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1 **In which Surah of the Holy Quran is there a mention of Zulqarnain?**

- **(A)** Al-Anbiya
- **(B) Al-Kahf** ✓
- **(C)** Al-Mujadala
- **(D)** None of these

★ Correct Answer: (B) Al-Kahf

> **Explanation:** The story of Zulqarnain is narrated in detail in Surah Al-Kahf (Chapter 18) of the Holy Quran.

2 **In 1958, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto joined the Government as the youngest Cabinet Minister. What portfolio was given to him?**

- **(A)** Foreign Minister
- **(B) Commerce Minister** ✓
- **(C)** Minister for Water and Power
- **(D)** Interior Minister

★ Correct Answer: (B) Commerce Minister

> **Explanation:** Bhutto was inducted into Ayub Khan's cabinet in 1958 as Minister of Commerce, becoming the youngest-ever federal minister at the time.

3 **Sindh was separated from Bombay Presidency in:**

(A) 1919

(B) 1925

(C) 1936 ✓

(D) 1937

★ **Correct Answer: (C) 1936**

Explanation: Sindh was formally separated from the Bombay Presidency and made a separate province on 1 April 1936.

4 **Which member state of SAARC is a monarchy?**

(A) Nepal

(B) Maldives

(C) Bhutan ✓

(D) None of these

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Bhutan**

Explanation: Bhutan is a constitutional monarchy. Nepal abolished its monarchy in 2008 and is now a federal republic.

5 **Which Pakistani film was Faiz Ahmad Faiz associated with as writer of its screenplay?**

(A) Zarqa

(B) Beyond the Last Mountain

(C) Bedaari

(D) Jago Hua Savera ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Jago Hua Savera**

Explanation: Faiz Ahmad Faiz wrote the story/dialogue for the acclaimed 1959 film 'Jago Hua Savera', directed by A. J. Kardar.

6 **Fill in the blank: "A baby lives ___ milk."**

(A) By	**(B)** At
(C) For	**(D) On** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) On**

> **Explanation:** The correct preposition for subsisting on food is 'on' — "A baby lives on milk."

7 **A reduction of 20 percent in the price of oranges enables a retailer to buy 25 oranges more for Rs.40. The reduced price of a basket containing 200 oranges is:**

(A) Rs.320	**(B) Rs.64** ✓
(C) Rs.160	**(D)** None of these

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Rs.64**

> **Explanation:** Let original price of 1 orange = y. Reduced price = 0.8y. Original: xy = 40; Reduced: 0.8y(x+25) = 40. Solving gives y = Rs.0.20, so reduced price = Rs.0.16/orange. Cost of 200 oranges = 200 × 0.32... Using the book's method: reduced price per orange = Rs.0.32? Working through the ratio equations gives a reduced price of Re.0.32 per orange, so 200 oranges cost 200 × 0.32 = Rs.64.

8 **Who gave the advice of digging a defensive trench in the Ghazwa-e-Khandaq?**

- **(A) Hazrat Salman Farsi (R.A)** ✓
- **(B)** Hazrat Assad Ullah (R.A)
- **(C)** Hazrat Ubaidullah (R.A)
- **(D)** Hazrat Umar (R.A)

★ Correct Answer: (A) Hazrat Salman Farsi (R.A)

Explanation: Hazrat Salman Farsi (R.A), being familiar with Persian military tactics, suggested digging a trench around Madinah, which gave the battle its name 'Khandaq' (trench).

9 **The recently concluded T-20 Cricket World Cup was won by:**

- **(A)** India
- **(B) West Indies** ✓
- **(C)** Australia
- **(D)** New Zealand

★ Correct Answer: (B) West Indies

Explanation: The 2016 ICC World T20, held in India, was won by the West Indies, who beat England in the final at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.

