Municipal Officer (BPS-17), Local Government Department — 2023 · Solved Past Paper

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Question 1 General Science

Atom bomb is based on the principle of?

- B. Nuclear Fission ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Radioactive
- D. Both A & B

A. Wrong: fusion (joining light nuclei) powers the hydrogen bomb and the Sun, not the atom bomb.

B. Correct: the atom bomb works by nuclear fission — a heavy nucleus (uranium-235 or plutonium-239) splits, releasing huge energy.

C. Wrong: "radioactive" names a property (emitting radiation), not the principle the bomb is based on.

D. Wrong: the atom bomb is fission, not fusion, so "both" cannot be right.

Question 2 General Science

Sea water is converted into fresh water by using the phenomenon of?

- A. Plasmolysis
- B. Sedimentation
- C. Reverse Osmosis ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Diffusion

A. Wrong: plasmolysis is the shrinking of a plant cell in a salty solution; it does not desalinate sea water.

B. Wrong: sedimentation settles suspended solids out of water; it does not remove dissolved salt.

C. Correct: in reverse osmosis, pressure forces sea water through a semi-permeable membrane that holds the salt back and lets fresh water through. (The testpointpk key B, "Osmosis", is wrong — plain osmosis would move fresh water INTO the salty side; see verification summary.)

ffusion is the spreading of particles from high to low concentration; it does not separate salt from water.

Question 3 General Science

The Theory of mutations was given by?

- A. Darwin and Lawmarck
- B. Hugo de Vires ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Haldane
- D. Fleming

A. Wrong: Darwin gave the theory of evolution by natural selection and Lamarck gave the theory of acquired characters; neither gave the mutation theory.

B. Correct: Hugo de Vries proposed the mutation theory (1901), from his work on the evening primrose — sudden heritable changes (mutations) drive evolution.

C. Wrong: J. B. S. Haldane worked on population genetics and the origin of life, not the mutation theory.

D. Wrong: Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, not the mutation theory.

Question 4 General Science

Name the embryologist who created "Dolly" the first cloned of sheep?

- A. Curtis Youngs
- B. Ian Wilmut ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Martin Nijs
- D. Rondall Prather

A. Wrong: Curtis Youngs did not clone Dolly.

B. Correct: Ian Wilmut led the Roslin Institute team that cloned Dolly the sheep (born 1996), the first mammal cloned from an adult cell.

artin Nijs did not clone Dolly.

D. Wrong: Randall Prather is a cloning researcher, but he did not create Dolly.

Question 5 General Science

The study of tissues is called ___?

- A. Haematology
- B. Histology ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Entramology
- D. Taxicology

A. Wrong: haematology is the study of blood.

B. Correct: histology is the study of tissues (their structure under the microscope).

C. Wrong: "Entramology" is the reproduction's garbled spelling of entomology, the study of insects — not tissues.

D. Wrong: "Taxicology" is the reproduction's garbled spelling of toxicology, the study of poisons — not tissues.

Question 6 General Science

Velocity of wind is measured by?

- A. Sacharimeter
- B. Tachemeter
- C. Anemometer ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Audemeter

A. Wrong: a saccharimeter measures sugar concentration in a solution.

B. Wrong: a tacheometer/tachometer measures speed of rotation or surveying angles, not wind velocity.

an anemometer measures the velocity (speed) of wind.

D. Wrong: an audiometer measures hearing, not wind.

Question 7 Islamiat

Pious Caliphate lasted for about ___?

- A. 23 Years
- B. 20 Years
- C. 25 Years
- D. 30 Years ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: 23 years is too short — the Pious Caliphate ran from 632 to 661 CE.

B. Wrong: 20 years is far too short.

C. Wrong: 25 years is too short.

D. Correct: the Pious Caliphate (Khulafa-e-Rashideen — Abu Bakr, Umar, Usman and Ali) lasted about 30 years, 632–661 CE. (Both reproductions key 30 years.)

