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Islamic Studies

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Questions 1 – 20 • Total Marks: 20

Q1

In which Surah are the rules of distribution of Mall-e-Ghaneemat (war booty) mentioned?

کس سورہ میں مال غنیمت کی تقسیم کے بارے میں احکامات بیان ہیں؟

A Sura Anfal

✓ سورة الانفال

B Sura Toba

سورة توبہ

C Surah Nisa

سورة النساء

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

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Surah Al-Anfal (Chapter 8) is named after the word 'Anfal', meaning spoils of war. Verse 8:41 lays down the complete divine formula for distributing war

booty — one-fifth (Khums) reserved for Allah, the Messenger, near relatives, orphans, the needy, and the wayfarer, with the remaining four-fifths distributed among the fighters. This surah was revealed after the Battle of Badr, when disputes arose among the Companions over the spoils.

سورة الانفال (سورہ نمبر 8) کا نام ہی 'انفال' یعنی مالِ غنیمت سے یا خوذ ہے۔ آیت 41:8 میں مالِ غنیمت کی مکمل تقسیم کا اصول بیان ہوا: خمس (پانچواں حصہ) اللہ، رسول، قرابت داروں، یتیموں، مسکینوں اور مسافروں کے لیے، جبکہ باقی چار حصے مجاہدین میں تقسیم ہوتے ہیں۔ یہ سورہ غزوہ بدر کے بعد نازل ہوئی۔

Q2

In which Surah is the murder of children prohibited in fear of hunger/starvation?

کس سورہ میں اولاد کو بھوک کے ڈر سے قتل کرنے سے منع کیا گیا ہے؟

A Surah An'am

✓ سورة الانعام

B Surah Mominoon

سورة مومنون

C Surah Hujrat

سورة الحجرات

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

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Surah Al-An'am (6:151) commands: 'Do not kill your children for fear of poverty; We provide for you and for them.' This verse abolished the pre-

Islamic Arab custom of infanticide driven by economic fear, affirming that sustenance (Rizq) is guaranteed by Allah alone, not dependent on human calculation.

سورة الانعام کی آیت 151 میں حکم ہے: 'اپنی اولاد کو مفلسی کے خوف سے قتل نہ کرو، ہم ہی تمہیں اور انہیں رزق دیتے ہیں۔' اس آیت نے زمانہ جاہلیت کی اس رسم کو ختم کیا جس میں غربت کے خوف سے اولاد کو قتل کر دیا جاتا تھا، اور واضح کیا کہ رزق دینے والی ذات صرف اللہ ہے۔

Q3

In how many Surahs are Haroof-e-Muqatiyat found?

کتنی سورتوں میں حروفِ مقطعات پائے جاتے ہیں؟

A 20

۲۰

B 25

۲۵

C 29

۲۹ ✓

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

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Huroof-e-Muqatta'at (the 'disjointed letters' such as Alif-Laam-Meem, Ya-Seen, Ha-Meem) open exactly 29 Surahs of the Qur'an. Their precise meaning is considered among the

Mutashabihat (allegorical/unclear matters) known fully only to Allah, though scholars note they demonstrate the Qur'an's inimitability, built from the same simple alphabet Arabs used daily yet impossible to replicate.

حروفِ مقطعات (جیسے الم، حم، طہ) قرآنِ کریم کی
29 سورتوں کے آغاز میں پائے جاتے ہیں۔ ان کا
حقیقی مفہوم تشابہات میں شمار ہوتا ہے جس کا
کامل علم صرف اللہ تعالیٰ کو ہے۔

Q4

How many times is the name
'Muhammad (SAW)' narrated in the
Holy Quran?

قرآن حکیم میں لفظ محمد صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کتنی
بار استعمال ہوا ہے؟

A 4

۳ ✓

B 5

۵

C 6

۶

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

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The name 'Muhammad' appears
exactly 4 times in the Qur'an — in
Surah Aal-e-Imran (3:144), Surah Al-
Ahzab (33:40), Surah Muhammad (47:2),

and Surah Al-Fath (48:29). Separately, the name 'Ahmad' (another name of the Prophet ﷺ) appears once in Surah As-Saff (61:6). Candidates often confuse these two counts, so the distinction is an important exam point.