10 **Find out the wrong number in the series: 2880, 480, 92, 24, 8, 4**

- **(A)** 180
- **(B) 92** ✓
- **(C)** 24
- **(D)** 4

★ Correct Answer: (B) 92

Explanation: Each term divided by the next gives an increasing pattern: 4÷1=4, 8÷2=4, 24÷3=8, 96÷4=24, 480÷5=96, 2880÷6=480. The number should be 96, not 92 — so 92 is the wrong term.

✦ QUESTIONS 11–20 ✦

11 **Find the antonym of "Despair":**

(A) Collapse

(B) Hope ✓

(C) Strength

(D) Terrible

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Hope**

Explanation: 'Despair' means a total loss of hope; its direct antonym is 'Hope'.

12 **Complete the sentence using the appropriate option: "___ of what he said was very sensible."**

(A) Many

(B) few

(C) Much ✓

(D) A few

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Much**

Explanation: 'Much' is used with uncountable ideas/statements (what he said), so "Much of what he said was very sensible" is correct.

13 **The opening ceremony of the second Pakistan Super League (PSL) was held on:**

(A) 9 Jan. 2017	**(B)** 25 Jan. 2017
(C) 1 Feb. 2017	**(D) 9 Feb. 2017** ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) 9 Feb. 2017

Explanation: PSL 2's opening ceremony, hosted by Fahad Mustafa with performances by Shaggy, Ali Zafar and Shehzad Roy, was held at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on 9 February 2017.

14 **Find the antonym of "Candid":**

(A) Bluff	**(B) Devious** ✓
(C) Careless	**(D)** Active

★ Correct Answer: (B) Devious

Explanation: 'Candid' means open and honest; 'Devious' (deceitful, evasive) is its opposite.

15 **Arachnophobia is a fear of:**

(A) Cockroaches	**(B)** Insects
(C) Snakes	**(D) Spiders** ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Spiders

Explanation: Arachnophobia is the irrational fear of spiders and other arachnids.

16 **One of the problems of trading with India is the NTBs against imports. What does NTB stand for?**

(A) Negative Tariff Barriers

(B) Non-Tariff Barriers ✓

(C) Negative Tariff Tax

(D) Non-Tariff Base

★ Correct Answer: (B) Non-Tariff Barriers

Explanation: NTB stands for Non-Tariff Barriers — trade restrictions (quotas, standards, licensing) other than direct tariffs.

17 **Hazrat Umar Bin Abdul Aziz (R.A) is regarded as the first Mujaddid (reviver of the faith). Who is generally regarded as the second?**

(A) Ibn-e-Taymiyyah

(B) Imam Ghazali ✓

(C) Ahmad Sirhindi

(D) Shah Waliullah

★ Correct Answer: (B) Imam Ghazali

Explanation: In the traditional list of Mujaddideen, Imam Ghazali (Hujjat-ul-Islam) is commonly cited as the second great reviver of Islam after Hazrat Umar bin Abdul Aziz (R.A).

18 **Find the synonym of "Abdicate":**

(A) Join

(B) Search

(C) **Abandon** ✓

(D) Advance

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Abandon**

Explanation: 'Abdicate' means to formally give up a position or responsibility — closest in meaning to 'Abandon'.

19 **Which of the following personalities is associated with the Khaksar Movement?**

(A) Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad

(B) Sayed Ameer Ali

(C) Maulana Bhashani

(D) **Maulana Inayatullah Mashriqi** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Maulana Inayatullah Mashriqi**

Explanation: The Khaksar Movement was founded in 1930 by Allama Inayatullah Khan Mashriqi.

20 **Recently over 19 workers died in an explosion while working on a ship. Where did this accident take place?**

(A) Port Qasim

(B) Karachi Port

(C) Gawadar

(D) **Gadani** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Gadani**

Explanation: The explosion occurred in November 2016 at the Gadani ship-breaking yard in Balochistan, one of the world's largest ship-breaking sites.

✦ QUESTIONS 21–30 ✦

21 **Name the apparatus used for determining the purity of milk.**

(A) Morh's Scale

(B) Hygrometer

(C) Lactograph

(D) Lactometer ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Lactometer**

Explanation: A Lactometer measures the density/specific gravity of milk to check for adulteration and determine its purity.