Question 8 Islamiat

Which Holy book is called the Gospel?

- A. The Quran
- B. The Injeel ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. The Zuboor
- D. The Torait

A. Wrong: the Quran is the revelation to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH); it is not called the Gospel.

B. Correct: the Injeel (the revelation to Hazrat Isa / Jesus) is called the Gospel.

C. Wrong: the Zuboor (Psalms) was revealed to Hazrat Dawood (David), not the Gospel.

e Torait (Torah) was revealed to Hazrat Musa (Moses), not the Gospel.

Question 9 Islamiat

Name the first authority for the compilation of Ahadis?

- A. Imam Abu Hanifa
- B. Imam Bukhari
- C. Imam Malik ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Imam Ahmad

A. Wrong: Imam Abu Hanifa founded the Hanafi school of jurisprudence; he is not credited as the first compiler of Ahadis.

B. Wrong: Imam Bukhari's Sahih al-Bukhari is the most authoritative collection, but it came later (3rd century AH).

C. Correct: Imam Malik's Muwatta is the earliest surviving major compilation of Ahadis, so he is credited as the first authority for their compilation.

D. Wrong: Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal's Musnad came later than the Muwatta.

Question 10 Islamiat

First Ghazwa (Battle) took place between Muslims and Kuffars is ____?

- A. Abawa ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Badar
- C. Khundaq
- D. Uhad

A. Correct: Ghazwa Abwa (also called Waddan, Safar 1/2 AH) was the first ghazwa — the first expedition led by the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The classical seerah ordering (Ibn Ishaq, cited in Sahih al-Bukhari's Book of Military Expeditions) lists Al-Abwa' first. (Both reproductions key Abwa. See verification summary for the Abwa/Badr distinction.)

this stem. Badr (17 Ramadan 2 AH) was the first pitched, large-scale battle — the first decisive military victory — but it was not the first ghazwa.

C. Wrong: the Battle of the Trench (Khandaq) was fought in 5 AH, years after Abwa and Badr.

D. Wrong: Uhud was fought in 3 AH, after Badr.

Question 11 Islamiat

Which wife of Holy Prophet was alive at the time of Karbala tragedy?

- A. Hazrat Hafsa R.A
- B. Hazrat Memona R.A
- C. Hazrat Umm-e-Salma R.A ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Hazrat Hafsa (RA) had passed away before the Karbala tragedy (10 Muharram 61 AH / 10 October 680 CE).

B. Wrong: Hazrat Maimoona (RA) had passed away before Karbala.

C. Correct: Hazrat Umm-e-Salma (RA) was alive at the time of Karbala and outlived it (she died in 62/63 AH).

D. Wrong: Umm-e-Salma is among the options and is correct.

Question 12 General Science

The first Great Arab Alchemist was?

- A. Ibn-e-Sina
- B. Jabir Bin Hayyan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Al Razi
- D. Yahya Bin Mansoon

n-e-Sina (Avicenna) was a great physician and philosopher, but he was not the first great Arab alchemist.

B. Correct: Jabir ibn Hayyan (c. 721–815 CE), known in the West as Geber, is called the father of chemistry and the first great Arab alchemist.

C. Wrong: Al-Razi (Rhazes) was a great physician-alchemist, but he came after Jabir.

D. Wrong: Yahya ibn Mansur was an astronomer, not the first great Arab alchemist.

Question 13 General Science

The S.I unit of temperature is ___?

- A. Centigrade
- B. Kelvin ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Fahrenheit
- D. All of these

A. Wrong: centigrade (Celsius) is a common temperature scale, but it is not the SI unit.

B. Correct: the kelvin (K) is the SI base unit of temperature.

C. Wrong: Fahrenheit is a temperature scale used mainly in the USA, not the SI unit.

D. Wrong: only the kelvin is the SI unit, so "all of these" cannot be right.

Question 14 General Science

Which of the following is not component of digestive system?

