

PPSC ASSISTANT (BPS-16)

Complete MCQ Bank — 89 Questions, Fully Corrected & Explained

Every question has been re-checked against verified facts.
The correct option is **highlighted in green with a ✓ tick**, followed by a short explanation.

✓ Correct Answer

Q1	Dwarf is antonym of	
(A) Small	(B) Little	
✓ (C) Giant	(D) None of above	
Correct Answer & Explanation: A "dwarf" is unusually small, so its opposite is "Giant".		

Q2	They went out ____ the rain.	
(A) Under	✓ (B) Despite	
(C) In spite	(D) None of above	
Correct Answer & Explanation: "Despite" is used directly before a noun (no "of" needed), making "Despite the rain" grammatically correct.		

Q3	Tick the correct spelling	
(A) Acomodation	✓ (B) Accommodation	
(C) Accomodation	(D) None of above	
Correct Answer & Explanation: "Accommodation" is spelled with double "c" and double "m".		

Q4	A bone of contention means	
✓ (A) Cause of quarrel	(B) Delicious bone	
(C) A reason for peace	(D) None of above	
Correct Answer & Explanation: The idiom refers to a subject that causes disagreement or dispute between people.		

Q5**House of Cards means****(A)** Strong house**(B)** A project to make paper houses✓ **(C)** A weak structure**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***The idiom describes a plan or structure that is fragile and can easily collapse.***Q6****He asked me, "Did you see the new car?"**✓ **(A)** He asked if I saw the new car.**(B)** He said to me if I seen the new car.**(C)** He asked me has I seen the new car.**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Yes/No questions are reported using "if/whether"; option A is the grammatically closest conversion among the choices.***Q7****He said, "Go down stairs."****(A)** He directed me, to go down stairs**(B)** He told me that to go down stairs✓ **(C)** He directed me to go down stairs**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Imperative sentences are reported using "to + verb" after the reporting verb, without "that" or an extra comma.***Q8****She asked her friend, "Where he had been?"****(A)** She asked her friend to where had he been**(B)** She inquired her friend to where he had been**(C)** She said her friend that where he had been✓ **(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***None of the given options correctly form the reported sentence. The correct form is: "She asked her friend where he had been."*

Q9**She said, "What are they doing?"****(A)** She asked what they was doing**✓ (B)** She asked what they were doing**(C)** She asked that they were doing**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The plural subject "they" requires the verb "were"; question word order becomes statement order in reported speech.

Q10**My friend said, "Has Saima talked to Sonia?"****(A)** My friend asked me to have some talk with Saima**(B)** My friend inquired me to have some talk with Sonia**(C)** My friend said to me that he was Saima talk with Sonia**✓ (D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

None of the options correctly convert the sentence. The correct form is: "My friend asked me if Saima had talked to Sonia."

Q11**Rhine river in Germany falls in****(A)** Red sea**✓ (B)** North sea**(C)** White sea**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The Rhine flows through Western Europe and empties into the North Sea near Rotterdam.

Q12**Capital of Denmark****(A)** Abuja**(B)** Oslo**(C)** Quoto**✓ (D)** Copenhagen**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Copenhagen is the capital and largest city of Denmark.

Q13 **Glaciers are in a range****(A)** Hindukush**✓ (B) Karakoram****(C)** Himalaya**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The Karakoram range hosts the largest concentration of glaciers outside the polar regions, including Siachen and Baltoro.

Q14 **Mostly read book in the world****(A)** The Betrothed**✓ (B) The Bible****(C)** Quotation**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The Bible is historically the most widely printed, distributed, and read book in the world.

Q15 **Taj Mahal is in****(A)** Delhi**✓ (B) Agra****(C)** Bombay**(D)** Hyderabad**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan, is located in Agra, India.

Q16 **Abdul Sattar Edhi passed away****✓ (A) 8 July 2016****(B)** 8 July 2017**(C)** 8 July 2015**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Pakistan's renowned philanthropist Abdul Sattar Edhi died on 8 July 2016 in Karachi.