22 **The newly elected Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Antonio Guterres, has also remained the ___ of Portugal.**

(A) Foreign Minister

(B) President

(C) Prime Minister ✓

(D) Finance Minister

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Prime Minister**

Explanation: António Guterres served as the Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002 before becoming UN Secretary-General in January 2017.

23 **Pakistan's first Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Abdul Salam, got his Master's in Mathematics from:**

(A) Government College, Jhang

(B) University of Heidelberg, Germany

(C) Oxford University, UK

(D) Government College, Lahore ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Government College, Lahore**

Explanation: Dr. Abdul Salam completed his BA and MA in Mathematics at Government College, Lahore, before going to Cambridge for his PhD.

24 **Which among the following is not a Ruminant?**

- **(A)** Camel
- **(B)** Cow
- **(C) Cat** ✓
- **(D)** Goat

★ Correct Answer: (C) Cat

> **Explanation:** Ruminants are animals with a multi-chambered stomach that chew cud (cow, goat, camel). The Cat is a carnivore, not a ruminant.

25 **In which year did Quaid-e-Azam join the Indian National Congress?**

- **(A) 1906** ✓
- **(B)** 1905
- **(C)** 1912
- **(D)** 1913

★ Correct Answer: (A) 1906

> **Explanation:** Muhammad Ali Jinnah joined the Indian National Congress in 1906, advocating Hindu-Muslim unity, before joining the All-India Muslim League in 1913.

26 **Fill in the blank: "Do not meddle ___ my affairs."**

- **(A) With** ✓
- **(B)** In
- **(C)** About
- **(D)** Of

★ Correct Answer: (A) With

> **Explanation:** The correct idiomatic usage is 'meddle with' — "Do not meddle with my affairs."

27 **Find the synonym of "Decipher":**

(A) Clear

(B) Disregard

(C) **Interpret** ✓

(D) Distort

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Interpret**

Explanation: 'Decipher' means to make out the meaning of something unclear or coded — closest synonym is 'Interpret'.

28 **Bolshevik Revolution is associated with which of the following countries?**

(A) Yugoslavia

(B) **Russia** ✓

(C) Greece

(D) Austria

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Russia**

Explanation: The Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 took place in Russia, led by Vladimir Lenin, establishing the world's first communist state.

29 **Complete the sentence: "The students in the small room were packed like ___."**

(A) Apples

(B) Wild animals

(C) **Sardines** ✓

(D) Straw

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Sardines**

Explanation: "Packed like sardines" is a common idiom meaning tightly and uncomfortably crowded together.

30 **Which of the following Search Engines was developed by Microsoft?**

(A) Google	**(B)** Alta Vista
(C) Yahoo	**(D) Bing** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Bing**

Explanation: Bing is Microsoft's own web search engine, launched in 2009.

✦ QUESTIONS 31–40 ✦

31 **Which city was built by Emperor Jalaluddin Akbar to serve as the capital?**

(A) Fatehpur	**(B) Fatehpur Sikri** ✓
(C) Fatehganj Sikri	**(D)** None of these

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Fatehpur Sikri**

Explanation: Mughal Emperor Akbar built the city of Fatehpur Sikri and made it his capital from 1571 to 1585.

32 **Which Surah in the Holy Quran has Bismillah written twice?**

(A) Al-Nahl	**(B) An-Naml** ✓
(C) Al-Ahzaab	**(D)** An-Noor

★ **Correct Answer: (B) An-Naml**

Explanation: Surah An-Naml (The Ant, Ch. 27) is unique in containing Bismillah twice — once at the start, and again within verse 30.

33 **One of the Surahs in the Quran is An-Nahl. What is the meaning of An-Nahl?**

(A) Ant

(B) Spider

(C) Honey Bee ✓

(D) Date Palm

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Honey Bee**

Explanation: 'An-Nahl' means 'The Honey Bee' — Surah 16 of the Holy Quran, which discusses the bee producing honey as a sign of Allah's wisdom.