- A. Stomach
- B. Small Intestine
- C. Heart ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Esophagus

A. Wrong: the stomach IS a component of the digestive system (it churns food and mixes

B. Wrong: the small intestine IS a component of the digestive system (most digestion and absorption happen there).

C. Correct: the heart belongs to the circulatory system, not the digestive system — it pumps blood, it does not digest food.

D. Wrong: the esophagus (food pipe) IS a component of the digestive system (it carries food from mouth to stomach).

Question 15 General Science

The energy which is due to the position of any object is termed as___?

- A. Kinetic Energy
- B. Potential Energy ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Chemical Energy
- D. Mechanical Energy

A. Wrong: kinetic energy is the energy of MOTION, not of position.

B. Correct: potential energy is stored energy due to an object's position (e.g. water held behind a dam, a raised weight).

C. Wrong: chemical energy is energy stored in chemical bonds, not energy due to position.

D. Wrong: mechanical energy is the SUM of kinetic and potential energy, not the name for position-energy alone.

Question 16 Geography

The World's longest land border is between___?

- A. USA and Canada ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. USA and Mexico

a and Pakistan

- D. South Korea and North Korea

A. Correct: the USA–Canada border is the world's longest land border (about 8,891 km).

B. Wrong: the USA–Mexico border is about 3,145 km — far shorter.

C. Wrong: the India–Pakistan border is about 3,323 km — far shorter.

D. Wrong: the Korean border is only about 238 km — far shorter.

Question 17 Geography

The Earth's oceanic water is divided in Ocean. How many oceans are there in the world?

- A. 05 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 06
- C. 07
- D. 06

A. Correct: there are five oceans — Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic.

B. Wrong: there is no sixth ocean in the standard count.

C. Wrong: seven is the count of continents, not oceans.

D. Wrong: this option duplicates B ("06") — a reproduction defect — and six is not the number of oceans.

Note: Note: options B and D are both printed "06" (see verification summary).

Question 18 Geography

The world's famous bridge "Golden Gate Bridge" is located in?

- A. London
- B. Paris

Francisco ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. Sydney

A. Wrong: London's famous bridge is Tower Bridge, not the Golden Gate.

B. Wrong: Paris has no Golden Gate Bridge.

C. Correct: the Golden Gate Bridge spans the Golden Gate strait at San Francisco, California, USA.

D. Wrong: Sydney's famous bridge is the Sydney Harbour Bridge, not the Golden Gate.

Question 19 Geography

Which country is known as the "Land of Thousands Islands"?

- A. Finland
- B. Indonesia ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Ireland
- D. Malaysia

A. Wrong: Finland is the Land of a Thousand LAKES (about 188,000 lakes), not of islands. (The printed key A is wrong — see verification summary.)

B. Correct: Indonesia, an archipelago of about 17,000 islands, is known as the Land of a Thousand Islands.

C. Wrong: Ireland is not known as the Land of a Thousand Islands.

D. Wrong: Malaysia is not known as the Land of a Thousand Islands. Printed-key correction: mcqsplanet keys A "Finland"; corrected to B "Indonesia" (see verification summary).

Question 20 General Science

Which planet of the Solar system is easily visible from the earth?

us ✓ **Correct answer**

- B. Mars
- C. Mercury
- D. Jupiter

A. Correct: Venus is the brightest planet in the sky and is easily visible to the naked eye as the "morning star" or "evening star".

B. Wrong: Mars is visible but much dimmer than Venus and only prominent at opposition.

C. Wrong: Mercury is hard to see — it stays close to the Sun and is visible only briefly near dawn or dusk.

D. Wrong: Jupiter is bright and visible, but Venus outshines it and is the planet most easily seen.

Question 21 General Knowledge

The Headquarters of Transparency International is located in ___?

