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Complete MCQ Bank — Corrected, Verified & Explained

90

TOTAL MCQs

100%

ANSWERS VERIFIED

90

EXPLANATIONS

Every answer independently re-checked and corrected where the original key was wrong

How This Guide Works

All 90 questions from the original model paper have been re-verified. Several answers in the original paper were incorrect — those have been fixed here with the true correct option highlighted, ticked, and explained.

One MCQ per Section

Each question sits inside its own numbered card, with all four options laid out clearly.



Highlighted & Ticked

The verified correct option is shaded green and marked with a check ✓ so it's instantly visible.

Short Explanation

A concise note under every question explains why that option is correct, for quick revision.

✓ Example of a correctly highlighted answer

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). The story of Zulqarnain is narrated in Surah Al-Kahf (Ch. 18), verses 83–98.

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). Bhutto entered the cabinet of President Iskander Mirza in 1958 as Minister for Commerce, becoming the youngest federal minister at the time.

3 Sindh was separated from Bombay Presidency in:

(A) 1919

(B) 1925

(C) 1936 ✓

(D) 1937

Correct Answer: (C). Sindh was carved out as a separate province from the Bombay Presidency on 1 April 1936, following long political struggle led by Sindhi leaders.

4

Which member state of SAARC is a monarchy?

(A) Nepal

(B) Maldives

(C) Bhutan ✓

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (C). Bhutan is a constitutional monarchy ruled by King (Druk Gyalpo) Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. Nepal abolished its monarchy in 2008.

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). Faiz Ahmad Faiz wrote the dialogues/screenplay for the 1959 film 'Jago Hua Savera', a landmark of Pakistani cinema about the lives of fishermen.

6

Fill in the blank: "A baby lives _____ milk."

(A) By

(B) At

(C) On ✓

(D) For

Correct Answer: (C). The correct preposition is 'on' — 'to live on something' means to survive using it as the primary source of sustenance.

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). Original price/orange = Re.0.4; reduced price = $0.8 \times 0.4 = \text{Re.} 0.32$. Cost of 200 oranges = $200 \times 0.32 = \text{Rs.}64$.

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), a Persian companion familiar with Persian warfare tactics, suggested digging a trench (khandaq) around Madinah.

9

The recently concluded T20 Cricket World Cup was won by:

(A) India

(B) West Indies ✓

(C) Australia

(D) New Zealand

Correct Answer: (B). The 2016 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, held in India, was won by the West Indies, who defeated England in the final at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.

10

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

(A) 180

(B) 92 ✓

(C) 24

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (B). The series follows division by 6, 5, 4, 3, 2: $2880 \div 6 = 480$, $480 \div 5 = 96$ (not 92), $96 \div 4 = 24$, $24 \div 3 = 8$, $8 \div 2 = 4$. So 92 is wrong; it should be 96.

11

Find the antonym of "Despair":

(A) Collapse

(B) Hope ✓

(C) Strength

(D) Terrible

Correct Answer: (B). 'Despair' means 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' is used with uncountable/singular ideas such as 'what he said'; 'many' and 'few' are used with countable plural nouns.

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

14

Find the antonym of "Candid":

(A) Bluff

(B) Devious ✓

(C) Careless

(D) Active

Correct Answer: (B). 'Candid' means open and honest; its antonym is 'Devious' (deceitful, not straightforward).

15

Arachnophobia is fear of:

(A) Cockroaches

(B) Insects

(C) Snakes

(D) Spiders ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Arachnophobia is derived from Greek 'arachne' (spider) — an intense fear of spiders.

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 Tax Base

(D) Non-Tariff Base

Correct Answer: (B). NTB stands for Non-Tariff Barriers — trade restrictions like quotas, standards and licensing rules, rather than tariffs/duties.

17

The first Mujaddid was Hazrat Umar Bin Abdul Aziz (R.A). Who was the second?

