / 4 / 6) with the same key, 4 years.

Question 5 Pakistan Studies

The Dars-e-Nizami educational system was named after which scholar?

- A. Mulla Sadra
- B. Shah Waliullah
- C. Mulla Nizamuddin Sihalvi ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Imam Ghazali

A. Mulla Sadra (1571–1640) was a Persian philosopher; the curriculum is not named after him.

B. Shah Waliullah (1703–1762) was a great scholar and translator of the Quran, but the Dars-e-Nizami is not named after him.

C. Correct: the Dars-e-Nizami curriculum is named after Mulla Nizamuddin Sihalvi (1678–1748) of Sihali, who systematised it in the 18th century.

D. Imam Ghazali (1058–1111) predates the curriculum by centuries; it is not named after him.

Question 6 Pakistan Studies

In which month and year was Benazir Bhutto elected as Prime Minister of Pakistan for the second time?

- A. October 1993 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. December 1993

ust 1993

- D. July 1993

A. Correct: Benazir Bhutto won the October 1993 general election and was sworn in as Prime Minister for her second term on 19 October 1993.

B. The election and swearing-in were in October 1993, not December.

C. No general election was held in August 1993.

D. July 1993 saw a caretaker government under Moeen Qureshi, not an election.

Question 7 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first President of Pakistan?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Iskander Mirza ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Ayub Khan
- D. Muhammad Ali Jinnah

A. Liaquat Ali Khan was Pakistan's first Prime Minister (1947–1951), not its first President.

B. Correct: Major General Iskander Mirza became Pakistan's first President when the 1956 Constitution came into force on 23 March 1956.

C. Ayub Khan became President in 1958 after deposing Mirza; he was the second President.

D. Jinnah was Pakistan's first Governor-General (1947–1948), not President.

Question 8 Pakistan Studies

Who was the first Foreign Minister of Pakistan?

- A. Liaquat Ali Khan
- B. Zafarullah Khan ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Ghulam Muhammad

A. Liaquat Ali Khan was the first Prime Minister and held other portfolios, but not Foreign Minister first.

B. Correct: Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan served as Pakistan's first Foreign Minister (1947–1954).

C. Khawaja Nazimuddin was the second Governor-General and second Prime Minister, not the first Foreign Minister.

D. Ghulam Muhammad was the third Governor-General, not the first Foreign Minister.

Question 9 Current Affairs

The 'Five Eyes' alliance is primarily concerned with which of the following?

- A. Trade agreements
- B. Military weapons
- C. Intelligence sharing ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Environmental issues

A. Five Eyes is not a trade bloc.

B. Five Eyes is not a weapons alliance.

C. Correct: Five Eyes is the intelligence-sharing alliance of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

D. Five Eyes is not an environmental body.

Question 10 Geography

The Arctic is located at which pole?

- A. South Pole

st Pole

- C. North Pole ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. East Pole

A. The South Pole is the Antarctic, not the Arctic.

B. There is no West Pole.

C. Correct: the Arctic region is centred on the North Pole.

D. There is no East Pole.

Question 11 Everyday Science

In scientific terms, what does "SI" stand for?

- A. Scientific Index
- B. Systematic Integration
- C. Standard Instruction
- D. System International ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'Scientific Index' is not what SI stands for.

B. 'Systematic Integration' is not what SI stands for.

C. 'Standard Instruction' is not what SI stands for.

D. Correct: SI is the International System of Units (Système International d'unités), the modern metric system.

Question 12 Computer Science

Which of the following is not a characteristic of a computer?

- A. F1
- B. Accuracy
- C. Intelligence ✓ **Correct answer**

A. 'F1' is not a characteristic of a computer at all; it is a function key — but the question asks which listed item is NOT a characteristic, and a computer does have speed, accuracy and automation, while it has no intelligence of its own.

B. Accuracy IS a characteristic of computers: they produce exact results from correct input.

C. Correct: a computer has no intelligence of its own; it only follows programmed instructions and cannot think, decide or learn by itself.

D. Automation IS a characteristic of computers: they carry out tasks automatically once programmed.

Question 13 Mathematics

A mobile phone costs Rs. 64,800 after including 8% GST. What is the original price before tax?

- A. Rs. 59,800
- B. Rs. 60,000 ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Rs. 61,200
- D. Rs. 62,000

A. 59,800 × 1.08 = 64,584, not 64,800.

B. Correct: 60,000 × 1.08 = 64,800, so the pre-tax price is 64,800 ÷ 1.08 = 60,000.

C. 61,200 × 1.08 = 66,096, not 64,800.

D. 62,000 × 1.08 = 66,960, not 64,800.

Question 14 Mathematics

Given that $x = (\sqrt{5}+2)/(\sqrt{5}-2)$, find x^2-4x-1.

- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. none of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The value is not 1 (see the working below).

B. The value is not 2.

C. The value is not 3.

D. Correct: rationalising, $x = (\sqrt{5}+2)^2/(5-4) = 9+4\sqrt{5}$; then $x^2 = 161+72\sqrt{5}$ and $4x = 36+16\sqrt{5}$, so $x^2-4x-1 = 124+56\sqrt{5} \approx 249$, which is none of 1, 2 or 3.

Question 15 English

What is the synonym of the word animosity?

- A. Friendship
- B. Hostility ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Happiness
- D. Respect

A. Friendship is the opposite of animosity.

B. Correct: animosity means strong hostility or ill will.

C. Happiness is unrelated to animosity.

D. Respect is the opposite of animosity.

Question 16 English

Choose the correct modal verb to complete the sentence: He _____ not ask for a raise, for fear of losing his job.

- A. Should

- C. Dare ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Could

A. 'Should not ask' gives advice, not the fear of daring; it does not fit the sense of lacking courage.

B. 'Would not ask' states a refusal or habit, not the lack of courage the sentence describes.

C. Correct: 'He dare not ask for a raise, for fear of losing his job' — 'dare' as a modal expresses lacking the courage to do something.

D. 'Could not ask' expresses inability, not the fear-based hesitation the sentence describes.

Question 17 English

He takes his turn and she takes _____.

- A. her
- B. hers ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. herself
- D. himself

A. 'Her' is a possessive adjective and needs a noun after it ('her turn'); it cannot stand alone here.

B. Correct: 'hers' is the possessive pronoun standing for 'her turn'.

C. 'Herself' is a reflexive pronoun, not a possessive; it cannot stand for 'her turn'.

D. 'Himself' is masculine and reflexive; it cannot refer to 'she' or stand for 'her turn'.

Question 18 Analytical Reasoning

Complete the analogy: Cricket: Pitch:: ?:?

- A. Boat: Harbour

- C. Boxing: Ring ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Ship: Dock

A. A harbour is where boats anchor, but it is not the playing surface of a sport the way a pitch is for cricket.

B. Wrestling takes place on a mat or in a ring, not on a track.

C. Correct: a pitch is the ground on which cricket is played, just as a ring is the ground on which boxing is fought.

D. A dock is where ships berth, not a sporting ground.

Note: Note: PACE prints this item twice (its Q9 and Q11, identical); it is served once here.

Question 19 Urdu

جھومر کس شاعر کی غزلوں کا مجموعہ ہے؟

A. پروین شاکر

B. ہاجرہ مسرور

Correct answer ✓ C. قتیل شفائی

D. قرۃ العین حیدر

A. پروین شاکر کی غزلوں کا مجموعہ جھومر نہیں ہے۔

B. ہاجرہ مسرور افسانہ نگار تھیں، جھومر ان کا مجموعہ نہیں ہے۔

C. درست: جھومر اردو کے ممتاز شاعر قتیل شفائی کے شعری مجموعوں میں شامل ہے۔

D. قرۃ العین حیدر ناول نگار تھیں، جھومر ان کا مجموعہ نہیں ہے۔

پھر لوٹا ہے خورشید جہاں تاب سفر سے، پھر نور سحر دست و گریباں ہے سحر سے۔ اس شعر میں مرکب اضافی کتنی بار استعمال ہوا ہے؟

- A. ایک بار
- **Correct answer ✓** B. دوبار
- C. تین بار
- D. چار بار

A. شعر میں ایک سے زیادہ مرکب اضافی ہیں۔

B. درست: شعر میں دو مرکب اضافی ہیں — خورشیدِ جہاں تاب اور نورِ سحر۔ دست و گریباں میں واؤ عطف ہے، اس لیے یہ مرکب عطفی ہے، مرکب اضافی نہیں۔

C. GK360 کی کلید، لیکن غلط: اس نے دست و گریباں کو بھی اضافی گن لیا ہے، حالانکہ اس میں واؤ ہے۔

D. شعر میں چار مرکب اضافی نہیں ہیں۔

Note: Note: PACE independently keys B (two times) for this item; GK360 keys C (three times). Filed B. Decided by assistant under owner's 8 Nov 2026 delegation.

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