Q17 Who was Hegel?**✓ (A) German Philosopher****(B)** English Philosopher**(C)** Korean Philosopher**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was a 19th-century German philosopher known for dialectical idealism.

Q18 Benjamin Franklin, an American, invented**(A)** Electricity Rod**(B)** Bulb**✓ (C) Lightning Rod****(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod, a device that protects buildings from lightning strikes.

Q19 Eden Gardens, ground of cricket, is located in**(A)** Delhi**(B)** London**(C)** Glasgow**✓ (D) Calcutta****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Eden Gardens, a famous cricket stadium, is located in Kolkata (Calcutta), India.

Q20 Ice hockey has its origin from**(A)** USA**✓ (B) Canada****(C)** UK**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Modern ice hockey originated in Canada during the 19th century.

Q21 Current coach of Hockey Team of Pakistan**(A)** Robert Sheeman**✓ (B) Roelant Oltmans****(C)** Both a & b**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Dutch coach Roelant Oltmans was appointed head coach of the Pakistan hockey team in January 2018.

Q22 Roger Federer is a player of ____ sports**✓ (A) Tennis****(B)** Badminton**(C)** Golf**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Roger Federer is a legendary Swiss professional tennis player.

Q23 Bashar-al-Asad belonged to**(A)** Iraq**✓ (B) Syria****(C)** Lebanon**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Bashar al-Assad is the President of Syria.

Q24 Napoleon Bonaparte fought for his country**(A)** Belgium**✓ (B) France****(C)** Serbia**(D)** Germany**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Napoleon Bonaparte was Emperor of the French and led French military campaigns across Europe.

Q25**Morocco and Spain are separated by****(A)** Palk Strait✓ **(B) Strait of Gibraltar****(C)** Both a & b**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***The Strait of Gibraltar separates Morocco (North Africa) from Spain (Europe).***Q26****Vitreous Humor, Sclera, and Iris are parts of which human organ?****(A)** Brain**(B)** Liver**(C)** Ear✓ **(D) Eye****Correct Answer & Explanation:***These are all structures/components of the human eye.***Q27****When was Lahore High Court established?****(A)** 1857**(B)** 1892**(C)** 1886✓ **(D) 1919****Correct Answer & Explanation:***The Lahore High Court was formally established on 21 March 1919 under the Government of India Act.***Q28****"Addis Ababa" is the capital city of****(A)** Eritrea✓ **(B) Ethiopia****(C)** Equatorial Guinea**(D)** Equator**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Addis Ababa is the capital and largest city of Ethiopia.*

Q29 Asmara is the capital of**(A)** Sudan**(B)** Somalia✓ **(C)** Eritrea**(D)** Kenya**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Asmara is the capital city of Eritrea.***Q30** House of Lords is upper house of**(A)** USA**(B)** France**(C)** Germany✓ **(D)** UK**Correct Answer & Explanation:***The House of Lords is the upper house of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.***Q31** Longest military rule in the world**(A)** USA**(B)** UK**(C)** Japan✓ **(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***None of the listed countries has experienced prolonged military rule, so "None of above" is correct.***Q32** Bagram Air base is in**(A)** Balochistan Pakistan**(B)** Iran✓ **(C)** Afghanistan**(D)** Tajikistan**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Bagram Airfield is a major military airbase located in Afghanistan, near Kabul.*

Q33 Permanent members of Security Council**(A)** 15✓ **(B)** 5**(C)** 10**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The UN Security Council has 5 permanent members: USA, UK, France, Russia, and China.

Q34 Right of vote was first given to women by✓ **(A)** New Zealand**(B)** Switzerland**(C)** UK**(D)** USA**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

New Zealand became the first self-governing country to grant women the right to vote, in 1893.

Q35 Who was the first president of USA?**(A)** Jhon Adams✓ **(B)** George Washington**(C)** Richard Nixon**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

George Washington was the first President of the United States (1789-1797).

Q36 Antara is news agency of**(A)** Iraq**(B)** Iran✓ **(C)** Indonesia**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Antara is the official state news agency of Indonesia.