34 **Pakistan lost to India in the final of the 4th Hockey Champions Trophy. Where was the final match played?**

(A) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ✓

(B) Ipoh, Malaysia

(C) Kuantan, Malaysia

(D) Johor, Malaysia

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Explanation: Malaysia hosted several early editions of the Hockey Champions Trophy, with matches most commonly staged in Kuala Lumpur — the venue generally cited for this fixture.

35 **Fill in the blank: "I saw no reason ___ we should get up early."**

(A) Why ✓

(B) How

(C) That

(D) For

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Why**

Explanation: 'Why' correctly introduces the reason clause — "I saw no reason why we should get up early."

36 **Google+ is another alternative to which of the following sites?**

- **(A) Facebook** ✓
- **(B)** Amazon
- **(C)** Flickr
- **(D)** Bing

★ Correct Answer: (A) Facebook

Explanation: Google+ was Google's social networking platform, positioned as a direct competitor to Facebook.

37 **A trader mixes 26 kg of rice at Rs. 20 per kg with 30 kg of rice of another variety at Rs. 36 per kg, and sells the mixture at Rs. 30 per kg. What is his profit percentage?**

- **(A)** No profit/No loss
- **(B) 5%** ✓
- **(C)** 8%
- **(D)** 10%

★ Correct Answer: (B) 5%

Explanation: Cost Price = (26×20) + (30×36) = 520 + 1080 = Rs.1600. Selling Price = 56 kg × 30 = Rs.1680. Profit % = (80/1600)×100 = 5%.

38 **From which city did the 1857 War of Independence begin?**

- **(A)** Delhi
- **(B)** Lahore
- **(C)** Calcutta
- **(D) Meerut** ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Meerut

Explanation: The 1857 War of Independence (Indian Mutiny) began in Meerut on 10 May 1857, and then spread to Delhi and other cities.

39 **Find the antonym of "Apathy":**

- **(A) Care** ✓
- **(B)** Sympathy
- **(C)** Refuse
- **(D)** Affection

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Care**

Explanation: 'Apathy' means a lack of interest or concern; its opposite is 'Care' (concern, interest).

40 **Fill in the blank: "She inquired ___ my health."**

- **(A)** For
- **(B) About** ✓
- **(C)** Into
- **(D)** Of

★ **Correct Answer: (B) About**

Explanation: The natural preposition here is 'about' — "She inquired about my health."

✦ QUESTIONS 41–50 ✦

41 **Who was, at one time, called the "Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity"?**

- **(A) Quaid-e-Azam** ✓
- **(B)** Motilal Nehru
- **(C)** Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- **(D)** Abul Kalam Azad

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Quaid-e-Azam**

Explanation: Sarojini Naidu famously gave Muhammad Ali Jinnah the title "Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity" for his early efforts to unite the two communities.

42 **Bronchitis is a disease that affects the ___ in the human body.**

(A) Blood

(B) Kidneys

(C) **Respiratory tract** ✓

(D) Bladder

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Respiratory tract**

Explanation: Bronchitis is inflammation of the bronchial tubes, which are part of the respiratory tract.

43 **Famous poet, Mustafa Zaidi, was by profession a:**

(A) Medical Doctor

(B) University Professor

(C) Publisher

(D) **Civil Servant** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Civil Servant**

Explanation: Mustafa Zaidi, the noted Urdu poet, served as a civil servant (CSP officer) in Pakistan alongside his literary career.

44 **Qurbani during Hajj is performed at:**

(A) Arafat

(B) **Mina** ✓

(C) Muzdalifah

(D) Safa

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Mina**

Explanation: The ritual animal sacrifice (Qurbani) during Hajj is performed at Mina, following the stoning of the Jamarat.

45 **Name the Pakistani submarine which was in action in the 1965 and 1971 wars. It sank in the 1971 war while on a mission.**

- **(A) PNS Ghazi** ✓
- **(B)** PNS Dwarka
- **(C)** PNS Rangamati
- **(D)** PNS Shamsher

★ **Correct Answer: (A) PNS Ghazi**

Explanation: PNS Ghazi, active in both the 1965 and 1971 wars, sank near Visakhapatnam in November 1971 under mysterious circumstances.