(A) Ibn-e-Tammiya

(B) Imam Ghazali ✓

(C) Ahmad Sirhindi

(D) Shah Waliullah

Correct Answer: (B). Imam Ghazali (Hujjat-ul-Islam) is traditionally regarded as the Mujaddid of the 5th century Hijri, considered the second great reviver of Islam.

18

Find the synonym of "Abdicate":

(A) Join

(B) Search

(C) Abandon ✓

(D) Advance

Correct Answer: (C). 'Abdicate' means to formally give up a position of power 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). The Khaksar Movement was founded in 1930 by Allama Inayatullah Khan Mashriqi to promote social service and discipline among Muslims.

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). The tragedy occurred on 1 November 2016 at the Gadani ship-breaking yard in Balochistan, when an oil tanker being dismantled exploded.

21

Name the apparatus used for determining the purity of milk:

(A) Morh's Scale

(B) Hygrometer

(C) Lactograph

(D) Lactometer ✓

Correct Answer: (D). A Lactometer measures the density/specific gravity of milk, which indicates whether it has been diluted with water.

22

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

(A) Foreign Minister

(B) President

(C) Prime Minister ✓

(D) Finance Minister

Correct Answer: (C). António Guterres served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002 before becoming UN Secretary-General in January 2017.

23

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

(A) Government College, Jhang

(B) University of Heidelberg, Germany

(C) Oxford University, UK

(D) Government College, Lahore ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Dr. Abdul Salam earned his BA (Hons.) and MA in Mathematics from 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). Ruminants are hoofed herbivores with a multi-chambered stomach (cattle, goats, camels). A cat is a carnivore and 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). Muhammad Ali Jinnah joined the Indian National Congress in 1906, before later also 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: (B). The correct idiomatic preposition is 'meddle in' someone's affairs.

27

Find the synonym of "Decipher":

(A) Disregard

(B) Interpret ✓

(C) Distort

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (B). 'Decipher' means to make out the meaning of something unclear or coded — synonymous with 'Interpret'.

28

Bolshevik Revolution is associated with which of the following countries?

(A) Yugoslavia

(B) Russia ✓

(C) Greece

(D) Austria

Correct Answer: (B). The Bolshevik Revolution of October 1917 took place in Russia, led by Vladimir Lenin, overthrowing the Provisional Government.

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). 'Packed like sardines' is a common English idiom meaning crowded very tightly together, like sardines in a tin.

30

Which of the following Search Engines is developed by Microsoft?

(A) Google

(B) Yahoo

(C) Alta Vista

(D) Bing ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Bing is Microsoft's web search engine, launched in 2009 as the successor to MSN Search and Live Search.

31

Which city was built by Emperor Jalaluddin Akbar to serve as his capital?

(A) Fatehpur

(B) Fatehpur Sikri ✓

(C) Fatehganj Sikri

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (B). Emperor Akbar built Fatehpur Sikri near Agra and made it his capital from 1571 to 1585.

32

Which Surah in the Holy Quran has Bismillah twice?

(A) Al-Nehal

(B) Al-Ahzaab

(C) Al-Namal ✓

(D) Al-Noor

Correct Answer: (C). Surah An-Naml (Al-Namal, Ch. 27) contains Bismillah twice — once at the start of the Surah and once within verse 30 (Prophet Sulaiman's letter).

33

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

(A) Ant

(B) Spider

(C) Honey Bee ✓

(D) Date Palm

Correct Answer: (C). 'An-Nahl' translates to 'The Bee' — Surah 16 discusses, among other things, the bee and the honey it produces.

34

Pakistan lost to India in the final of the 4th Hockey (Asian) Champions Trophy. Where was the final match played?

(A) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

(B) Ipoh, Malaysia

(C) Kuantan, Malaysia ✓

(D) Johor, Malaysia

Correct Answer: (C). The final of the 4th Asian Hockey Champions Trophy (2016) was played at the Kuantan Hockey Stadium, Malaysia, where India beat Pakistan 3-2.