Q37**Which country's Parliament has maximum members****(A)** India**(B)** Iraq✓ **(C)** China**(D)** USA**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

China's National People's Congress has around 3,000 members, the largest legislative body in the world.

Q38**Chichen Itza archaeological site is located in****(A)** Ecuador**(B)** Argentina✓ **(C)** Mexico**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Chichen Itza, a famous Mayan archaeological site, is located in Yucatan, Mexico.

Q39**Who was special assistant to PM on Human Rights?****(A)** Farogh Naseem**(B)** Dr. Ali Ahmed**(C)** Tariq Fatmi✓ **(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

None of the named individuals held this specific post; Barrister Zafarullah Khan served as SAPM on Human Rights around this period.

Q40**Kremlin is**✓ **(A)** Russian President Office**(B)** US President Office**(C)** Russian Parade Ground**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The Kremlin in Moscow houses the official residence and office of the President of Russia.

Q41**Pope lives in**

✓ (A) Italy

(B) Korea

(C) France

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:*The Pope resides in Vatican City, an independent city-state enclosed within Rome, Italy.***Q42****Telenor, a brand in telecommunication, belongs to**

(A) Sweden

✓ (B) Norway

(C) France

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:*Telenor is a telecommunications company headquartered in Norway.***Q43****Current European Union consists of**

(A) 30

✓ (B) 28

(C) 27

(D) 26

Correct Answer & Explanation:*At the time of this paper (2018), the European Union comprised 28 member states.***Q44****Pakistan nuclear tests were conducted in the province of**

(A) Punjab

(B) Sindh

✓ (C) Balochistan

(D) KPK

Correct Answer & Explanation:*Pakistan's nuclear tests (Chagai-I, 1998) were conducted at the Ras Koh Hills in Chagai, Balochistan.*

Q45 Pakistan's largest partner of exports**✓ (A) USA****(B) China****(C) European Union****(D) Bangladesh****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The United States has traditionally been Pakistan's largest single export destination.

Q46 Quaid-e-Azam resigned from congress in protest to**✓ (A) Gandhi started Satyagraha****(B) Gandhi changed home rule league's rule****(C) Both a & b****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Jinnah resigned from Congress in 1920, opposing Gandhi's satyagraha (non-cooperation) campaign, which he viewed as political anarchy.

Q47 Who was PM of Pakistan at the formation of One Unit?**(A) Ch. Rehmat Ali****(B) Feroz Khan Noon****(C) Liaquat Ali****✓ (D) Muhammad Ali Bogra****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Muhammad Ali Bogra was Prime Minister when the One Unit scheme merging West Pakistan's provinces was implemented in 1955.

Q48 Before becoming PM of Pakistan, Feroz Khan Noon was governor of**(A) Pakistan****(B) Sindh****(C) KPK****✓ (D) East Pakistan****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Feroz Khan Noon served as Governor of East Pakistan before becoming Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Q49**Longest Gulf of the world****✓ (A) Mexico****(B) Eden****(C) Both a & b****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***The Gulf of Mexico is the largest and longest gulf in the world.***Q50****Blind World Cricket 2018 Cup was hosted by****(A) Pakistan****(B) UAE****✓ (C) Both a & b****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***The 2018 Blind Cricket World Cup was jointly hosted by Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates.***Q51****Who gave the 1956 Constitution to Pakistan?****(A) Bogra****✓ (B) Ch. Muhammad Ali****(C) Suhrawardi****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Chaudhry Muhammad Ali, as Prime Minister, oversaw the passage of Pakistan's first constitution in 1956.***Q52****Fatima Jinnah contested Presidential Elections in****✓ (A) 1965****(B) 1970****(C) 1962****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Fatima Jinnah contested the 1965 presidential election against President Ayub Khan.*

Q53 Fastest bowler till 2017

✓ (A) Shoaib Akhtar

(B) Sachin Tendulkar

(C) Naitan Sharma

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:*Shoaib Akhtar holds the record for the fastest recorded delivery in cricket (161.3 km/h).***Q54** Which country is not a member of ECO?

