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Q1

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

In which of the following countries Special Equity Courts exist?

A America

B England ✓ Correct Answer

C Pakistan

D India

EXPLANATION

Equity Courts originated from the English Court of Chancery, which developed a separate system of equity alongside common law.

Q2

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

"The Politics" is considered as the first book on the art of government, identify the author:

A Socrates

B Plato

C Aristotle ✓ Correct Answer

D Adam Smith

EXPLANATION

Aristotle wrote "Politics", widely regarded as one of the earliest systematic works on government and political theory.

Q3**SPORTS****"Thomas Cup" is given for the game:****A** Lawn Tennis**B** Table Tennis**C** Badminton ✓ Correct Answer**D** None of these**EXPLANATION**

The Thomas Cup is the premier international men's team badminton championship, held since 1949.

Q4**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****The Nobel Prize for Peace is given in the city of:****A** Stockholm**B** Oslo ✓ Correct Answer**C** Brussels**D** Copenhagen**EXPLANATION**

Per Alfred Nobel's will, the Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway, while all other Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden.

Q5**GEOGRAPHY****Identify the world's largest "Peninsula":****A** Alaska**B** Scandinavia**C** Arabia ✓ **Correct Answer****D** Labrador**EXPLANATION**

The Arabian Peninsula, covering about 3.2 million sq km, is the largest peninsula in the world.

Q6**GEOGRAPHY****What is the length of the "Great Wall of China"?****A** 2400 km**B** 2600 km**C** 3200 km ✓ **Correct Answer****D** 3400 km**EXPLANATION**

The main Great Wall of China is traditionally cited as approximately 3,200 km long (total length with all branches exceeds 21,000 km).

Q7**BIOLOGY****Which is the largest gland in the human body?****A** Pancreas**B** Lachrymal**C** Liver ✓ Correct Answer**D** Sweat Glands**EXPLANATION**

The liver is the largest gland in the human body, weighing about 1.5 kg in adults.

Q8**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Who is the founder of "Scout Movement"?****A** Robert Baden Powell ✓ Correct Answer**B** E. O. Lawrence**C** Maccollins**D** Nicoba Tesla**EXPLANATION**

Robert Baden-Powell founded the Scout Movement in 1907 in the United Kingdom.

Q9**WORLD AFFAIRS****Which group of the following countries are not members of UN?**

- A** Laos, Madagascar, Dominica
- B** Monaco, San Marino, Dominica
- C** Burundi, Cape Verde, Switzerland

D All are members ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

All the countries listed (including Switzerland, which joined in 2002, and Monaco/San Marino, which joined in the 1990s) are current UN member states.

Q10**GEOGRAPHY****International "Date Line" is located on:**

- A** 180° Latitude
- B** 180° Longitude ✓ Correct Answer
- C** 90° Latitude
- D** 90° Longitude

EXPLANATION

The International Date Line roughly follows the 180° meridian of longitude in the Pacific Ocean.

Q11**PAKISTAN AFFAIRS**

The first Pakistani who became the judge of "International Court of Justice" was:

- A** Durab Patel
- B** M.R. Kiani
- C** Sir Zafarullah Khan ✓ **Correct Answer**
- D** None of above

EXPLANATION

Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan served as a judge of the ICJ (1954-1961, 1964-1973) and became its President in 1970 - the only Pakistani to hold that post.

Q12**WORLD AFFAIRS**

The UN Security Council consists of:

- A** 5 members
- B** 11 members
- C** 15 members ✓ **Correct Answer**
- D** 20 members

EXPLANATION

The UN Security Council has 15 members: 5 permanent (China, France, Russia, UK, USA) and 10 non-permanent members.

Q13**GEOGRAPHY****The Suez Canal connects:**

- A** Indian Ocean and Pacific
- B** Atlantic and South China Sea
- C** Black Sea and the Mediterranean

D **Mediterranean and the Red Sea** ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

The Suez Canal in Egypt links the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea, providing a shortcut between Europe and Asia.

