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Question 1 General Knowledge

When Soviet Force withdrawan from Afghanistan?

- A. 1982
- B. 1985
- C. 1987
- D. 1989 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. The Soviet war in Afghanistan was still at full strength in 1982; no withdrawal happened then.

B. Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985, but Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan for four more years.

C. The Geneva talks were under way in 1987, but the withdrawal itself had not begun.

D. The last Soviet troops left Afghanistan on 15 February 1989, ending the 1979–1989 war.

Question 2 General Knowledge

9th Asian game were held in ----?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Malaysia
- C. Nepal
- D. India ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Pakistan has never hosted the Asian Games.

B. Malaysia has never hosted the Asian Games.

C. Nepal has never hosted the Asian Games.

sian Games were held in New Delhi, India, in 1982.

Question 3 General Knowledge

Length of Durand line is -----:

- A. 1,210 km
- B. 1,240 km
- C. 1,260 km
- D. 2,611 km ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Far too short: the Pakistan–Afghanistan border is over twice this length.

B. Far too short, same reason.

C. Far too short, same reason.

D. PICK-ONE: the primary source (test360) keys this, and 2,611 km is the figure used in Pakistani GK literature. CONFLICT RECORDED: the second reproduction (PACE) keys 2,661 km instead, and reference works commonly cite ~2,640 km, which appears in neither option set — the length is measure-dependent (different surveys give 2,611–2,670 km) and the two reproductions disagree. Decided for the primary source's key, 2,611 km, rather than excluding the question. **A note on the options as printed:** test360 gives 1,210 / 1,240 / 1,260 / 2,611 km; PACE gives 1,650 / 1,850 / 2,661 / 2,876 km. Only the ~2,600 km figure in each set is in the right range.

Question 4 Everyday Science

Penicilin invented by which scientist?

- A. Ian Tabot
- B. Alexander Fleming ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. George Stephon
- D. None of these

iscoverer of penicillin, this is a distractor name.

B. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928, when he noticed Penicillium mould killing staphylococci bacteria. (Spelled "Flaming" on the test360 page — a reproduction misspelling.)

C. George Stephenson built steam locomotives, not antibiotics.

D. Wrong, since B is the discoverer.

Note: Filed option B read "Alexander Flaming" (misprint in the source reproduction); corrected to "Alexander Fleming" as documented in the reviewed file.

Question 5 Everyday Science

Rods and cons are receptor of which organ?

- A. Ear
- B. Eye ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Nose
- D. Skin

A. The ear's receptors are hair cells for hearing and balance, not rods and cones.

B. Rods and cones are the photoreceptor cells of the retina of the eye: rods for dim light, cones for colour and detail.

C. The nose's receptors are olfactory cells for smell.

D. The skin's receptors sense touch, pressure, temperature and pain, not light.

Question 6 Everyday Science

1 micro meter is equal to ----------?

- A. 10^{3}
- B. 10^{9}

✓ Correct answer

- D. 10^{12}

A. 10^{3} is a thousand (kilo-), not a millionth.

B. 10^{-9} metres is a nanometre, a thousand times smaller than a micrometre.

C. One micrometre is one millionth of a metre, i.e. 10^{-6} m.

D. 10^{12} is a trillion (tera-), not a millionth.

Note: Filed option C read "10-⁶" (misprint in the source reproduction); corrected to "10^{-6}" as documented in the reviewed file.

Question 7 Pakistan Studies

Lahore Resolution of Punjab was seconded by --------:

- A. Maulana Zafar Ali Khan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Abdullah Haroon
- C. A. K. Fazal ul Haq
- D. Ch Rehmat Ali

A. The Lahore Resolution (23 March 1940) was moved by A. K. Fazlul Huq and seconded by Maulana Zafar Ali Khan.

B. A Sindh Muslim League leader who supported the resolution, but he was not its seconder.

C. Fazlul Huq MOVED the resolution; he did not second it.

D. Chaudhry Rehmat Ali coined the name "Pakistan"; he did not second the Lahore Resolution.

8 Pakistan Studies

Military courts established which amendment deals with terrorism in constitution?

- A. 19th
- B. 20th
- C. 21st ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 22nd

A. The 19th Amendment (2010) dealt with judicial appointments and related matters, not military courts.

B. The 20th Amendment (2012) dealt with the Election Commission and caretaker governments.

C. The 21st Amendment (January 2015) established military courts to try terrorism cases, with a sunset clause.

D. The 22nd Amendment (2016) dealt with qualifications of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commission members.

Question 9 Current Affairs

In 2025, which gulf state promised 1.2 billion dollar with Pakistan for oil derivatives?

- A. Syria
- B. Saudi Arabia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Iran
- D. Iraq

A. Syria is not a Gulf state and made no such facility available to Pakistan.

B. Pakistan and the Saudi Fund for Development signed a $1.2 billion oil-import facility (deferred payment for oil derivatives) in February 2025, witnessed by the Prime Minister.

C. Iran is under sanctions and did not provide this facility.

e no such $1.2 billion oil-derivatives commitment to Pakistan in 2025.

Question 10 Current Affairs

In 2025 loss and damage fund is aimed at ?

- A. Helping vulnerable countries from climate disaster ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. poverty elimination
- C. Promoting education at grass root
- D. Promote health culture in third world

A. The Loss and Damage Fund, operationalised at COP28 (2023), assists developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change with the economic and non-economic loss and damage they suffer. (PACE words the same answer as "Economic and non-economic loss and damage caused by adverse effects of climate change".)