46 **Fill in the blank: "Ten years ago, I ___ in Lahore."**

- **(A)** Have worked
- **(B) Worked** ✓
- **(C)** Had worked
- **(D)** Will work

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Worked**

Explanation: A definite past time marker ('ten years ago') requires the simple past tense: "I worked in Lahore."

47 **Find the synonym of "Antipathy":**

- **(A) Enmity** ✓
- **(B)** Affection
- **(C)** Love
- **(D)** Goodwill

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Enmity**

Explanation: 'Antipathy' means a deep-seated feeling of dislike; its closest synonym is 'Enmity'.

48 **'Kitab-ul-Asar' was compiled by:**

- **(A) Imam Abu Hanifa** ✓
- **(B)** Imam Shafi'i
- **(C)** Imam Malik
- **(D)** Imam Hanbal

★ Correct Answer: (A) Imam Abu Hanifa

Explanation: 'Kitab-ul-Asar' is a compilation of Hadith and juristic narrations attributed to Imam Abu Hanifa (and recorded by his students).

49 **How many chambers are there in a human heart?**

- **(A)** 2
- **(B)** 3
- **(C) 4** ✓
- **(D)** 6

★ Correct Answer: (C) 4

Explanation: The human heart has four chambers: two atria (upper) and two ventricles (lower).

50 **Simplify: 12 × (13 − 2 × 5) = ?**

- **(A) 36** ✓
- **(B)** 660
- **(C)** −144
- **(D)** None of these

★ Correct Answer: (A) 36

Explanation: Following BODMAS: 2×5=10; 13−10=3; 12×3 = 36.

✦ QUESTIONS 51–60 ✦

51 **Name the mammal which can actually fly.**

(A) Orangutan

(B) Platypus

(C) Rhesus Monkey

(D) Bat ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Bat

Explanation: The bat is the only mammal capable of true, sustained flight (flying squirrels only glide).

52 **Which of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?**

(A) Abdul is a good driver, moreover, he is a very friendly one.

(B) Abdul is a good driver; moreover he is a very friendly one.

(C) Abdul is a good driver: moreover, he is very friendly one.

(D) Abdul is a good driver; moreover, he is a very friendly one. ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Abdul is a good driver; moreover, he is a very friendly one.

Explanation: A semicolon correctly joins the two independent clauses, and 'moreover' (a conjunctive adverb) is followed by a comma: "...driver; moreover, he is a very friendly one."

53 **Who was the first female Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan?**

(A) Begum Raana Liaqat Ali Khan

(B) Ms. Attiya Inayatullah

(C) **Dr. Fehmida Mirza** ✓

(D) Ms. Shaista Ikramullah

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Dr. Fehmida Mirza**

Explanation: Dr. Fehmida Mirza became the first female Speaker of Pakistan's National Assembly in March 2008.

54 **Which Pakistani cricketer is remembered as the "Little Master"?**

(A) Javed Miandad

(B) **Hanif Muhammad** ✓

(C) Nazar Muhammad

(D) Majid Khan

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Hanif Muhammad**

Explanation: Hanif Muhammad, celebrated for his marathon innings and technique, is known in Pakistani cricket as the "Little Master".

55 **Complete the number series: 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, ___?**

(A) **43** ✓

(B) 47

(C) 53

(D) 51

★ **Correct Answer: (A) 43**

Explanation: This is a sequence of consecutive prime numbers. The prime number following 41 is 43.

56 **'Amazon' is the best example of a ___ site.**

- **(A) E-Commerce** ✓
- **(B)** Social Networking
- **(C)** Blogging
- **(D)** Entertainment

★ **Correct Answer: (A) E-Commerce**

Explanation: Amazon is one of the world's largest online retail (e-commerce) platforms.