Q14**WORLD AFFAIRS****The headquarters of the "Asian Development Bank" is at:**

- A** Jakarta
- B** Tokyo
- C** Kuala Lumpur

D **Manila** ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has its headquarters in Manila, Philippines.

Q15**GEOGRAPHY****Which Strait separates India from Sri Lanka?****A** the Palk Strait ✓ Correct Answer**B** Malacca Strait**C** Strait of Hormuz**D** None of these**EXPLANATION**

The Palk Strait, between Tamil Nadu (India) and northern Sri Lanka, separates the two countries.

Q16**COMPUTER SCIENCE****The Digital Computer operates on:****A** Binary system ✓ Correct Answer**B** Octal system**C** Hexadecimal system**D** Decimal system**EXPLANATION**

Digital computers process data using the binary number system (0s and 1s).

The Constitution of Pakistan 1973, can be amended:

- A** With the simple majority vote in the two houses of parliament
- B** With two-third majority in the National Assembly and a simple majority of the Senate
- C** **With two-third majority of both houses of parliament ✓ Correct Answer**
- D** With the approval of Provincial Legislatures

EXPLANATION

Article 239 of the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority in both the National Assembly and the Senate to pass a constitutional amendment.

Identify "Software" in computer technology:

- A** Physical equipment
- B** **Collection of programmes ✓ Correct Answer**
- C** Graphical representation
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Software refers to the collection of programs, procedures and data that instruct a computer's hardware on what to do.

Q19**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****"Disarmament" conveys the meaning:**

- A** Reduction of armaments
- B** Abandonment of armaments
- C** Reduction of armed forces
- D** All of these ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

Disarmament broadly covers the reduction, limitation or abandonment of weapons and armed forces, so all three descriptions apply.

Q20**BIOLOGY****The number of chromosomes present in a man, including the two (X&Y;), which determine the sex of an organism are:**

- A** 23
- B** 26
- C** 46 ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

Humans have 46 chromosomes (23 pairs), including one pair of sex chromosomes (XY in males, XX in females).

An ordinance promulgated by the President of Pakistan stands repealed at the expiration of:

A Three months

B Four months ✓ Correct Answer

C Six months

D Nine months

EXPLANATION

Under Article 89 of the Constitution, a Presidential Ordinance stands repealed at the expiration of 120 days (four months) unless earlier disapproved or extended by the National Assembly.

No person shall be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan unless he has been a judge of a High Court for a period of:

A Five years ✓ Correct Answer

B Seven years

C Nine years

D Fifteen years

EXPLANATION

Article 177 requires a person to have been a High Court judge for at least five years (or an advocate of a High Court for 15 years) to qualify for the Supreme Court.

What is the function of Internet?

- A** To receive e-mail
- B** To advertise commercial products
- C** To connect one computer to another
- D** All of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The Internet is used for e-mail, commercial advertising, and connecting computers worldwide, so all functions listed apply.

What do you understand by the term "Kerb" in foreign currency dealings?

- A** The exchange rate of currencies in the open market ✓ Correct Answer
- B** The exchange rate of currencies determined by the State Bank of Pakistan
- C** All sorts of monetary dealings within the stock exchange
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

"Kerb" or "kerb market" refers to informal, open-market trading of currency outside official exchange hours/rates.

Q25**PAKISTAN AFFAIRS**

In Pakistan, Ushr began to be collected from the:

- A** Rabi crop of 1982-83
- B** Kharif crop of 1981-82
- C** Rabi crop of 1983-84 ✓ Correct Answer
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Ushr was introduced under the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance 1980, with actual collection beginning from the Rabi crop of 1983-84.

Q26**PAKISTAN AFFAIRS**

When third martial law was lifted?

- A** Dec 28, 1985
- B** Dec 29, 1985
- C** Dec 31, 1985
- D** Dec 30, 1985 ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

General Zia-ul-Haq lifted martial law in Pakistan on 30 December 1985.