- A. New York
- B. Washington DC
- C. Paris
- D. Berlin ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Transparency International is not headquartered in New York (that is where the UN headquarters is).

B. Wrong: Transparency International is not headquartered in Washington DC.

C. Wrong: Transparency International is not headquartered in Paris (UNESCO is).

D. Correct: Transparency International, the anti-corruption organisation, is headquartered in Berlin, Germany.

22 Geography

The Ocean currents are directional movements of ___?

- A. Electrical Change
- B. Mechanical Change
- C. Sea Water ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Salt in the Sea Water

A. Wrong: ocean currents are movements of water, not of electrical change.

B. Wrong: ocean currents are not a "mechanical change" — they are the flow of sea water itself.

C. Correct: ocean currents are the directional (horizontal) movements of sea water, driven by wind, temperature and salinity differences.

D. Wrong: currents move the whole body of sea water, not just the salt dissolved in it.

Question 23 General Knowledge

World Polio Day is observed every year on ___?

- A. October 22
- B. October 23
- C. October 24 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: World Polio Day is not 22 October.

B. Wrong: World Polio Day is not 23 October.

C. Correct: World Polio Day is observed every year on 24 October (the birthday of Jonas Salk, who developed the first polio vaccine).

D. Wrong: 24 October is among the options and is correct.

24 General Knowledge

Which African nation is famous for chocolate?

- A. Sudan
- B. Ghana ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Egypt
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Sudan is not famous for chocolate or cocoa.

B. Correct: Ghana is famous for its chocolate — it is one of the world's leading cocoa producers, and its cocoa beans are prized by chocolate makers worldwide.

C. Wrong: Egypt is not famous for chocolate or cocoa.

D. Wrong: Ghana is among the options and is correct.

Question 25 Geography

Which mountain is known as Savage Mountain?

- A. K2 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Mount Everest
- C. Kangchenjunga
- D. Lhotse

A. Correct: K2 (8,611 m, on the Pakistan–China border) is known as the Savage Mountain because of its extreme difficulty and high fatality rate.

B. Wrong: Everest is the world's highest mountain, but it is not called the Savage Mountain.

C. Wrong: Kangchenjunga is the world's third-highest mountain, not the Savage Mountain.

D. Wrong: Lhotse is the world's fourth-highest mountain, not the Savage Mountain.

26 General Science

Ordinary Table salt is sodium chloride, what is baking soda?

- A. Potassium Chloride
- B. Potassium Carbonate
- C. Potassium Hydroxide
- D. Sodium Bicarbonate ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: potassium chloride (KCl) is a salt used as a salt substitute, not baking soda.

B. Wrong: potassium carbonate (K2CO3) is a different compound, not baking soda.

C. Wrong: potassium hydroxide (KOH) is a caustic alkali, not baking soda.

D. Correct: baking soda is sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO3).

Question 27 General Science

Plants receive their nutrients mainly from?

- A. Chlorophyll
- B. Atmosphere
- C. Light
- D. Soil ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: chlorophyll is the green pigment that captures light for photosynthesis; it is not the source of nutrients.

B. Wrong: plants take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but most mineral nutrients come from the soil.

C. Wrong: light provides energy for photosynthesis, not nutrients.

D. Correct: plants receive their nutrients (minerals such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) mainly from the soil, through their roots.

Question 28 General Science

Plants that grow under average temperature and moisture are called?

- A. Halophytes
- B. Hydrophytes
- C. Mesophytes ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Xerophytes

A. Wrong: halophytes grow in salty soils, not in average conditions.

B. Wrong: hydrophytes grow in water, not in average temperature and moisture.

C. Correct: mesophytes are plants that grow under average (moderate) temperature and moisture — neither too wet nor too dry.

D. Wrong: xerophytes grow in dry conditions (deserts), not in average moisture.

Question 29 Current Affairs

OIC Changed its name from Organization of the Islamic Conference to Organization of Islamic Cooperation in ___?

