Town Officer (BPS-16) — 2023 · Solved Past Paper

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Question 1 Current Affairs

Antonio Guterres is ____ Secretary General the United Nations?

- A. 11th
- B. 7th
- C. 14th
- D. 9th ✓ **Correct answer**

ot the verified answer — António Guterres is the 9th Secretary-General of the United Nations.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — António Guterres is the 9th Secretary-General of the United Nations.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — António Guterres is the 9th Secretary-General of the United Nations.

D. Correct: António Guterres is the 9th Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Question 2 Pakistan Affairs

Name the third Prime Minister of Pakistan?

- A. Khawaja Nazimuddin
- B. Muhammad Ali Bogra ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hussain Shaheed suhrawardy
- D. Feroz Khan Noon

A. Wrong: Khawaja Nazimuddin was the second Prime Minister of Pakistan (after Liaquat Ali Khan), not the third.

B. Correct: Muhammad Ali Bogra was the third Prime Minister of Pakistan.

C. Wrong: Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy was the fifth Prime Minister of Pakistan, not the third.

D. Wrong: Feroz Khan Noon was the seventh Prime Minister of Pakistan, not the third.

Question 3 Economics

What is one contribution of agriculture to GDP of Pakistan?

- A. 29%
- B. 26%

- D. 23% ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — agriculture's contribution to Pakistan's GDP was 23%.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — agriculture's contribution to Pakistan's GDP was 23%.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — agriculture's contribution to Pakistan's GDP was 23%.

D. Correct: Agriculture contributed about 23% of Pakistan's GDP, the figure asked for at the exam date.

Question 4 Sports

Who will host the 2026 football World Cup?

- A. Germany
- B. Canada, United States of America & Mexico ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Argentina
- D. France

A. Wrong: Germany hosted the 2006 World Cup, not the 2026 World Cup.

B. Correct: The 2026 FIFA World Cup is hosted jointly by Canada, the United States of America and Mexico.

C. Wrong: Argentina hosted the 1978 World Cup, not the 2026 World Cup.

D. Wrong: France hosted the 1998 World Cup, not the 2026 World Cup.

Question 5 Everyday Science

Name the hardest part of human body?

- A. Enamel of Teeth ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Skull of Head
- C. Thumb Nails

A. Correct: Tooth enamel is the hardest part (hardest substance) of the human body.

B. Wrong: The skull is bone, which is hard but not as hard as tooth enamel.

C. Wrong: Thumb nails are made of keratin, which is much softer than tooth enamel.

D. Wrong: The chest bone (sternum) is bone, which is softer than tooth enamel.

Question 6 General Knowledge

Study of development of human race is known as?

- A. Anthropology ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Entomology
- C. Eugenics
- D. Cryptology

A. Correct: Anthropology is the study of the development of the human race, its societies and cultures.

B. Wrong: Entomology is the study of insects, not of the development of the human race.

C. Wrong: Eugenics is concerned with improving human heredity by selective breeding, not the study of the development of the human race.

D. Wrong: Cryptology is the study of codes and ciphers, not of the development of the human race.

Question 7 General Science

What are the celestial bodies Ceres, Pallas, Juno and Vesta ?

- A. Constellations
- B. Stars
- C. Asteroids ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Constellations are patterns of stars in the sky; Ceres, Pallas, Juno and Vesta are not constellations.

B. Wrong: Stars are luminous bodies; Ceres, Pallas, Juno and Vesta are not stars.

C. Correct: Ceres, Pallas, Juno and Vesta are asteroids — the first four asteroids discovered, in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

D. Wrong: Galaxies are vast systems of stars; Ceres, Pallas, Juno and Vesta are small bodies of the solar system, not galaxies.

Question 8 Geography

How much percentage of world’s population lives in Asia?

- A. 57%
- B. 29%
- C. 60% ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 49%

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — about 60% of the world’s population lives in Asia.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — about 60% of the world’s population lives in Asia.

C. Correct: About 60% of the world’s population lives in Asia.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — about 60% of the world’s population lives in Asia.

Question 9 Pakistan Studies

What was Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi’s name before he converted to Islam?