President Zia, after execution of Z.A. Bhutto, found it difficult to control the province of:

- A** Punjab
- B** Sindh ✓ **Correct Answer**
- C** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- D** Baluchistan

EXPLANATION

Bhutto's execution triggered severe unrest and the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), which was strongest in Sindh.

Which political party launched an offensive against Zia?

- A** Muslim League
- B** PPP ✓ **Correct Answer**
- C** Awami Party
- D** ANP

EXPLANATION

The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) led the MRD movement against General Zia's military regime.

Q29**GEOGRAPHY/SCIENCE****Quartzite is metamorphosed from:****A** Limestone**B** Obsidian**C** Sandstone ✓ Correct Answer**D** Shale**EXPLANATION**

Quartzite is a metamorphic rock formed from the recrystallization of sandstone under heat and pressure.

Q30**BIOLOGY****Which of the following cell organelles plays the most significant role in protein synthesis?****A** Lysosome and Centrosome**B** Endoplasmic reticulum and Ribosome ✓ Correct Answer**C** Golgi apparatus and Mitochondria**D** Lysosome and Mitochondria**EXPLANATION**

Ribosomes (often attached to the rough endoplasmic reticulum) are the sites of protein synthesis in the cell.

Q31**SPORTS**

The term "16 yards hit" is associated with:

A Badminton

B Baseball

C Polo

D Hockey ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The "16-yard hit" is a restart used in field hockey, taken by the defending team from 16 yards out.

Q32**BIOLOGY**

Which of the following animals can hear ultrasonic sound?

A Cat

B Rat

C Bat ✓ Correct Answer

D Squirrel

EXPLANATION

Bats use ultrasonic echolocation and can hear frequencies far beyond the range of human hearing.

Q33**COMPUTER SCIENCE****Who is the founder of Wikipedia?****A** Jimmy Wales ✓ Correct Answer**B** Rowne Descartes**C** Bill Gates**D** None of the above**EXPLANATION**

Jimmy Wales co-founded Wikipedia in 2001 along with Larry Sanger.

Q34**SCIENCE****A mobile phone sends and receives messages through:****A** Sound waves**B** Micro waves**C** U/V waves**D** Radio waves ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

Mobile phones communicate using radio waves transmitted between the handset and nearby cell towers.

Muslim Students Federation (MSF) was established in 1937 by:

A Abdur Rab Nishtar

B Raja Sahib of Mehmud Abad ✓ Correct Answer

C Raja Gazanfir Ali

D Sir Agha Khan

EXPLANATION

The Muslim Students Federation was founded in 1937 under the patronage of Raja Sahib of Mehmudabad, a close associate of the All-India Muslim League.

Name the person who presented 'Chenab Formula' to resolve the Kashmir dispute:

A Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan ✓ Correct Answer

B Ali Shah Gilani

C Barrister Sultan Mahmood

D None of the above

EXPLANATION

The Chenab Formula, proposing the Chenab river as a dividing line for Kashmir, is credited to Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan.

Q37**HISTORY****Who introduced the principle of the Doctrine of Lapse?****A**

Clive

B

Cornwallis

C

Hastings

D**Dalhousie ✓ Correct Answer****EXPLANATION**

Lord Dalhousie, Governor-General of India, introduced the Doctrine of Lapse to annex princely states without a natural heir.

Q38**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Dome of Rock is located in:****A****Jerusalem ✓ Correct Answer****B**

Lebanon

C

Jordan

D

Iraq

EXPLANATION

The Dome of the Rock is an Islamic shrine located on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Q39**COMPUTER SCIENCE****SIM stands for:**

- A** Single in-line Module
- B** Single in-line Memory
- C** **Subscriber identity Module** ✓ **Correct Answer**
- D** Subscriber identity Memory

EXPLANATION

SIM stands for Subscriber Identity Module, the chip that identifies a subscriber on a mobile network.

Q40**SCIENCE****Which gas is used in electric bulb?**

- A** **Nitrogen** ✓ **Correct Answer**
- B** Hydrogen
- C** Carbon dioxide
- D** Chlorine

EXPLANATION

Incandescent bulbs are typically filled with an inert gas such as nitrogen (or argon) to prevent the filament from oxidizing.