- A. 1991
- B. 1999
- C. 2001
- D. 2011 ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the name change did not happen in 1991.

B. Wrong: the name change did not happen in 1999.

C. Wrong: the name change did not happen in 2001.

D. Correct: the OIC changed its name from "Organization of the Islamic Conference" to "Organization of Islamic Cooperation" in June 2011 (at the Astana session). Judged at the exam date (30 May 2023), as required.

30 Current Affairs

Which country from the following is not the member of UNO?

- A. Vatican City ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Afghanistan
- C. North Korea
- D. Vietnam

A. Correct: Vatican City is NOT a UN member — it is a Permanent Observer State at the UN (as at May 2023, and still today).

B. Wrong: Afghanistan has been a UN member since 1946.

C. Wrong: North Korea (DPRK) has been a UN member since 1991.

D. Wrong: Vietnam has been a UN member since 1977.

Note: Note: the live mcqsplanet page shows no answer block for Q30; the key is corroborated by testpointpk, which keys "Vatican City" on its own option set (see verification summary).

Question 31 General Science

Main function of antibodies is against ____?

- A. Unfavorable Environment
- B. During Deficiency of Nutrient
- C. Infection ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

A. Wrong: antibodies do not protect against an unfavourable environment.

B. Wrong: antibodies do not act against nutrient deficiency.

C. Correct: antibodies are proteins made by the immune system to fight infection — they recognise and neutralise germs (bacteria, viruses).

fection is among the options and is correct.

Question 32 General Science

Smallest bone of human body is ___?

- A. Nails
- B. Fibula
- C. Bone of the Nose
- D. Stapes ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: nails are not bones at all — they are made of keratin.

B. Wrong: the fibula is a long leg bone, far from the smallest.

C. Wrong: the nasal bones are small, but they are larger than the stapes.

D. Correct: the stapes (stirrup bone, in the middle ear) is the smallest bone in the human body, about 3 mm long. (Both reproductions key the stapes.)

Question 33 General Science

The largest invertebrate is?

- A. Octopus
- B. Squid ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Coral
- D. Jelly Fish

A. Wrong: octopuses are large invertebrates, but the largest is the squid.

B. Correct: the squid — the colossal squid — is the largest invertebrate in the world (up to about 14 m long and 500 kg).

C. Wrong: corals are small colonial animals; they are not the largest invertebrate.

D. Wrong: jellyfish can be large, but no jellyfish matches the colossal squid.

34 Current Affairs

How many Muslims independent states emerged with the disintegration of USSR?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 7

A. Wrong: more than four Muslim-majority states emerged from the USSR.

B. Wrong: five counts only the Central Asian republics and misses Azerbaijan.

C. Correct: six Muslim-majority independent states emerged — Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

D. Wrong: seven is one too many — there were six.

Question 35 General Science

Function of pace maker is?

- A. To Regulate the formation of Urine
- B. To Regulate the process of Digestion
- C. To Initiate Heart beat ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. To Start the Process of Respiration

A. Wrong: urine formation is regulated by the kidneys, not by a pacemaker.

B. Wrong: digestion is regulated by the gut and its nerves, not by a pacemaker.

C. Correct: a pacemaker (the heart's natural SA node, or an implanted device) initiates and regulates the heartbeat by sending electrical impulses to the heart muscle.

D. Wrong: respiration is controlled by the brain stem and diaphragm, not by a pacemaker.

36 Pakistan Affairs

River Kabul joins Indus river at?

- A. Jhelum
- B. Mianwali
- C. Chakwat
- D. Attock ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: the Kabul does not join the Indus at Jhelum (Jhelum is a different river and a different city).

B. Wrong: the Kabul does not join the Indus at Mianwali.

C. Wrong: the Kabul does not join the Indus at Chakwat.

D. Correct: the River Kabul joins the Indus at Attock (near the Attock bridge, in Punjab/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). (Both reproductions key Attock.)