- A. Shekhar Gupta
- B. Buta Singh Uppal ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Sugandh Singh Maan

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi's name before he converted to Islam was Buta Singh Uppal.

B. Correct: Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi was born Buta Singh Uppal before he converted to Islam.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi's name before he converted to Islam was Buta Singh Uppal.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi's name before he converted to Islam was Buta Singh Uppal.

Question 10 Computer

Which number system uses only the digits 0 and 1?

- A. Trigonometry
- B. Binary ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Euclid
- D. Supplementary

A. Wrong: Trigonometry is the study of triangles and angles, not a number system using only 0 and 1.

B. Correct: The binary number system uses only the digits 0 and 1.

C. Wrong: Euclid is a mathematician (geometry), not a number system.

D. Wrong: "Supplementary" describes angles that add up to 180 degrees, not a number system.

Question 11 Pakistan Studies

Full name of Hazrat Shahbaz Qalandar was?

- B. Hazrat Usman Marwandi ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hazrat Abu Ishaq Ashraf
- D. Hazrat Abu Murali

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the full name of Hazrat Shahbaz Qalandar was Hazrat Usman Marwandi.

B. Correct: The full name of Hazrat Shahbaz Qalandar (Lal Shahbaz Qalandar) was Hazrat Usman Marwandi.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the full name of Hazrat Shahbaz Qalandar was Hazrat Usman Marwandi.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the full name of Hazrat Shahbaz Qalandar was Hazrat Usman Marwandi.

Question 12 Economics

What percentage of foreign remittances comes from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf?

- A. 39% as of 2021 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. 68%
- C. 46%
- D. 56%

A. Correct: 39% as of 2021 — the printed key is kept: mcqsplanet and the Scribd compilation agree on A, and the figure matches the question's own dated source (PID July 2020: Saudi Arabia 29.7% + other GCC 10.7% = 40.4% for Saudi Arabia plus non-UAE Gulf).

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the verified figure is 39% as of 2021; the higher all-GCC share (about 55–60% including the UAE) reflects a broader reading of "the Gulf" and is not adopted.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the verified figure is 39% as of 2021.

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Question 13

Thar coal deposits are known to be ___

- A. 4th largest in the world
- B. 5th largest in the world
- C. 3rd largest in the world

No answer is given for this question, and none is taught. Partial recovery from the Scribd OCR of the official Type A paper: stem and options A–C as shown; option D and the key were not legible in the OCR and are NOT invented. Unblocker: a clean copy of the official Type A paper (page 1) showing Q13 with all four options and the key.

Question 14 Economics

How is Pakistan’s economy rated as currently?

- A. Semi-Industralialized
- B. Agronomy
- C. Developing ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Fully Controlled

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Pakistan’s economy is rated as a developing economy.

B. Wrong: Agronomy is the science of crop production, not a rating of an economy.

C. Correct: Pakistan’s economy is rated as a developing economy.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Pakistan’s economy is rated as a developing economy.

15 General Knowledge

What is meant by V.T.I?

- A. Vocational Trending Integration
- B. Vocational Trading Institute
- C. Vocational Teaching Institute
- D. Vocational Training Institute ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: V.T.I. stands for Vocational Training Institute, not Vocational Trending Integration.

B. Wrong: “Trading” is not the word — V.T.I. stands for Vocational Training Institute.

C. Wrong: “Teaching” is not the word — V.T.I. stands for Vocational Training Institute.

D. Correct: V.T.I. stands for Vocational Training Institute.

Question 16 Everyday Science

What does a Thermostat do?

- A. Switches off Electrical Appliance
- B. Measures Temperature
- C. Rotates Fans
- D. Regulation Temperature ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: A thermostat does not simply switch an electrical appliance off; it regulates temperature.

B. Wrong: Measuring temperature is a thermometer’s job; a thermostat regulates temperature.

C. Wrong: A thermostat does not rotate fans.

D. Correct: A thermostat regulates temperature — it keeps the temperature steady by switching heating or cooling on and off as needed.

17 Geography

Which country in Europe is nowhere higher than 570 feet above sea level?

- A. Holland
- B. Belgium
- C. Monaco
- D. Denmark ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Denmark is the country nowhere higher than 570 feet above sea level.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Denmark is the country nowhere higher than 570 feet above sea level.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Denmark is the country nowhere higher than 570 feet above sea level.