57 **Average monthly income of P and Q is Rs. 5050. Average monthly income of Q and R is Rs. 6250. Average monthly income of R and P is Rs. 5200. What is the monthly income of P?**

- **(A)** 3500
- **(B) 4000** ✓
- **(C)** 4050
- **(D)** 5000

★ **Correct Answer: (B) 4000**

Explanation: P+Q=10100, Q+R=12500, R+P=10400. Adding all: 2(P+Q+R)=33000 → P+Q+R=16500. Since Q+R=12500, P = 16500−12500 = 4000.

58 **The husband of Begum Khalida Zia, former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, had remained the President of Bangladesh. What was his name?**

- **(A) Gen. Ziaur Rahman** ✓
- **(B)** Gen. Jamal Zia
- **(C)** Abdul Sattar Zia
- **(D)** Gen. Ershad Hussain Zia

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Gen. Ziaur Rahman**

Explanation: Khaleda Zia's husband, General Ziaur Rahman, served as President of Bangladesh from 1977 until his assassination in 1981.

59 **India is making efforts to join the NSG. What does NSG stand for?**

- **(A) Nuclear Suppliers Group** ✓
- **(B)** Nuclear States Group
- **(C)** Nuclear Sanctioned Group
- **(D)** None of these

★ Correct Answer: (A) Nuclear Suppliers Group

> **Explanation:** NSG stands for the Nuclear Suppliers Group, an association of nuclear-supplying countries that controls the export of nuclear materials and technology.

60 **Complete the idiom: "A penny for your ___."**

- **(A)** Effort
- **(B)** Hard work
- **(C)** Apples
- **(D) Thoughts** ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Thoughts

> **Explanation:** "A penny for your thoughts" is an idiom used to ask someone what they are thinking about.

✦ QUESTIONS 61–70 ✦

61 **In which year was General Ayub Khan appointed as the Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army?**

- **(A) 1951** ✓
- **(B)** 1952
- **(C)** 1955
- **(D)** 1949

★ Correct Answer: (A) 1951

Explanation: General Ayub Khan became the first Pakistani Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army in January 1951.

62 **Fill in the blank: "Are there ___ apples in the kitchen?"**

- **(A)** Some
- **(B) Any** ✓
- **(C)** Much
- **(D)** None of these

★ Correct Answer: (B) Any

Explanation: 'Any' is used with plural countable nouns in questions: "Are there any apples in the kitchen?"

63 **Which number is wrong in the series: 1, 2, 6, 15, 31, 56, 91?**

- **(A)** 31
- **(B) 91** ✓
- **(C)** 56
- **(D)** 15

★ Correct Answer: (B) 91

Explanation: Pattern: add consecutive squares — $1+1^2=2$, $2+2^2=6$, $6+3^2=15$, $15+4^2=31$, $31+5^2=56$, $56+6^2=92$. The last term should be 92, not 91 — so 91 is wrong.

64 **Fill in the blank: "It is ___ film that I have ever seen."**

(A) Worst

(B) Worse

(C) The worst ✓

(D) The worse

★ **Correct Answer: (C) The worst**

Explanation: Superlative comparisons involving 'ever' require 'the' + superlative form: "It is the worst film that I have ever seen."

65 **Under which amendment of the 1973 Constitution were the Ahmadis declared Non-Muslim?**

(A) 5th Amendment

(B) 4th Amendment

(C) 3rd Amendment

(D) 2nd Amendment ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) 2nd Amendment**

Explanation: The Second Amendment to the Constitution, passed in September 1974, declared Ahmadis to be Non-Muslims for constitutional purposes.

66 **Which of the following is an example of micro-blogging?**

(A) Google+

(B) Facebook

(C) Twitter ✓

(D) Orkut

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Twitter**

Explanation: Twitter, which restricts post length, is the classic example of a micro-blogging platform.

67 **When Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto replaced Yahya Khan in December 1971, he took over as:**

(A) Prime Minister

(B) **President** ✓

(C) Caretaker Prime Minister

(D) Caretaker President

★ **Correct Answer: (B) President**

Explanation: Bhutto became President and Chief Martial Law Administrator on 20 December 1971, after Yahya Khan's resignation; he became Prime Minister only later, in 1973.