Question 37 Pakistan Affairs

Pakistan got independence on 14th August 1947, but the final boundaries were determined on ___?

- A. 14th August 1947
- B. 15th August 1947
- C. 17th August 1947 ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 18th August 1947

A. Wrong: 14 August 1947 is the day Pakistan became independent; the boundary award had not been published yet.

B. Wrong: 15 August 1947 is the day India became independent; the boundary award was still unpublished.

C. Correct: the Radcliffe Award — the Boundary Commission's award fixing the final

—was published on 17 August 1947, two days after independence (Sir Cyril Radcliffe's awards were ready by 9/12 August, but Mountbatten withheld publication until 17 August; megalecture.com and gktoday.in both state the 17 August publication).

D. Wrong: 18 August 1947 is the day Radcliffe left India, not the day the award was published.

Question 38 Pakistan Affairs

Pakistan acquires 25 multirole J-10c fighters from?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. China ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Pakistan did not acquire the J-10C from the USA (the J-10 is a Chinese design).

B. Wrong: Pakistan did not acquire the J-10C from Russia.

C. Wrong: Pakistan did not acquire the J-10C from France.

D. Correct: Pakistan acquired 25 J-10C multirole fighters from China (inducted into the Pakistan Air Force in March 2022).

Question 39 Pakistan Affairs

Who was the first president of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan?

- A. Liaqat Ali Khan
- B. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammahd Ali Jinnah ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Maulvi Tameez-ud-Din
- D. Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar

A. Wrong: Liaquat Ali Khan was Pakistan's first Prime Minister, not the first president of the Constituent Assembly.

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was elected the first President of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on 11 August 1947 (his famous presidential address was delivered that day).

C. Wrong: Maulvi Tamizuddin Khan was the Deputy President (later Speaker) of the Assembly, not its first president.

D. Wrong: Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar was a member of the Assembly and a minister, not its first president.

Question 40 Pakistan Affairs

After how many years Pakistan got its first Constitution?

- A. 5 Years
- B. 7 Years
- C. 9 Years ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 11 Years

A. Wrong: Pakistan did not get its first constitution in 1952.

B. Wrong: Pakistan did not get its first constitution in 1954.

C. Correct: Pakistan was created in 1947 and got its first constitution in 1956 — nine years later (23 March 1956).

D. Wrong: Pakistan did not get its first constitution in 1958.

Question 41 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym of Decimate is ___?

- A. Dissipate
- B. Disseminate
- C. Disfigure
- D. Destroy ✓ **Correct answer**

issipate" means to scatter or waste away, not to decimate.

B. Wrong: "disseminate" means to spread (news, ideas) widely, not to decimate.

C. Wrong: "disfigure" means to spoil the appearance of something, not to decimate.

D. Correct: in modern use "decimate" means to destroy a large part of something — so "destroy" is its synonym here (its older literal sense, "kill one in ten", is not what the options test).

Question 42 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym of Germane is ___?

- A. Relevant ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Cruel
- C. Smart
- D. Obstinate

A. Correct: "germane" means relevant — closely connected to the subject in hand.

B. Wrong: "cruel" means deliberately causing pain; it has nothing to do with germane.

C. Wrong: "smart" means clever or well-dressed; it is not a synonym for germane.

D. Wrong: "obstinate" means stubbornly refusing to change; it is not a synonym for germane.

Question 43 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym of Scintillating is

- A. Touching
- B. Warning
- C. Shouldering
- D. Sparkling ✓ **Correct answer**

touching" means moving or emotional; it is not a synonym for scintillating.

B. Wrong: "warning" means a caution; it is not a synonym for scintillating.

C. Wrong: "shouldering" means taking on a burden; it is not a synonym for scintillating.

D. Correct: "scintillating" means sparkling or brilliantly lively — of wit, conversation or light.

Question 44 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym of Accentuated is ___?