D. Correct: Denmark's highest point is below 570 feet above sea level, so no part of Denmark is higher than that.

Question 18 Economics

What is the primary hindrance in exports faced by Pakistan?

- A. Limited Destinations as of 2021 ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Low Standard
- C. Lack of Quality Control
- D. Lack of Investiments

A. Correct: The primary hindrance in exports faced by Pakistan is limited destinations (as of 2021).

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the primary hindrance is limited destinations.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the primary hindrance is limited destinations.

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Question 19 Biology

What is the common name for the condition myopia?

- A. Shortsightedness ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Double Vision
- C. Colour Blindness
- D. Weak Eye Nerve

A. Correct: Myopia is commonly called shortsightedness — distant objects appear blurred.

B. Wrong: Double vision is diplopia, not myopia.

C. Wrong: Colour blindness is the inability to distinguish colours, not myopia.

D. Wrong: Myopia is a refractive error (the eyeball is too long or the cornea too curved), not a weak eye nerve.

Question 20 Physics

While going towards the center of the earth, the weight of a body shall?

- A. Increase
- B. Decrease ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Remain Same
- D. Be Infinite

A. Wrong: Weight does not increase towards the centre of the earth; it decreases because gravity weakens with depth.

B. Correct: While going towards the centre of the earth, the weight of a body decreases — gravity falls to zero at the centre.

C. Wrong: Weight does not remain the same; it changes because the value of gravity

D. Wrong: Weight does not become infinite; it decreases towards zero at the centre of the earth.

Question 21 General Science

Which is the green house gas among the following?

- A. Carbon Dioxide
- B. Methane
- C. Nitrous Oxide
- D. All of these ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: As the sole answer: carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas, but so are methane and nitrous oxide, so “All of these” is the complete answer.

B. Wrong: As the sole answer: methane is a greenhouse gas, but so are carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, so “All of these” is the complete answer.

C. Wrong: As the sole answer: nitrous oxide is a greenhouse gas, but so are carbon dioxide and methane, so “All of these” is the complete answer.

D. Correct: Carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are all greenhouse gases, so “All of these” is correct.

Question 22 Biology

Which one is not a vestigial organ of human being?

- A. Appendix
- B. Coccys
- C. Eyelids ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. All of these

A. Wrong: As the answer: the appendix IS a vestigial organ, so it is not the one that is “not”

B. Wrong: As the answer: the coccyx (tailbone, printed “Coccys”) IS a vestigial organ, so it is not the one that is “not” vestigial.

C. Correct: Eyelids are functional — they protect and moisten the eye — so they are not vestigial organs.

D. Wrong: Not all of these are non-vestigial — the appendix and the coccyx are vestigial — so “All of these” cannot be the answer.

Question 23 Biology

Work of Pituitary gland in Human body?

- A. Controls Several other hormones glands ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Remove wastes and extra fluid
- C. Maintaining blood Pressure
- D. None of these

A. Correct: The pituitary gland is the “master gland” — it controls several other hormone glands.

B. Wrong: Removing wastes and extra fluid is the kidneys’ work, not the pituitary gland’s.

C. Wrong: Maintaining blood pressure is mainly the work of the heart, blood vessels and kidneys, not the pituitary gland’s primary work.

D. Wrong: Option A is correct, so “None of these” is wrong.

Question 24 Everyday Science

During winter in cold countries, the ___ is mixed to melt the ice on the ice roads?

- A. Salt ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Chorine

- D. Water

A. Correct: Salt is mixed (spread) on icy roads to melt the ice — it lowers the freezing point of water.

B. Wrong: Chlorine is a disinfectant chemical, not what is spread on roads to melt ice.

C. Wrong: Carbon dioxide is a gas, not something spread on roads to melt ice.

D. Wrong: Water would freeze on a cold road, not melt the ice.

Question 25 Biology

The lifespan of White Blood Cells is ___ ?

- A. 1-5 Days
- B. 3-7 Days
- C. 4-8 Days
- D. 5-21 Days ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the lifespan of white blood cells is 5–21 days.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the lifespan of white blood cells is 5–21 days.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the lifespan of white blood cells is 5–21 days.