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' 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). Google+ was launched by Google as a social-networking platform to compete directly with Facebook.

37

A trader mixes 26 kg of rice at Rs.20/kg with 30 kg of another variety at Rs.36/kg and sells the mixed rice at Rs.30/kg. What will be his profit percentage?

(A) No profit/No loss

(B) 5% ✓

(C) 8%

(D) 10%

Correct Answer: (B). Total cost = $(26 \times 20) + (30 \times 36) = 520 + 1080 = \text{Rs.}1600$. Selling price = $56 \times 30 = \text{Rs.}1680$. Profit = 80, so Profit% = $80/1600 \times 100 = 5\%$.

38

From which city did the 1857 War of Independence begin?

(A) Delhi

(B) Lahore

(C) Calcutta

(D) Meerut ✓

Correct Answer: (D). The 1857 uprising began in Meerut on 10 May 1857, when Indian soldiers (sepoys) rebelled against the British East India Company.

39

Find the antonym of "Apathy":

(A) Care ✓

(B) Refuse

(C) Affection

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (A). 'Apathy' means lack of interest or concern; its antonym is 'Care'.

40

Fill in the blank: "She inquired _____ my health."

(A) For

(B) About

(C) After ✓

(D) Into

Correct Answer: (C). The correct idiom is 'to inquire after' someone's health/well-being.

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) Abdul Kalam Azad

Correct Answer: (A). Sarojini Naidu famously titled Muhammad Ali Jinnah the 'Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity' for his early efforts to bring the two communities together.

42

Bronchitis is a disease that affects the _____ in the human body.

(A) Blood

(B) Kidneys

(C) Respiratory tract ✓

(D) Bladder

Correct Answer: (C). Bronchitis is an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, part of the respiratory tract that carries air to and from the lungs.

43

Famous poet, Mustafa Zaidi, was by profession a:

(A) Medical Doctor

(B) University Professor

(C) Publisher

(D) Civil Servant ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Mustafa Zaidi was a well-known Urdu poet who also served as a civil servant (CSP officer) in Pakistan.

44

Qurbani during Hajj is performed at:

(A) Arafat

(B) Mina ✓

(C) Muzdalifa

(D) Safa

Correct Answer: (B). The ritual sacrifice (Qurbani) during Hajj is performed at Mina, on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah (Eid-ul-Adha) and following days.

45

Name the Pakistani submarine active in the 1965 and 1971 wars, which sank in 1971 while on a mission.

(A) PNS Ghazi ✓

(B) PNS Dwarka

(C) PNS Rangamati

(D) PNS Shamsheer

Correct Answer: (A). PNS Ghazi, active in both the 1965 and 1971 wars, sank near Visakhapatnam in November 1971 under circumstances still debated by historians.

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). For a definite, completed point in past time ('ten years ago'), the simple past tense 'worked' is correct.

47

Find the synonym of "Antipathy":

(A) Enmity ✓

(B) Affection

(C) Love

(D) Goodwill

Correct Answer: (A). 'Antipathy' means a deep-seated feeling of dislike; its closest synonym here is 'Enmity'.

48

"Kitab-ul-Asar" was compiled by:

(A) Imam Abu Hanifa ✓

(B) Imam Shaafi

(C) Imam Malik

(D) Imam Hanbal

Correct Answer: (A). Kitab-ul-Asar is a compilation of hadith and juristic traditions attributed to Imam Abu Hanifa (and his student Imam Muhammad).

49

How many chambers are there in a human heart?

(A) 2

(B) 3

(C) 4 ✓

(D) 6

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

50

Simplify: $12 \times (13 - 2 \times 5) = ?$

(A) 36 ✓

(B) 660

(C) -144

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (A). Following order of operations: $2 \times 5 = 10$, $13 - 10 = 3$, $12 \times 3 = 36$.

51

Name the mammal which can fly:

(A) Orangutan

(B) Platypus

(C) Rhesus Monkey

(D) Bat ✓

Correct Answer: (D). The bat is the only mammal capable of true, sustained flight; flying squirrels only glide.