لفظ 'محمد' قرآن مجید میں چار مقامات پر آیا ہے: آل عمران 3:144، الاحزاب 33:40، سورۃ محمد 47:2 اور الفتح 48:29۔ اس کے علاوہ نام 'احمد' سورۃ الصف 61:6 میں ایک بار مذکور ہے۔

Q5

Which book of Seerat-e-Rasool (SAW) in Urdu is written without points/dots?

سیرت رسول صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم پر اردو زبان
میں پہلی غیر منقوط کتاب کون سی ہے؟

A Rasool Alam

رسول عالم

B Hadi Alam

ہادی عالم

C Sarwar Alam

سرور عالم ✓

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Sarwar-e-Alam' is a Seerat work written in Urdu entirely without dotted letters (Ghair Manqoot), a literary feat demonstrating linguistic

mastery, since Urdu depends heavily on dots to distinguish letters. Such Ghair Manqoot writing is a respected tradition in classical Urdu literature, often used as a display of a writer's command over the language while honoring the Prophet ﷺ.

سرور عالم 'سیرت رسول ﷺ' پر لکھی گئی وہ منفرد اردو کتاب ہے جو مکمل طور پر غیر منقوط الفاظ میں تحریر کی گئی، یعنی اس میں صرف وہ حروف استعمال ہوئے جن پر نقطہ نہیں ہوتا، یہ ادبی لحاظ سے ایک نادر کارنامہ ہے۔

Q6

For which Sura did Rasool Ullah (SAW) say that "it made me older"?

کس سورہ کے بارے میں رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے فرمایا کہ اس نے مجھے بوڑھا کر دیا ہے؟

A Surah Hood

✓ سورۃ ہود

B Sura Samood

سورۃ ثمود

C Sura Aad

سورۃ عاد

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Prophet ﷺ said, 'Surah Hood and its sister Surahs have made me old' (Tirmidhi). Surah Hood contains the command 'Fastaqim kama umirt' (So

stand firm as you have been commanded, 11:112), stressing steadfastness amid the harsh trials and destruction narratives of earlier nations, which weighed heavily on him due to their gravity and responsibility.

روایت (ترمذی) میں آتا ہے کہ آپ ﷺ نے فرمایا: 'مجھے سورۃ ہود اور اس کی بہن سورتوں نے بوڑھا کر دیا۔' اس کی وجہ آیت 'فَاَسْتَقِمْ كَمَا اُمِرْتَ' (پس تو ثابت قدم رہ جیسا تجھے حکم دیا گیا) میں مضمر سخت ذمہ داری اور استقامت کا تقاضا تھا۔

Q7

Who is the author of the book
"Sunnat Khair Ul Anam"?

کتاب سنت خیر الانام کے مصنف کون ہیں؟

A Qazi Salman Mansoorpuri

قاضی سلمان منصورپوری

B Peer Muhammad Karam Shah

✓ پیر محمد کرم شاہ

C Mufti Muhammad Shafi

مفتی محمد شفیع

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Sunnat Khair-ul-Anam' is authored by
Peer Muhammad Karam Shah al-
Azhari, a renowned Pakistani scholar

of Seerat, also famous for his celebrated Urdu tafsir 'Zia-ul-Quran' and his multi-volume Seerat work 'Zia-un-Nabi'. He is widely regarded as one of the leading Seerat-writers of 20th-century Pakistan.

’سنتِ خیر الانام‘ کے مصنف پیر محمد کرم شاہ
الازہری ہیں، جو سیرتِ طیبہ پر مشہور تصنیف
’اضیاء النبی‘ کے مصنف کے طور پر معروف
ہیں۔

Q8

The Hadith which extended up to the Prophet (SAW) is called:

ایسی حدیث جس کی سند رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم تک جاتی ہے، کیا کہلاتی ہے؟

A Maroof

معروف

B Moqoof

موقوف

C Qudsi

قدسی

D None of these

✓ ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

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A Hadith whose chain of narration (Sanad) is traced directly and continuously back to the Prophet ﷺ himself is technically called "Hadith Marfu", not Maroof, Moqoof, or

Qudsi. Moqoof stops at a Companion,
Qudsi is divine speech conveyed in the
Prophet's ﷺ own words, and
Maroof is unrelated terminology –
hence the correct choice here is 'None
of these'.