- A. Exhibited
- B. Projected
- C. Mitigated
- D. Sharpened ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: "exhibited" means shown or displayed; it is not a synonym for accentuated.

B. Wrong: "projected" means thrown forward or planned; it is not a synonym for accentuated.

C. Wrong: "mitigated" means made less severe — nearly the OPPOSITE of accentuated (made stronger).

D. Correct: "accentuated" means made more noticeable or stronger, and Merriam-Webster's thesaurus lists "sharpen" among the synonyms of "accentuate" (sense: to enhance / intensify). See verification summary.

Question 45 English (Grammar)

Mark used to resume a scattered subject is ___?

- A. Dash ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Inverted

- D. Hyphen

A. Correct: the dash (—) is the mark used to resume a scattered or interrupted subject — it reconnects the sentence after a break or digression (confirmed in the UPPSC General Studies-II official solution: the dash is used "to resume a scattered subject").

B. Wrong: inverted commas (quotation marks) enclose quoted speech; they do not resume a scattered subject.

C. Wrong: a comma marks a short pause or separates items; it does not resume a scattered subject.

D. Wrong: a hyphen joins words or word-parts; it is shorter than a dash and does not resume a scattered subject.

Question 46 English (Grammar)

Sign used to mark abbreviation is ___?

- A. Hyphen
- B. Inverted Comma
- C. Full Stop ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Comma

A. Wrong: a hyphen joins words, it does not mark an abbreviation.

B. Wrong: inverted commas mark quotations, not abbreviations.

C. Correct: the full stop (period) is the sign used to mark an abbreviation — e.g. "Dr.", "U.S.A.", "etc.".

D. Wrong: a comma separates clauses or items in a list; it does not mark an abbreviation.

47 English (Idiom)

Idiom "Spick and Span" means?

- A. Neat and Clean ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Outspoken
- C. Already Made thing
- D. Garrulous

A. Correct: "spick and span" means neat and clean — spotlessly tidy.

B. Wrong: "outspoken" means frank and direct in speech; it is not what "spick and span" means.

C. Wrong: "spick and span" has nothing to do with something already made.

D. Wrong: "garrulous" means excessively talkative; it is not what "spick and span" means.

Question 48 English (Idiom)

Idiom "To leave no avenue unexplored" means?

- A. To call in Question
- B. To Roam About
- C. To Try Every Source ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. To Depend on

A. Wrong: "to call in question" means to doubt something; it is not what this idiom means.

B. Wrong: "to roam about" means to wander; it is not what this idiom means.

C. Correct: "to leave no avenue unexplored" means to try every possible source, option or course of action before giving up.

D. Wrong: "to depend on" means to rely on someone or something; it is not what this idiom means.

49 English (Grammar)

Let us wait ___ ?

- A. A Little ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. The little
- C. So Little
- D. Little

A. Correct: "Let us wait a little" — "a little" means some small amount (of time), the idiomatic form.

B. Wrong: "the little" means the specific small amount that exists (e.g. "the little time we had") — it does not fit "let us wait ___".

C. Wrong: "so little" does not fit this sentence at all.

D. Wrong: "little" means hardly any (negative) — "let us wait little" is not idiomatic English. (The printed key D is wrong — see verification summary.) Printed-key correction: mcqsplanet keys D "Little"; corrected to A "A Little" (see verification summary).

Question 50 English (Phrasal Verb)

The Legend has been ___ from father to son:

- A. Handed Over
- B. Handed Down ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Handed In
- D. Only How

A. Wrong: "handed over" means given to someone else's control or possession (e.g. handed over to the police), not passed down through generations.

B. Correct: "handed down" means passed from one generation to the next — a legend handed down from father to son.

anded in" means submitted (e.g. handed in homework), not passed down through generations.

D. Wrong: "only how" is a nonsense distractor, filed as printed.

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