Q41**GEOGRAPHY**

The wonder of the world 'Taj Mahal' (Agra) is situated in the Indian state:

A Uttar Pradesh ✓ Correct Answer

B Himachal Pradesh

C Madhya Pradesh

D None of them

EXPLANATION

The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh.

Q42**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Greenwich Mean Time was established in:

A 1864

B 1880

C 1884 ✓ Correct Answer

D 1892

EXPLANATION

GMT was established as an international standard at the International Meridian Conference held in Washington in 1884.

Q43**PAKISTAN AFFAIRS**

The number of amendments in Pakistan's constitution are:

A 13

B 14

C 17 ✓ **Correct Answer**

D 19

EXPLANATION

As of this paper's timeframe (2003-04), the Constitution had been amended 17 times (the 17th Amendment was passed in 2003).

Q44**HISTORY**

The Magna Carta was signed by King John on:

A 15th June 1215 ✓ **Correct Answer**

B 15th August 1225

C 15th June 1235

D None of above

EXPLANATION

King John of England signed the Magna Carta on 15 June 1215 at Runnymede.

Q45**HISTORY**

The Bolshevik Revolution is associated with:

A France

B Germany

C Russia ✓ Correct Answer

D England

EXPLANATION

The Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 took place in Russia, led by Vladimir Lenin.

Q46**GEOGRAPHY**

Name the country through which the equator passes:

A Indonesia ✓ Correct Answer

B China

C Malta

D Pakistan

EXPLANATION

The equator passes through Indonesia (as well as several other countries such as Brazil, Kenya, and Ecuador).

Q47**SCIENCE****Who first pioneered the idea of a blood bank?**

- A** Booker T. Washington
- B** George Washington Carver
- C** Jonas Salk
- D** **Charles Drew** ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

Dr. Charles Drew pioneered techniques for blood storage and organized the first large-scale blood bank systems.

Q48**WORLD AFFAIRS****Which of the following countries became the last member of UNO?**

- A** Kosovo
- B** East Timor
- C** Montenegro
- D** **South Sudan** ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

South Sudan became the most recent country to join the United Nations, admitted on 14 July 2011.

Q49

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

"Decision Points" Book is written by:**A** Barack Obama**B** George W Bush ✓ Correct Answer**C** Asif Ali Zardari**D** Al Gore**EXPLANATION**

"Decision Points" is the 2010 memoir written by former U.S. President George W. Bush.

Q50

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Which of the following is the oldest Parliament of the world?**A** National congress**B** National Assembly**C** Bondesrat**D** Althing ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

Iceland's Althing, established in 930 AD, is widely regarded as the world's oldest surviving parliament.

Q51**ECONOMICS****Who is the largest shareholder of the World Bank?****A** Japan**B** Germany**C** USA ✓ Correct Answer**D** United Kingdom**EXPLANATION**

The United States is the largest shareholder of the World Bank, giving it the most voting power.

Q52**WORLD AFFAIRS****Headquarter of the World Bank is located in:****A** Geneva**B** Washington DC ✓ Correct Answer**C** London**D** New York**EXPLANATION**

The World Bank's headquarters are located in Washington, D.C., USA.

Q53**GEOGRAPHY****The new name of British Guiana is:****A** Tuvalu**B** Greenland**C** **Guyana** ✓ **Correct Answer****D** Gold Coast**EXPLANATION**

British Guiana was renamed Guyana upon gaining independence from Britain in 1966.

Q54**GEOGRAPHY****Cambodia is the new name of:****A** Formosa**B** **Kampuchea** ✓ **Correct Answer****C** Nyasaland**D** Manchukuo**EXPLANATION**

Cambodia was formerly known as Kampuchea (notably during the Khmer Rouge era as "Democratic Kampuchea").

Q55**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Religion Shintoism is followed in which of the following countries?

A China

B Thailand

C Japan ✓ Correct Answer

D Nepal

EXPLANATION

Shinto is the indigenous religion of Japan.