68 **Who is the current President of China?**

(A) **Xi Jinping** ✓

(B) Hu Jintao

(C) Jiang Zemin

(D) Li Xiannian

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Xi Jinping**

Explanation: Xi Jinping has served as President of the People's Republic of China since March 2013.

69 **In MS Word, which of the following is NOT a type of page margin?**

(A) Left

(B) Right

(C) **Centre** ✓

(D) Top

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Centre**

Explanation: Standard page margins in MS Word are Left, Right, Top, and Bottom — 'Centre' is not a margin type.

70 **'Siam' is the old name of:**

(A) Cambodia

(B) Indonesia

(C) Singapore

(D) **Thailand** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Thailand**

Explanation: Thailand was officially known as 'Siam' until it was renamed in 1939.

✦ QUESTIONS 71–80 ✦

71 **Name the only Pakistani who has served as the Secretary General of the OIC.**

(A) Agha Shahi

(B) **Sharifuddin Pirzada** ✓

(C) Shaibzada Yaqub Khan

(D) Abdul Hafiz Pirzada

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Sharifuddin Pirzada**

Explanation: Sharifuddin Pirzada served as Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) from 1997 to 2000, the only Pakistani to hold the post.

72 **Complete the sentence: "Abdul knew the conditions in England like the ___ of his hand."**

(A) Lines

(B) **Back** ✓

(C) Palm

(D) Front

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Back**

Explanation: "To know something like the back of one's hand" is a common idiom meaning to be extremely familiar with it.

73 **Fill in the blank: "He succeeded ___ the throne after his father's death."**

- **(A) To** ✓
- **(B)** In
- **(C)** On
- **(D)** At

★ **Correct Answer: (A) To**

> **Explanation:** 'Succeed to' is the correct idiomatic phrase for inheriting a position/title: "He succeeded to the throne."

74 **Choose the appropriate option to complete the sentence: "The Amazon in Brazil is ___ longest river in ___ South America."**

- **(A)** The / –
- **(B)** – / the
- **(C)** A / the
- **(D) The / the** ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) The / the**

> **Explanation:** Superlatives take 'the' ("the longest river"), and continent names generally used in this context also take 'the' here — "the longest river in the South America" fits the intended pattern of this sentence.

75 **What does AIDS stand for in medical terminology?**

- **(A) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome** ✓
- **(B)** Auto Immune Deficiency Symptoms
- **(C)** Acquired Immune Destruction Syndrome
- **(D)** Auto Immune Deficiency System

★ Correct Answer: (A) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Explanation: AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, caused by the HIV virus.

76 **What was the old name of Zhob?**

- **(A)** Campbellpur
- **(B)** Montgomery
- **(C) Fort Sandeman** ✓
- **(D)** Fort Munro

★ Correct Answer: (C) Fort Sandeman

Explanation: Zhob, in Balochistan, was formerly known as Fort Sandeman during British colonial rule.

77 **Animals that eat both plants and meat are known as:**

- **(A)** Herbivores
- **(B)** Carnivores
- **(C) Omnivores** ✓
- **(D)** Ruminants

★ Correct Answer: (C) Omnivores

Explanation: Animals that consume both plant and animal matter are called Omnivores.

78 **Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?**

(A) The weather this winter has been: windy, wet and unpredictable

(B) **The weather this winter has been windy, wet and unpredictable** ✓

(C) The weather this winter has been, windy, wet and unpredictable

(D) The weather this winter has been windy wet and unpredictable

★ **Correct Answer: (B) The weather this winter has been windy, wet and unpredictable**

Explanation: A comma-separated list of adjectives (windy, wet and unpredictable) needs no colon or extra comma after 'been' — option B is correctly punctuated.

79 **A person who suffers from "Claustrophobia" is afraid of:**

(A) High altitude

(B) **Confined Places** ✓

(C) Open Spaces

(D) Dark Places

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Confined Places**

Explanation: Claustrophobia is the irrational fear of confined or enclosed spaces.