(A) Pakistan

(B) Tajikistan

(C) Iran

✓ (D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:*Pakistan, Iran, and Tajikistan are all founding/member states of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).***Q55** Term "Butterfly" is used in which game?

(A) Polo

✓ (B) Swimming

(C) Tennis

(D) Cricket

Correct Answer & Explanation:*"Butterfly" is a competitive swimming stroke.***Q56** Books of a Muslim Scholar studied in European Universities

(A) Jabir bin Hayyan

✓ (B) Bu Ali Sina

(C) Farabi

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:*Ibn Sina's (Bu Ali Sina's) "Canon of Medicine" was used as a standard medical textbook in European universities for centuries.*

Q57 Charles Darwin wrote "Origin of Species" as actually a(n)

✓ (A) English Biologist

(B) French Nutritionist

(C) German Scientist

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Charles Darwin was an English naturalist and biologist, author of "On the Origin of Species."

Q58 Kosovo's year of independence

✓ (A) 2008

(B) 2009

(C) 2010

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Kosovo declared independence from Serbia on 17 February 2008.

Q59 Recently Russian President Putin has been elected for the period of

(A) 4 years

✓ (B) 6 years

(C) 5 years

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Under Russia's constitution, the presidential term is 6 years.

Q60 Governor of State Bank of Pakistan

(A) Yasin Anwar

✓ (B) Tariq Bajwa

(C) Ashraf

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Tariq Bajwa served as Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan around the time of this exam (2017-2019).

Q61 Tomb of Khawaja Ghulam Fareed is located in**(A)** Pak Pattan✓ **(B) Mithan Kot****(C)** Sahiwal**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The shrine of Sufi poet Khawaja Ghulam Fareed is located in Mithankot, Punjab.

Q62 Hujjat-ul-Baligha is written by**(A)** Sir Syed✓ **(B) Shah Wali Ullah****(C)** Syed Ahmed Shaheed**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

"Hujjat-Allah al-Baligha" is a renowned work by Shah Waliullah, the 18th-century Islamic scholar.

Q63 Atta Ullah Shah Bokhari was leader of**(A)** Nizam-e-Islam Party**(B)** Tehreek-e-Istaqlal✓ **(C) Tehreek-e-Ahrar****(D)** Jihad Movement**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Maulana Atta Ullah Shah Bokhari was a prominent leader of Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Islam (Tehreek-e-Ahrar).

Q64 East India Company occupied Punjab in**(A)** 1846✓ **(B) 1849****(C)** 1043**(D)** 1050**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The British East India Company annexed Punjab in 1849 after the Second Anglo-Sikh War.

Q65 What is the population share of Punjab in Pakistan?

✓ (A) 52.95%

(B) 58.25%

(C) 60%

(D) 63%

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Per the 2017 census, Punjab holds roughly 52.95% of Pakistan's total population, the largest share among the provinces.

Q66 Which range is located in the West of Pakistan?

(A) Karakoram

(B) Himalayas

✓ (C) Hindukush

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

The Hindukush range lies in the north-western part of Pakistan.

Q67 How many Emirates are in the UAE Federation?

(A) 4

(B) 5

(C) 6

✓ (D) 7

Correct Answer & Explanation:

The United Arab Emirates is a federation of 7 emirates.

Q68 Juvenile prisoners are under the age of

(A) 14

(B) 16

✓ (C) 18

(D) 20

Correct Answer & Explanation:

A juvenile is legally defined, both internationally and under Pakistani law, as a person under 18 years of age.