B. Poverty reduction is a development goal, not the stated aim of this fund.

C. Not the fund's purpose.

D. Not the fund's purpose.

Question 11 English

Which one is nearest meaning of the underlin word Disgorged?

- A. Baroque
- B. Approve
- C. Delight
- D. Regurgitate ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Baroque means highly ornate, a style of art and architecture; nothing to do with disgorging.

B. Approve means to agree or sanction — effectively the opposite direction of meaning.

eans pleasure or joy, unrelated.

D. To disgorge is to pour out, expel or vomit up the contents of something; regurgitate is its nearest synonym.

Question 12 English

"Pragmatic" Antonym of

- A. Unrealistic ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Experimental
- C. Deceitful
- D. Realistic

A. Pragmatic means practical and realistic, dealing with things sensibly; its antonym is unrealistic.

B. Experimental means based on trial or experiment, not the opposite of pragmatic.

C. Deceitful means dishonest, which is not the opposite of pragmatic.

D. Realistic is a near-SYNONYM of pragmatic, not its antonym.

Question 13 English

What is the meaning of phrasal verb "Put up with"

- A. Tolerate ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Show
- C. Blame
- D. Steal

A. "Put up with" means to endure or tolerate something unpleasant without complaining.

B. Show means to display; the phrasal verb for that sense is "put on show" or "show off", not "put up with".

ans to hold responsible, unrelated.

D. Steal means to take without permission; unrelated.

Question 14 English

---------- you have good holiday last year?

- A. Did ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Are
- C. Do
- D. Does

A. "Did you have a good holiday last year?" — past simple question, matching "last year".

B. Present tense ("Are you having..."), wrong for "last year".

C. Present tense, wrong for a completed past event.

D. Present tense, third person singular, wrong for "you" and for "last year".

Question 15 Computer Studies

Which is use to listen the music in computer and mobile?

- A. Spotify ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Adopt Photoshop
- C. VLC
- D. Microsoft word

A. Spotify is a music-streaming service/app used to listen to music on computers and mobiles.

B. "Adobe Photoshop" as printed ("Adopt Photoshop") is image-editing software, not for listening to music.

C. VLC is a media player that can also play audio files, but the question targets the music-

ervice, and both reproductions key Spotify.

D. Microsoft Word is a word processor, not a music app.

Question 16 Computer Studies

What is the main function of firewall?

- A. A system that prevent unauthorized access to a private network ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. A system that scan and removes viruses from a computer one another
- C. A system in which multiple computers are connected to one another
- D. A system that allows users to make secure online money transfer

A. A firewall monitors incoming and outgoing network traffic and blocks unauthorised access to a private network.

B. That describes antivirus software, not a firewall.

C. That describes a computer network, not a firewall.

D. That describes a payment gateway / secure payment system, not a firewall.

Question 17 Mathematics

If x+1 is a fact of the $2x^2+kx$ then the value of k is

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

A. If $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $2x^2 + kx$, then $x = -1$ is a root: $2(-1)^2 + k(-1) = 2 - k = 0$, so $k = 2$.

B. With $k = -2$, the value at $x = -1$ is $2 + 2 = 4$, not 0, so $(x + 1)$ would not be a factor.

C. With $k = -3$, the value at $x = -1$ is $2 + 3 = 5$, not 0.

, the value at x = −1 is 2 − 4 = −2, not 0.

Question 18 Mathematics

A car is traveling 50 km in one hour. How much distance would it travel in 12 minutes?

- A. 8km
- B. 10km ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 12km
- D. 14km

A. Too low: 50 km in 60 minutes is 5/6 km per minute, and 12 minutes gives more than 8 km.

B. 50 km ÷ 60 minutes = 5/6 km per minute; 12 minutes × 5/6 = 10 km.

C. That would be the answer for 14.4 minutes, not 12.

D. That would be the answer for 16.8 minutes, not 12.

Question 19 Urdu

شعر میں ایک جیسے دو الفاظ کا استعمال کیا کہلاتا ہے؟

A. حسن تعطیل

Correct answer ✓ B. تجنیس تام

C. محاذ

D. توشیع

A. حسنِ تعلیل is a figure of speech in which a fanciful, poetic reason is given for something; it .is not the use of two identical words

B. تجنیس is paronomasia, the use of two words alike in form ;تجنیسِ تام is the complete form,

two words are identical in letters but different in meaning. The test360 page which is ,تجنیس تام the second reproduction (PACE) keys ;"تجنیس نام" renders this option as .the intended term

C. محاذ means a front or battlefront, not a figure of speech.

D. توشیع is not the term for two identical words in a verse.

Note: Filed option B read "تجنیس نام" (misprint in the source reproduction); corrected to "تجنیس تام" as documented in the reviewed file.

Question 20 Urdu

کسی کا قول بیان کرنے سے پہلے کون سی علامت کا استعمال کیا جاتا ہے؟

Correct answer ✓ A. واوین

B. قوسین

C. رابطہ

D. تفصیلہ

A. واوین (" ") are quotation marks, used to enclose somebody's exact words when quoting them.

B. قوسین ( ) are parentheses/brackets, used for asides or extra information, not for opening a quotation.

C. رابطہ means a link or connection; it is not a punctuation mark used before a quotation.

D. تفصیلہ (:) is the colon-like mark used before details or a list, not before a quotation.

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