52

Which of the following 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 a very friendly one.

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

Correct Answer: (D). Two independent clauses joined by a conjunctive adverb ('moreover') require a semicolon before and a comma after it: '...driver; moreover, he is...'. ✓

53

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

(A) Begum Raana Liaquat Ali Khan

(B) Ms. Atiya Innayatullah

(C) Ms. Fehmida Mirza ✓

(D) Ms. Shaista Ikramullah

Correct Answer: (C). Dr. Fehmida Mirza became the first female Speaker of Pakistan's National Assembly, elected in March 2008.

54

Which Pakistani cricket player is remembered as the "Little Master"?

(A) Javed Miandad

(B) Hanif Muhammad ✓

(C) Nazar Muhammad

(D) Majid Khan

Correct Answer: (B). Hanif Muhammad, famed for his defensive technique and long innings, was nicknamed the 'Little Master' of Pakistani cricket.

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). The series lists consecutive prime numbers; the next prime after 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). Amazon is a leading e-commerce platform for online buying and selling of goods.

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 P and R is Rs.5200. What is the monthly income of P?

(A) 3500

(B) 4000 ✓

(C) 4050

(D) 5000

Correct Answer: (B). $P+Q=10100$, $Q+R=12500$, $P+R=10400$. Adding all:
 $2(P+Q+R)=33000$, so $P+Q+R=16500$. Since $Q+R=12500$, $P = 16500-12500 = \text{Rs. } 4000$.

58

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

(A) Gen. Zia-ur-Rahman ✓

(B) Gen. Jamal Zia

(C) Abdul Sattar Zia

(D) Gen. Ershad Hussain Zia

Correct Answer: (A). Khalida Zia's husband was General Ziaur Rahman, who 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). NSG stands for the Nuclear Suppliers Group, a multinational body controlling the export of nuclear materials and technology.

60

Complete the idiom: "A penny for your _____."

(A) Effort

(B) Apples

(C) Hard work

(D) Thoughts ✓

Correct Answer: (D). 'A penny for your thoughts' is an idiom used to ask someone what they are thinking about.

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). General Ayub Khan was appointed as 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). In questions, 'any' is generally used instead of 'some' with countable/uncountable nouns.

63

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

(A) 31

(B) 91 ✓

(C) 15

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (B). Pattern: add consecutive squares ($1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots$). $1+1=2$, $2+4=6$, $6+9=15$, $15+16=31$, $31+25=56$, $56+36=92$ (not 91). So 91 is the wrong term.

64

Fill in the blank: "It is _____ film that I have ever seen."

(A) Worst

(B) Worse

(C) The worst ✓

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (C). With 'that I have ever seen', the superlative form is required: 'the worst'.

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). The Second Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, passed in September 1974, declared Ahmadis to be non-Muslims for constitutional and legal purposes.

66

Which of the following is an example of micro blogging?

(A) Google+

(B) Facebook

(C) Orkut

(D) Twitter ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Twitter is the classic example of microblogging, where users post very short messages (originally limited to 140 characters).

67

When Zulfikar Ali Bhutto replaced Yahya Khan in 1971, he took over as:

(A) Prime Minister

(B) President ✓

(C) Caretaker Prime Minister

(D) Caretaker President

Correct Answer: (B). Bhutto took over as President and Chief Martial Law Administrator of Pakistan in December 1971, following Yahya Khan's resignation.

68

Who is the current President of China?

(A) Xi Jinping ✓

(B) Hu Jintao

(C) Jiang Zemin

(D) Li Xianian

Correct Answer: (A). 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). Standard page margins in MS Word are Top, Bottom, Left and Right — there is no 'Centre' margin.

70

'Siam' is the old name of:

(A) Cambodia

(B) Indonesia

(C) Singapore

(D) Thailand ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Thailand was known as Siam until it officially changed its name in 1939 (and briefly reverted from 1945-1949).