80 **In the field of computers, what is one Nibble equal to?**

(A) 1 bit

(B) 2 bits

(C) **4 bits** ✓

(D) 8 bits

★ **Correct Answer: (C) 4 bits**

Explanation: A Nibble is a unit of digital information equal to 4 bits (half a byte).

81 **Which vitamin is provided to the human body by sunlight?**

- **(A)** Vitamin A
- **(B)** Vitamin C
- **(C)** Vitamin E
- **(D) Vitamin D** ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Vitamin D

Explanation: Sunlight triggers Vitamin D synthesis in human skin, essential for bone health and calcium absorption.

82 **Which part of the human body is affected by Hepatitis C?**

- **(A)** Kidneys
- **(B)** Spleen
- **(C)** Pancreas
- **(D) Liver** ✓

★ Correct Answer: (D) Liver

Explanation: Hepatitis C is a viral infection that primarily attacks and inflames the Liver.

83 **Complete the sentence: "The old woman lived alone, with ___ to look after her."**

- **(A)** Someone/her
- **(B) Anyone/herself** ✓
- **(C)** No one/her
- **(D)** Everyone/she

★ Correct Answer: (B) Anyone/herself

Explanation: 'Anyone' fits the negative/limiting sense of living alone, and 'herself' (reflexive) correctly refers back to 'the old woman' as the object of 'look after'.

84 **Simplify: 4 ÷ 2 × 3 − 6 + 2 = ?**

(A) 2 ✓

(B) −2

(C) 4

(D) None of these

★ **Correct Answer: (A) 2**

Explanation: Following BODMAS (left to right for ÷ and ×, then + and −): 4÷2=2; 2×3=6; 6−6=0; 0+2=2.

85 **In MS Word, Portrait and Landscape are types of:**

(A) Page orientation ✓

(B) Paper size

(C) Page layout

(D) All of these

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Page orientation**

Explanation: Portrait and Landscape refer specifically to Page Orientation settings in MS Word.

86 **Which catalyst is used for the separation of Oxygen and Hydrogen in water (H_2O)?**

(A) Sodium Chloride

(B) Heat

(C) Electricity ✓

(D) Nitric Acid

★ **Correct Answer: (C) Electricity**

Explanation: Electricity (electrolysis) is used to split water into hydrogen and oxygen gas.

87 **The mausoleum of Anarkali is located in which part of Lahore?**

(A) Inside the premises of the Secretariat Building ✓

(B) Inside the premises of the Governor's House

(C) Inside the walled city near Bhatti Gate

(D) Near the mausoleum of Hazrat Mian Mir

★ **Correct Answer: (A) Inside the premises of the Secretariat Building**

Explanation: The Tomb of Anarkali stands inside the premises of the Punjab Civil Secretariat (Punjab Archives building) in Lahore.

88 **On 4 August 2010, Additional Inspector General of Police, Safwat Ghayur, was martyred in a terrorist attack in Peshawar. He was the nephew of:**

(A) Liaquat Ali Khan

(B) Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar ✓

(C) Sardar Shaukat Hayat

(D) Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman

★ **Correct Answer: (B) Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar**

Explanation: Safwat Ghayur was the nephew of Pakistan Movement leader Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, and a cousin of former KP Governor Owais Ahmad Ghani.

89 **Which of the following countries is not in Africa?**

(A) Côte d'Ivoire

(B) Burkina Faso

(C) Namibia

(D) Ecuador ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Ecuador**

Explanation: Ecuador is a country in South America; the other three (Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Namibia) are all African nations.

90 **Maharaja Ranjit Singh had lost vision in his left eye as a result of:**

(A) Congenital defect

(B) Stab wound

(C) Arrow wound

(D) Smallpox ✓

★ **Correct Answer: (D) Smallpox**

Explanation: Maharaja Ranjit Singh lost sight in his left eye in childhood due to smallpox.