Q56**WORLD AFFAIRS**

The headquarters of "FAO" is in:

A Geneva

B Rome ✓ Correct Answer

C London

D Paris

EXPLANATION

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

Q57**HISTORY**

Who among the following rulers fought the fourth Anglo-Mysore war in which he was killed?

A The Nizam

B Aurangzeb

C Tipu Sultan ✓ **Correct Answer**

D Shivaji

EXPLANATION

Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore, was killed in 1799 during the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War at the Siege of Seringapatam.

Q58**HISTORY**

The earliest Surat factories were established by the:

A Portuguese

B Dutch

C English ✓ **Correct Answer**

D French

EXPLANATION

The British East India Company established its first factory (trading post) at Surat in 1612.

Name the longest tunnel which has been under construction for a long period:

A Khojack Tunnel

B Kachura Tunnel

C Lawari Tunnel ✓ Correct Answer

D Chiantar Tunnel

EXPLANATION

The Lowari (Lawari) Tunnel in Chitral, Pakistan, was under construction for decades due to funding and engineering delays before its completion.

Name the Province which has the longest coastline:

A Balochistan ✓ Correct Answer

B Sindh

C Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Balochistan has Pakistan's longest coastline, stretching roughly 750 km along the Arabian Sea.

The Governor George Cunningham directed by the Government of Pakistan to dismiss the NWFP Congress Ministry headed by Khan Sahib on:

A 22nd August, 1947 ✓ Correct Answer

B 14th August 1948

C 3rd July 1949

D 15th August 1947

EXPLANATION

Dr. Khan Sahib's Congress ministry in NWFP was dismissed by Governor Sir George Cunningham on 22 August 1947, shortly after independence.

The person who was invited to form the NWFP Government after dismissal of the Congress Ministry headed by Khan Sahib was:

A NWFP Muslim League head, Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan ✓ Correct Answer

B NWFP Muslim League head, Wali Khan

C NWFP Muslim League head, Nasrullah Khan Babar

D None of the above

EXPLANATION

Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, head of the NWFP Muslim League, was invited to form the government after the Congress ministry's dismissal.

Q63**PAKISTAN AFFAIRS**

The first person appointed as Head of the Pakistani delegation to the UN on 13th September, 1947:

- A** Mrs. Tasadduq Hussain
- B** Begum Rana Liaquat Ali Khan
- C** Fatima Jinnah
- D** None of the above ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The first head of Pakistan's delegation to the UN General Assembly (October 1947) was Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan, who is not among the given options.

Q64**PAKISTAN AFFAIRS**

The first US ambassador to Pakistan was:

- A** Stephen Cohen
- B** George Bush
- C** Paul H. Alling (assumed charge on 23rd September, 1947) ✓ Correct Answer
- D** None of the above

EXPLANATION

Paul H. Alling served as the first U.S. envoy to Pakistan, assuming charge shortly after independence in 1947.

Q65**MATHEMATICS**

A man buys shirts at Rs.80 each and sells them at Rs.100 each. What percentage of profit does he make on the sale of each shirt?

A 28%**B** 40%**C** 25% ✓ Correct Answer**D** 80%**EXPLANATION**

$\text{Profit} = 100 - 80 = 20$. $\text{Profit \%} = 20/80 \times 100 = 25\%$.

Q66**MATHEMATICS**

A steel rod has a diameter of 2.25cm. Its diameter in millimeter is:

A 22.5mm ✓ Correct Answer**B** 0.25min**C** 0.46mm**D** 0.49m**EXPLANATION**

$1 \text{ cm} = 10 \text{ mm}$, so $2.25 \text{ cm} = 22.5 \text{ mm}$.

Q67**MATHEMATICS**

The original price of a perfume is Rs.250. The discount allowed is 25% on sale. What is the sale price?

A 187.5 Rs ✓ Correct Answer

B 210 Rs

C 1870 Rs

D 130 Rs

EXPLANATION

Sale price = 250 - (25% of 250) = 250 - 62.5 = 187.5 Rs.