D. Correct: The lifespan of white blood cells is 5–21 days.

Question 26 Current Affairs

Who bought bitcoin (Cryptocurrency) for $ 1.5 billion worth?

- A. Tesla ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Apple
- C. Amaon
- D. Alibaba

Tesla bought $1.5 billion worth of bitcoin (announced February 2021).

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Tesla bought the $1.5 billion worth of bitcoin.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Tesla bought the $1.5 billion worth of bitcoin.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Tesla bought the $1.5 billion worth of bitcoin.

Question 27 Current Affairs

___ became the first country in the world to start administrating its citizens with a fully trialled and tested Covid-19 vaccine?

- A. USA
- B. UAE
- C. Italy
- D. United Kingdom ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: The United Kingdom was first, not the USA.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the United Kingdom was the first country to start administering a fully trialled and tested Covid-19 vaccine.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the United Kingdom was the first country to start administering a fully trialled and tested Covid-19 vaccine.

D. Correct: The United Kingdom became the first country in the world to start administering its citizens with a fully trialled and tested Covid-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, December 2020).

Question 28 Computer

The World Wide Web was invented by?

- A. Time Berners-Lee ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Bon Kahn

- D. Bill Gates

A. Correct: The World Wide Web was invented by Tim Berners-Lee (printed “Time Berners-Lee” in the reproduction).

B. Wrong: Bob Kahn (printed “Bon Kahn”) co-designed TCP/IP; he did not invent the World Wide Web.

C. Wrong: Steve Jobs co-founded Apple; he did not invent the World Wide Web.

D. Wrong: Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft; he did not invent the World Wide Web.

Question 29 Geography

Which country is also called the Land of Midnight Sun?

- A. Japan
- B. Norway ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Netherlands
- D. South Africa

A. Wrong: Japan is the Land of the Rising Sun, not the Land of the Midnight Sun.

B. Correct: Norway is called the Land of the Midnight Sun — the sun does not set in summer above the Arctic Circle.

C. Wrong: The Netherlands is not called the Land of the Midnight Sun.

D. Wrong: South Africa is not called the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Question 30 Geography

Jeja Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Egypt

th Africa

- D. South Korea ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Jeju Island is not in Indonesia.

B. Wrong: Jeju Island is not in Egypt.

C. Wrong: Jeju Island is not in South Africa.

D. Correct: Jeju Island (printed “Jeja Island” in the reproduction; the Scribd OCR of the official paper reads “Jeju Island”), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in South Korea.

Question 31 General Knowledge

The name of Lebanon Parliament is:

- A. Majlis-al-Nuwwab ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Majlis Watani
- C. Majlis Oily
- D. Majlis Shora

A. Correct: The Parliament of Lebanon is called the Majlis al-Nuwwab (Chamber of Deputies).

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Lebanon’s parliament is the Majlis al-Nuwwab.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Lebanon’s parliament is the Majlis al-Nuwwab.

D. Wrong: Majlis al-Shura is the consultative council of Saudi Arabia, not the parliament of Lebanon.

Question 32 History

The war of independence of America was fought against?

- A. Britain ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Royal People of America

- D. Italy

A. Correct: The American War of Independence was fought against Britain (Great Britain).

B. Wrong: The war was fought against Britain, not against the “Royal People of America”.

C. Wrong: France was America’s ally in the War of Independence, not the enemy it was fought against.

D. Wrong: Italy was not the power America fought in the War of Independence.

Question 33 Economics

G-15 is an economic group of?

- A. Developing Countries ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Developed Countries
- C. Nonaligned Countries
- D. None of these

A. Correct: The G-15 is an economic group of developing countries.

B. Wrong: The G-15 is a group of developing countries, not developed countries.

C. Wrong: The Non-Aligned Movement is a different grouping; the G-15 is an economic group of developing countries.

D. Wrong: Option A is correct, so “None of these” is wrong.

Question 34 General Knowledge

Cathy Pacific is the Airline of?