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). Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada served as Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) from 1985 to 1988.

72

Complete the sentence: "Abdul knew the conditions in England like the _____ of his hand."

(A) Lines

(B) Back ✓

Correct Answer: (B). The idiom is 'to know something like the back of one's hand', 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). The correct idiom is 'succeed to the throne', meaning to inherit a position of royal authority.

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: (A). Correct: 'The Amazon in Brazil is the longest river in South America' — 'the' before the superlative, and no article before the continent name.

75

What does AIDS stand for in medical terminology?

(A) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ✓

(B) Auto Immune Deficiency Symptoms

(C) Auto Immune Destruction Syndrome

(D) Acquired Immune Deficiency System

Correct Answer: (A). AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, caused by the HIV virus.

76

What was the old name of Zhob?

(A) Cambellpur

(B) Montgomery

(C) Fort Sandeman ✓

(D) Fort Munro

Correct Answer: (C). Zhob, in Balochistan, was earlier known as Fort Sandeman, named after a British colonial officer.

77

Animals that eat both plants and meat are known as:

(A) Herbivores

(B) Carnivores

(C) Omnivores ✓

(D) Ruminants

Correct Answer: (C). Animals that consume both plant and animal matter are called omnivores (e.g., humans, bears, pigs).

78

Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

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

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

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

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

Correct Answer: (A). A simple comma-separated list of adjectives is correctly punctuated as: 'windy, wet and unpredictable.'

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). Claustrophobia is an intense 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). A nibble is a unit of digital data equal to 4 bits, i.e., half of a byte (8 bits).

81

Which vitamin is provided to the human body by sunlight?

(A) Vitamin A

(B) Vitamin C

(C) Vitamin D ✓

(D) Vitamin E

Correct Answer: (C). Sunlight (UVB rays) triggers synthesis of Vitamin D in the skin, essential for calcium absorption and bone health.

82

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

(A) Kidneys

(B) Spleen

(C) Pancreas

(D) Liver ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Hepatitis C is a viral infection that primarily attacks and inflames the liver.

83

Complete the sentence using the appropriate option: "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: (C). 'No one/her' fits correctly: 'The old woman lived alone, with no one to look after her.'

84

Simplify: $4 \div 2 \times 3 - 6 + 2 = ?$

(A) 2 ✓

(B) -2

(C) 4

(D) None of these

Correct Answer: (A). Following BODMAS: $4 \div 2 = 2$, $2 \times 3 = 6$, $6 - 6 = 0$, $0 + 2 = 2$.

85

In MS Word, Portrait and Landscape are:**(A) Page orientation** ✓**(B) Page size****(C) Page layout****(D) All of these**

Correct Answer: (A). Portrait and Landscape refer to the orientation of a page (vertical vs. horizontal).

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Which catalyst is used for separation of Oxygen and Hydrogen in water (H₂O)?**(A) Sodium Chloride****(B) Heat****(C) Electricity** ✓**(D) Nitric Acid**

Correct Answer: (C). Water is split into Hydrogen and Oxygen gas through electrolysis — the process uses an electric current, not a chemical catalyst in the traditional sense.

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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 Saint Hazrat Mian Mir**

Correct Answer: (A). Anarkali's tomb stands within the grounds of the Punjab Civil Secretariat in Lahore.

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

(A) Liaqat Ali Khan

(B) Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar ✓

(C) Sardar Shaukat Hayat

(D) Chaudhry Khaliq-uz-Zaman

Correct Answer: (B). Safwat Ghayur, commandant of the Frontier Constabulary, was the nephew of Pakistan Movement leader Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar.

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Which of the following countries is not in Africa?

(A) Cote d'Ivoire

(B) Burkina Faso

(C) Namibia

(D) Ecuador ✓

Correct Answer: (D). Ecuador is located in South America; the other three (Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Namibia) are African nations.

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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). Ranjit Singh contracted smallpox as a child, which left his face scarred and cost him the sight in his left eye.