جس حدیث کی سند رسول اللہ ﷺ تک پہنچے
اسے اصطلاحاً 'حدیث مرفوع' کہا جاتا ہے، جو دیے
گئے آپشنز میں شامل نہیں، اس لیے درست جواب
'ان میں سے کوئی نہیں' ہے۔ (موقوف صحابی تک
محدود ہوتی ہے اور قدسی اللہ کی طرف منسوب ہوتی
ہے۔)

Q9

Who is called more honorable than the Kaabah by the Holy Prophet (SAW)?

رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے کعبہ سے زیادہ
کس کی عزت قرار دی؟

A

Safa Marwa

صفا مروہ

B

Jable Noor

جبل نور

C

Momin

✓ مومن

D

Shaheed

شہید

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Prophet ﷺ, circling the Ka'bah, addressed it saying its sanctity is great, 'but by Him in whose hand is Muhammad's soul, the sanctity of a

believer's life, property and honor is greater with Allah than yours' (Ibn Majah). This Hadith establishes the immense value Islam places on the life and dignity of a Mu'min (believer) above even physical sacred sites.

ایک معروف حدیث (ابن ماجہ) میں آتا ہے کہ
آپ ﷺ نے طوافِ کعبہ کے دوران فرمایا کہ
مومن کی جان، مال اور عزت کی حرمت اللہ کے
نزدیک کعبہ سے بھی زیادہ ہے۔ اس سے اسلام
میں انسانی جان و عزت کی عظمت واضح ہوتی
ہے۔

Q10

Which was the last Ghazwa of the Holy Prophet (SAW)?

رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے آخری غزوہ کا کیا نام تھا؟

A Khyber

خیبر

B Tabook

تبوک ✓

C Hunain

حنین

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Ghazwa Tabook (9 A.H.) was the final military expedition personally led by the Prophet ﷺ, launched against the Byzantine (Roman) frontier in extreme heat and hardship, hence also

called 'Ghazwat-ul-Usra' (the expedition of hardship). No fighting actually occurred; it ended in a peaceful show of strength and treaties with border tribes.

غزوہ تبوک 9 ہجری میں پیش آیا اور یہ آخری غزوہ
تھا جس کی قیادت خود رسول اللہ ﷺ نے کی۔
یہ رومی سلطنت کے ممکنہ حملے کے پیش نظر کیا گیا؛
اگرچہ باقاعدہ جنگ نہیں ہوئی، مگر مسلمانوں کی
طاقت اور اتحاد ظاہر ہوا۔

Q11

What was the real name of the Holy Prophet's (SAW) uncle "Abu Talib RA"?

رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے چچا ابو طالب کا اصل نام کیا تھا؟

A Abdullah

عبد اللہ

B Abd Munaf

✓ عبد مناف

C Abd Kaaba

عبد کعبہ

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Abu Talib's real name was 'Abd Manaf', son of Abdul Muttalib. He was the Prophet's ^{صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم} paternal uncle and guardian after the death of Abdul

Muttalib, protecting and supporting him throughout the difficult Meccan years of persecution until his own death, shortly before Khadijah (RA), in what is remembered as 'Aam-ul-Huzn' (the Year of Sorrow).

ابو طالب کا اصل نام عبد مناف تھا۔ وہ رسول اللہ ﷺ کے حقیقی چچا اور دادا عبد المطلب کی وفات کے بعد کفیل تھے، جنہوں نے مکی دور کی مشکلات میں آپ ﷺ کی بھرپور حمایت اور حفاظت کی، اگرچہ خود اسلام قبول نہ کر سکے۔

Q12

The Ghazwa of Hunain was fought against _____ tribe.

غزوہ حنین کس قبیلے کے خلاف لڑی گئی؟

A Oass

اوس

B Khazraj

خزرج

C Hawazin

ہوازن ✓

D Knana

کنانہ

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Ghazwa Hunain (8 A.H.) was fought shortly after the conquest of Makkah against the tribes of Hawazin and Thaqif, who gathered a large force fearing the growing power of Islam. Despite an initial setback from a surprise ambush in the valley, the

مکہ

Muslims, rallied by the Prophet's ﷺ steadfastness, achieved a decisive victory.