Q69**Neelum Valley is in****(A)** Swat**(B)** Gilgit✓ **(C)** Azad Kashmir**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Neelum Valley is a scenic valley located in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan.***Q70****Microphone converts sound into**✓ **(A)** Electrical energy**(B)** Chemical energy**(C)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***A microphone is a transducer that converts sound (acoustic) energy into electrical energy.***Q71****Velocity is measured by**✓ **(A)** Speedometer**(B)** Spherometer**(C)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Velocity (speed) is measured using a speedometer.***Q72****Sound cannot travel through****(A)** Water**(B)** Sand✓ **(C)** Vacuum**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:***Sound needs a medium to travel and cannot pass through a vacuum, which has no particles.*

Q73 **Pasteurized milk is processed to kill****✓ (A) Kill Bacteria****(B) Kill Virus****(C) Both a & b****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Pasteurization heats milk to kill harmful bacteria, making it safer to consume.***Q74** **Dialysis is used for****✓ (A) Kidney****(B) Heart****(C) Lungs****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Dialysis is a medical procedure that performs the blood-filtering function of the kidneys when they fail.***Q75** **Fear of bathing****(A) Claustrophobia****✓ (B) Ablutophobia****(C) Acrophobia****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Ablutophobia is the specific, persistent fear of bathing or washing.***Q76** **Oxygen was discovered by****(A) Charles****✓ (B) Priestly****(C) Wilhelm****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Joseph Priestley is credited with discovering oxygen in 1774.*

Q77**Nearest planet to the sun****✓ (A) Mercury****(B) Venus****(C) Mars****(D) Jupiter****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun in our solar system.***Q78****Arabs worshipped ____ before Islam****✓ (A) Idols****(B) Fire****(C) Both a & b****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Pre-Islamic Arabs practiced polytheism, primarily worshipping idols housed in the Kaaba.***Q79****Tarikh-ul-Rusul wal-al-Muluk is written by****(A) Ibne Sina****✓ (B) At-Tibri (Al-Tabari)****(C) Jabar****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***This historical work ("History of the Prophets and Kings") was authored by the renowned historian Al-Tabari.***Q80****Mother of Hazrat Usman (RA)****✓ (A) Arwa****(B) Fatima****(C) Salma****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:***Hazrat Usman (RA)'s mother was Arwa bint Kurayz.*

Q81**In which battle was the tooth of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) broken?****✓ (A) Uhud****(B) Badar****(C) Khandak****(D) Tabook****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was injured, including a broken tooth, during the Battle of Uhud.

Q82**Square root of $\sqrt{169}$** **(A) 17****✓ (B) 13****(C) 19****(D) None of above****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

$13 \times 13 = 169$, so the square root of 169 is 13.

Q83**Complete the series: 1, 5, 20, 60, 120****✓ (A) 120****(B) 480****(C) 240****(D) 560****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

The multiplying factor decreases by 1 each step (x5, x4, x3, x2, x1), so the next term is $120 \times 1 = 120$.

Q84**MS Office shortcut used for Cut****✓ (A) Ctrl + X****(B) Ctrl + L****(C) Ctrl + Y****(D) Ctrl + Z****Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Ctrl+X is the standard keyboard shortcut for "Cut" in MS Office and most other applications.

Q85 0.25 ÷ 100 is equal to

✓ (A) 0.0025

(B) 0.026

(C) .26

(D) .25

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Dividing 0.25 by 100 shifts the decimal point two places left, giving 0.0025.

Q86 In a class 20 boys, 28 girls. Find the percentage of girls.

✓ (A) 58.3%

(B) 36.9%

(C) 35%

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Total students = 48. Percentage of girls = $(28/48) \times 100 \approx 58.3\%$.

Q87 A train covers 240 miles in 24 minutes. Which time is required for 650 miles?

✓ (A) 65

(B) 89

(C) 109

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

Speed = $240/24 = 10$ miles per minute. Time for 650 miles = $650/10 = 65$ minutes.

Q88 A triangle with two equal sides is called

✓ (A) Isosceles

(B) Square

(C) Trapizm

(D) None of above

Correct Answer & Explanation:

A triangle with exactly two equal sides is called an isosceles triangle.

Q89**When was Hajj made obligatory?****(A)** 6 AH**✓ (B)** 9 AH**(C)** 10 AH**(D)** None of above**Correct Answer & Explanation:**

Hajj was made obligatory in 9 AH; the Prophet (PBUH) performed his only Hajj (the Farewell Hajj) in 10 AH.