- A. Italy
- B. Hong Kong ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. France

A. Wrong: Cathay Pacific is not Italy’s airline.

B. Correct: Cathay Pacific is the airline of Hong Kong.

C. Wrong: France’s flag carrier is Air France, not Cathay Pacific.

D. Wrong: Cathay Pacific is not Albania’s airline.

Question 35 Geography

Which country is called the “Buffer State of Asia”?

- A. Afghanistan ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Pakistan
- C. India
- D. China

A. Correct: Afghanistan is called the “Buffer State of Asia” — lying between the British and Russian empires in the 19th century.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Afghanistan is the “Buffer State of Asia”.

C. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Afghanistan is the “Buffer State of Asia”.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — Afghanistan is the “Buffer State of Asia”.

Question 36 Geography

“Golan Heights’ belongs to:

- A. Syria ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Lebanon
- C. Israel
- D. Palestine

The Golan Heights belongs to Syria — internationally recognised Syrian territory under Israeli occupation since 1967; UNSC Resolution 497 declared the 1981 annexation null and void (the printed key C “Israel” is corrected — see verification summary).

B. Wrong: The Golan Heights is Syrian territory, not Lebanese territory.

C. Wrong: Israel occupies the Golan Heights and annexed it in 1981, but the annexation was declared null and void by UNSC Resolution 497; the Golan is internationally recognised as Syrian territory.

D. Wrong: The Golan Heights is Syrian territory, not Palestinian territory.

Question 37 General Knowledge

The oldest Monarchy In the world is?

- A. Nepal
- B. Japan ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Britain
- D. Saudi Arabia

A. Wrong: Nepal’s monarchy ended in 2008, so it is not the oldest monarchy in the world.

B. Correct: Japan has the oldest monarchy in the world (the Imperial House, traditionally dated to 660 BC).

C. Wrong: The British monarchy is old, but it is not the oldest — Japan’s monarchy is older.

D. Wrong: The Saudi monarchy dates to the 18th/20th century, far younger than Japan’s monarchy.

Question 38 Geography

Which is the greatest archipelago on the globe?

- B. West Indies
- C. Philippines
- D. Indonesia ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Japan is an archipelago, but it is not the greatest archipelago on the globe.

B. Wrong: The West Indies is an archipelago, but it is smaller than Indonesia's.

C. Wrong: The Philippines is an archipelago, but it is smaller than Indonesia's.

D. Correct: Indonesia is the greatest (largest) archipelago on the globe.

Question 39 General Knowledge

Interpol has its headquarters at:

- A. London
- B. The Huge
- C. Geneva
- D. Lyon ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Interpol's headquarters is not in London.

B. Wrong: "The Huge" is the reproduction's spelling of The Hague, which is not Interpol's headquarters.

C. Wrong: Geneva hosts many international bodies, but Interpol's headquarters is in Lyon.

D. Correct: Interpol (the International Criminal Police Organization) has its headquarters in Lyon, France.

Question 40 History

The Indus Valley Civilization flourished during:

- A. 5000-3500 BC

0-1500 BC

- C. 2500-1500 BC ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. 1500-500 BC

A. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the Indus Valley Civilization flourished during 2500–1500 BC.

B. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the period asked for is 2500–1500 BC.

C. Correct: The Indus Valley Civilization flourished during 2500–1500 BC.

D. Wrong: Not the verified answer — the Indus Valley Civilization flourished during 2500–1500 BC.

Question 41 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym of Vituperate is:

- A. Abuse ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Appreciate
- C. Copy
- D. Encourage

A. Correct: “Vituperate” means to abuse or revile — to criticise harshly.

B. Wrong: Appreciate is the opposite of vituperate.

C. Wrong: Copy has nothing to do with vituperate.

D. Wrong: Encourage is the opposite of vituperate.

Question 42 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym Precarious is?

- A. Safe
- B. Brittle

lous ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. None of these

A. Wrong: Safe is the opposite of precarious.

B. Wrong: Brittle means easily broken, not precarious (dangerously insecure).

C. Correct: “Precarious” means dangerously insecure or unstable — perilous.

D. Wrong: Option C is correct, so “None of these” is wrong.

Question 43 English (Vocabulary)

The synonym of Snollygoster is

- A. Ungincipted Politician ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sneak
- C. Garrulous
- D. None of these

A. Correct: A snollygoster is an unprincipled politician — Merriam-Webster: “a shrewd, unprincipled person, especially a politician”; Collins: “a politician who cares more for personal gain than serving the people”. The option as printed reads “Ungincipted Politician”, a typo for “Unprincipled politician” confirmed by the Scribd OCR of the official paper (the printed key B “Sneak” is corrected — see verification summary).