غزوہ حنین 8 ہجری میں فتح مکہ کے فوراً بعد قبیلہ
ہوازن اور اس کے اتحادی قبیلہ ثقیف کے
خلاف لڑا گیا۔ ابتدائی اچانک حملے سے مسلمانوں کو
دھچکا لگا مگر بالآخر فتح مسلمانوں کے حصے میں آئی۔

Q13

What is the name of the Muslim scientist who presented the concept of blood pressure?

اس مسلم سائنسدان کا نام کیا ہے جس نے
سب سے پہلے فشارِ خون کا نظریہ پیش کیا؟

A Ibn un Nafees

ابن النفیس ✓

B Ibn al-Hashim

ابن الہیشم

C Ibn Baitar

ابن بیطار

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Ibn al-Nafees, the 13th-century Damascene physician, is celebrated for discovering pulmonary (lesser) blood circulation centuries before European

scientists like William Harvey, and his physiological writings also touched on the pressure and movement of blood through the vessels, marking him a pioneer of cardiovascular medicine in the Muslim world.

ابن النفیس، تیرہویں صدی کے عظیم مسلم
طیب، نے دوران خون کے نظام خصوصاً
پھیپھڑوں کی گردش خون (Pulmonary
Circulation) کو دریافت کیا اور فشارِ خون کے
تصور کی بنیاد رکھی، یہ کارنامہ یورپی سائنسدانوں سے
کئی صدیاں پہلے انجام دیا۔

Q14

Battle field "Badar" is situated near the city of:

بدر کا میدان جنگ کس شہر کے قریب ہے؟

A Makkah

مکہ

B Jeddah

جده

C Taaiff

طائف

D None of these

✓ ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Badr is a small town located roughly 130 km southwest of Madinah, along the old trade route to Makkah — it is not situated near Makkah, Jeddah, or Ta'if directly, making 'None of these' correct. The Battle of Badr (2 A.H.) was the first major armed confrontation

between the Muslims and the Quraysh, ending in a decisive Muslim victory despite being heavily outnumbered.

بدر کا میدان مدینہ منورہ سے تقریباً 130 کلومیٹر جنوب مغرب میں واقع ہے، یہ مکہ، جدہ یا طائف کے قریب نہیں بلکہ مکہ اور مدینہ کے درمیانی راستے میں مدینہ سے زیادہ قریب ہے، اس لیے درست جواب 'ان میں سے کوئی نہیں' ہے۔

Q15

Where was the election of Caliph Abu Bakar (RA) held?

حضرت ابوبکرؓ کی خلافت کا انتخاب کس جگہ منعقد ہوا؟

A House of Abu Bakar RA

حضرت ابوبکرؓ کا مکان

B Masjid-e-Nabvi

مسجد نبوی

C Masjid-e-Haram

مسجد حرام

D None of these

✓ ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The election (Bay'ah) of Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) as the first Caliph took place at Saqifah Bani Sa'idah, a courtyard/hall belonging to the Banu

Sa'idah clan in Madinah — not at his own house, Masjid-e-Nabvi, or Masjid-e-Haram — making 'None of these' the correct answer. This gathering resolved the succession crisis immediately following the Prophet's ^{صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم} death.

حضرت ابوبکر رضی اللہ عنہ کا بطور پہلے خلیفہ
انتخاب سقیفہ بنی ساعدہ میں ہوا، جو مدینہ میں بنو
ساعدہ قبیلے کی مجلس گاہ تھی، یہ نہ آپ کے گھر میں
ہوا، نہ مسجد نبوی یا مسجد حرام میں، اس لیے
جواب 'ان میں سے کوئی نہیں' درست ہے۔

Q16

Which commander was appointed by the Holy Prophet (SAW) and was not removed by Hazrat Abu Bakar (RA)?

رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے مقرر کردہ کس سپہ سالار کو حضرت ابوبکرؓ نے تبدیل نہ کیا؟

A Usama b. Zaid

✓ اسامہ بن زید

B Khalid b. Waleed

خالد بن ولید

C Tariq b. Ziyad

طارق بن زیاد

D Maaz b. Jabal

معاذ بن جبل

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Prophet ﷺ appointed the young Usama bin Zaid to command the expedition towards Syria shortly

before his death. Despite objections from some Companions over his youth, Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) firmly upheld the Prophet's ﷺ appointment as his very first act as Caliph, famously saying he would not undo an order given by the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