Q68**MATHEMATICS**

The original price of a gift pack is 80 Rs. A discount of 15% is allowed in the shop. What is the sale price?

A 65 Rs

B 68 Rs ✓ Correct Answer

C 61 Rs

D 50 Rs

EXPLANATION

Sale price = 80 - (15% of 80) = 80 - 12 = 68 Rs.

Q69**MATHEMATICS**

A man buys calculators at Rs.120 each and sells them at Rs.150 each. What percentage of profit does he make on the sale of each calculator?

A 50%**B** 30%**C** 10%**D** 25% ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

Profit = 150 - 120 = 30. Profit % = $30/120 \times 100 = 25\%$.

Q70**MATHEMATICS**

Two cyclists start biking from a trail's start 3 hours apart. The second cyclist travels at 10 miles per hour and starts 3 hours after the first cyclist, who is traveling at 6 miles per hour. How much time will pass before the second cyclist catches up with the first, from the time the second cyclist started biking?

A 2 hours**B** 4 1/2 hours ✓ Correct Answer**C** 5 3/4 hours**D** 6 hours**EXPLANATION**

Head start distance = $3 \times 6 = 18$ miles. Relative speed = $10 - 6 = 4$ mph. Time to catch up = $18/4 = 4.5$ hours.

Q71**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****PRESSED****A** Stressed**B** Urged ✓ Correct Answer**C** Demanded**D** Emphasised**EXPLANATION**

"Pressed" (as in pressed him to accept) is closest in meaning to "urged" - to strongly encourage someone toward an action.

Q72**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****PROMULGATE****A** Promote**B** Proclaim ✓ Correct Answer**C** Inform**D** Enforce**EXPLANATION**

"Promulgate" means to formally proclaim or put a law into effect.

Q73**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****INSIDIOUS****A** Treacherous ✓ Correct Answer**B** Slow**C** Pessimistic**D** Unfortunate**EXPLANATION**

"Insidious" describes something that is harmful in a gradual, deceptive way - closest to "treacherous."

Q74**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****UBIQUITOUS****A** Inescapable ✓ Correct Answer**B** Crowded**C** Solitary**D** Defensive**EXPLANATION**

"Ubiquitous" means present or found everywhere, closest in sense to "inescapable."

Q75**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****WILT****A** Collapse ✓ Correct Answer**B** Strike**C** Challenge**D** Warn**EXPLANATION**

"Wilt" means to become limp or lose vigor/freshness - closest to "collapse."

Q76**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****TACITURNITY****A** Violence**B** Insolence**C** Prudence**D** Silence ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

"Taciturnity" refers to a disposition to be reserved and uncommunicative - i.e., silence.

Q77**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****INGENUOUS****A** Active**B** Frank ✓ Correct Answer**C** Skilful**D** Smart**EXPLANATION**

"Ingenuous" means innocent, open, and candid - closest to "frank."

Q78**VOCABULARY (SYNONYMS)****HANDSOME****A** Good-looking ✓ Correct Answer**B** Noble**C** Gentle**D** Polite**EXPLANATION**

"Handsome" most directly means good-looking or attractive in appearance.

Q79**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

An enquiry was ordered to ascertain the actual cause of the accident.

A discover

B investigate

C determine ✓ **Correct Answer**

D prove

EXPLANATION

"Ascertain" means to find out or establish something with certainty - closest to "determine."

Q80**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

Whatever the verdict of history may be, Chaplin will occupy a unique plate in its pages.

A prediction

B outcome

C judgment ✓ **Correct Answer**

D voice

EXPLANATION

"Verdict" refers to a formal decision or judgment.

Q81**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

Miss Universe pageant was really worth seeing.

A contest ✓ Correct Answer

B show

C function

D carnival

EXPLANATION

A "pageant" in this context refers to a beauty contest/competition.

Q82**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

Shazia painted some delightful pictures of children.

A funny

B colourful

C charming ✓ Correct Answer

D happy

EXPLANATION

"Delightful" means highly pleasing or charming.