B. Wrong: A sneak is someone who moves or acts secretly; a snollygoster is specifically an unprincipled politician.

C. Wrong: Garrulous means excessively talkative, not a snollygoster.

D. Wrong: Option A is correct, so “None of these” is wrong.

Question 44 English (Vocabulary)

Synonym of Cajole is___?

tery ✓ Correct answer

- B. Embezzle
- C. Knowledge
- D. Satiate

A. Correct: To cajole is to persuade by flattery — to coax someone with insincere praise.

B. Wrong: Embezzle means to steal money entrusted to one, not to cajole.

C. Wrong: Knowledge has nothing to do with cajole.

D. Wrong: Satiate means to satisfy a hunger or desire fully, not to cajole.

Question 45 English (Vocabulary)

Antonym of Doleful is ___?

- A. Vivacious ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Witty
- C. Empty
- D. Full

A. Correct: Doleful means sorrowful; its antonym is vivacious (lively and cheerful).

B. Wrong: Witty means cleverly funny — not the opposite of doleful.

C. Wrong: Empty is not the opposite of doleful.

D. Wrong: Full is not the opposite of doleful.

Question 46 English (Vocabulary)

Antonym of Quiescent is ___?

- A. Asleep
- B. Active ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Deactivated

A. Wrong: Being asleep is a state of rest, close in meaning to quiescent, not its opposite.

B. Correct: Quiescent means inactive or at rest; its antonym is active.

C. Wrong: Deactivated means switched off — closer to inactive than to the opposite of quiescent.

D. Wrong: Fallow means inactive or uncultivated — close to quiescent, not its opposite.

Question 47 English (Vocabulary)

Antonym of Ostentatious is ___?

- A. Awkward
- B. Banker
- C. Ignorant
- D. Unpretentious ✓ **Correct answer**

A. Wrong: Awkward means clumsy or embarrassed, not the opposite of ostentatious.

B. Wrong: Banker is a profession, not the opposite of ostentatious.

C. Wrong: Ignorant means lacking knowledge, not the opposite of ostentatious.

D. Correct: Ostentatious means showy and pretentious; its antonym is unpretentious (modest, not showy).

Question 48 English (Vocabulary)

Antonym of Gorgeous is ___?

- A. Desperate
- B. Plain ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Fashionable
- D. Sumptuous

A. Wrong: Desperate means hopeless or reckless, not the opposite of gorgeous.

B. Correct: Gorgeous means beautiful and splendid; its antonym is plain.

C. Wrong: Fashionable is close in meaning to gorgeous (stylish), not its opposite.

D. Wrong: Sumptuous means splendid and costly — close to gorgeous, not its opposite.

Question 49 English (Idiom)

The Idiom "To get cold feet" meaning:

- A. To run for Life
- B. To be Afraid ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. To fall sick
- D. To become

A. Wrong: "To get cold feet" means to lose one's nerve, not to run for life.

B. Correct: The idiom "to get cold feet" means to be afraid — to lose courage just before doing something.

C. Wrong: The idiom has nothing to do with falling sick.

D. Wrong: "To become" is an incomplete phrase and not the meaning of the idiom.

Question 50 English (Idiom)

The Idiom "A Fool's errand" means:

- A. An Impossible task
- B. A useless Undertaking
- C. Both A&B ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. A Blunder

A. Wrong: As the sole answer: a fool's errand can mean an impossible task, but it also means a useless undertaking, so "Both A&B" is the complete answer.

s the sole answer: a fool's errand can mean a useless undertaking, but it also means an impossible task, so "Both A&B" is the complete answer.

C. Correct: "A fool's errand" means both an impossible task and a useless undertaking, so "Both A&B" is correct.

D. Wrong: A blunder is a careless mistake, not a fool's errand.

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