Q83**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

He did not make any attempt to placate her.

A please

B pacify ✓ Correct Answer

C serve

D satisfy

EXPLANATION

"Placate" means to calm or soothe someone's anger - closest to "pacify."

Q84**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

The actor with many graces leaves the stage and becomes only a memory in a world of happy memories.

A delicacies

B tam

C charms ✓ Correct Answer

D gestures

EXPLANATION

"Graces" here refers to the actor's charming qualities - closest to "charms."

Q85**VOCABULARY (CLOSEST MEANING)**

During negotiations, the Managing Director remained obdurate.

A adamant ✓ Correct Answer

B tough

C co-operative

D flexible

EXPLANATION

"Obdurate" means stubbornly refusing to change one's mind - closest to "adamant."

Q86**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)**

ILLUSTRIOUS

A Uneducated

B Unintelligent

C Uncivilised

D Unknown ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

"Illustrious" means famous and distinguished; its opposite is "unknown" (obscure).

Q87**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****ENCOURAGE****A** Warn**B** Disapprove**C** Dampen**D** Discourage ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

The direct opposite of "encourage" is "discourage."

Q88**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****INNOCENCE****A** Crime**B** Guilt ✓ Correct Answer**C** Mischief**D** Sin**EXPLANATION**

The opposite of "innocence" is "guilt."

Q89**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****DIABOLIC****A** Patient**B** Generous**C** Kind ✓ **Correct Answer****D** Simple**EXPLANATION**

"Diabolic" means evil or devilish; its opposite is "kind."

Q90**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****PASTEL****A** Urban**B** Bright ✓ **Correct Answer****C** Delicate**D** Sweet**EXPLANATION**

"Pastel" refers to soft, pale colours; its opposite is "bright" (bold, vivid colours).

Q91**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****LETHAL****A** Safe ✓ Correct Answer**B** Playful**C** Virulent**D** Forgiving**EXPLANATION***"Lethal" means deadly; its opposite is "safe."***Q92****VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****FRUGAL****A** Gaudy**B** Generous**C** Extravagant ✓ Correct Answer**D** Charitable**EXPLANATION***"Frugal" means economical and thrifty; its opposite is "extravagant."*

Q93**VOCABULARY (ANTONYMS)****JUSTIFY****A** Absolve**B** Infuriate**C** Accuse ✓ Correct Answer**D** Vindicate**EXPLANATION**

"Justify" means to show something to be reasonable or right; its opposite is "accuse" (to blame).

Q94**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

I know you would have to prolong your tour; but still I advise you to complete this job also.

A Restrain**B** curtail ✓ Correct Answer**C** Hinder**D** obstruct**EXPLANATION**

The opposite of "prolong" (extend) is "curtail" (shorten).

Q95**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

He found an ancient statue in the village.

A Fresh

B new ✓ **Correct Answer**

C Recent

D Refreshed

EXPLANATION

The opposite of "ancient" (very old) is "new."

Q96**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

His knowledge of the subject is quite extensive.

A Ordinary

B little

C Limited ✓ **Correct Answer**

D restricted

EXPLANATION

The opposite of "extensive" (broad/wide-ranging) is "limited."

Q97**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

He abdicated his post of his own accord.

A **Acquired** ✓ **Correct Answer**

B inherited

C Seized

D usurped

EXPLANATION

The opposite of "abdicated" (gave up) is "acquired" (took up/obtained).

Q98**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

This is a trivial matter.

A Difficult

B easy

C Small

D **important** ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

The opposite of "trivial" (unimportant) is "important."

Q99**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

Elephants, when they go wild, ought to be killed.

A Tame ✓ Correct Answer

B meek

C Mild

D domestic

EXPLANATION

The opposite of "wild" is "tame."

Q100**VOCABULARY (OPPOSITE MEANING)**

Her coming to this place tomorrow is definite.

A Doubtful ✓ Correct Answer

B regrettable

C Questionable

D unpredictable

EXPLANATION

The opposite of "definite" (certain) is "doubtful."