حضرت ابوبکر رضی اللہ عنہ نے رسول اللہ ﷺ کی وفات سے قبل مقرر کردہ اسامہ بن زید رضی اللہ عنہ کی سپہ سالاری کو برقرار رکھا اور شام کی طرف لشکر روانہ کیا، حالانکہ بعض بڑے صحابہ نے تبدیلی کی رائے دی تھی۔

Q17

In the books of Islamic Jurisprudence, the Law of Inheritance is called:

اسلامی فقہ کی کتابوں میں قانونِ وراثت کو کیا کہا جاتا ہے؟

A Ilm Ul Fiqah

علم الفقہ

B Ilm Ul Arooz

علم العروض

C Ilm Ul Faraiz

✓ علم الفرائض

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Ilm-ul-Fara'iz' is the specialized branch of Islamic jurisprudence dealing with the fixed shares of inheritance (Fara'iz literally means

'obligatory shares') as detailed in Surah An-Nisa. Ilm-ul-Fiqah is the broader science of Islamic law, while Ilm-ul-Arooz is the science of Arabic poetic meter, unrelated to inheritance.

وراثت کی تقسیم، یعنی کون کتنا حصہ پائے گا، اس علم کو 'علم الفرائض' کہا جاتا ہے، یہ فقہ کی ایک نہایت باریک اور حساب کتاب پر مبنی شاخ ہے جس کی بنیاد بڑی حد تک سورۃ النساء کی آیات پر ہے۔

Q18

Which Sahabi is declared as "Imam-ul-Fuqha"?

کس صحابی کو امام الفقہاء قرار دیا گیا ہے؟

A Hazrat Ali RA

حضرت علیؓ

B Abdullah Bin Abbas RA

✓ عبد اللہ بن عباسؓ

C Maaz Bin Jabal RA

معاذ بن جبلؓ

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas (RA), the Prophet's ^{صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم} cousin, is famously titled 'Imam-ul-Fuqaha' (leader of the jurists) and 'Turjuman-ul-Qur'an' (interpreter of the Qur'an), owing to

مفسر

the special prayer of the Prophet ﷺ that he be granted deep understanding of religion and mastery of Tafsir.

حضرت عبداللہ بن عباسؓ، جو رسول اللہ ﷺ کے چچا زاد اور تفسیر و فقہ میں گہری بصیرت رکھتے تھے، انہیں 'امام الفقہاء' اور 'ترجمان القرآن' کا لقب دیا گیا۔

Q19

When someone declares his wife just as the relation of "maharmaat", that act is called:

جب کوئی اپنی بیوی کو محض محرّمات کا رشتہ قرار دے تو اس فعل کو کیا کہتے ہیں؟

A Khula

خلع

B Eela

ایلا

C Zihar

✓ ظہار

D None of these

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Zihar' is a pre-Islamic practice, addressed and reformed in Surah Al-Mujadilah, where a husband declares his wife as forbidden to him like a

Mahram relative (e.g., 'You are to me like my mother's back'). Islam abolished this as a means of permanent separation and instead prescribed a specific expiation (Kaffarah) before resuming marital relations.

اظہار اس فعل کو کہتے ہیں جب شوہر اپنی بیوی کو کسی محرم رشتہ دار سے تشبیہ دے (مثلاً کہے کہ تو مجھ پر میری ماں کی پیٹھ کی طرح حرام ہے)، جس سے وہ بیوی کو اپنے اوپر حرام قرار دیتا ہے مگر طلاق نہیں دیتا۔ اسلام نے اس کے ازالے کے لیے مخصوص کفارہ مقرر کیا ہے۔

Q20

What is the name of consensus of a community adopted by scholars of another community?

ایک علاقے کے اجماع کو دوسرے علاقے کے علماء اختیار کر لیں تو اس کا کیا نام ہے؟

A Ijma Sukuti

✓ اجماع سکوتی

B Ijma Qolli

اجماع قولی

C Ijma Faili

اجماع فعلی

D Ijma Taqriri

اجماع تقریری

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Ijma Sukuti (silent/tacit consensus) occurs when a ruling given by jurists of one place or era becomes known to scholars elsewhere, and they neither

openly endorse nor formally reject it — their silence being interpreted as tacit agreement. This differs from Ijma Qolli (explicit verbal agreement) and Ijma Fi'li (agreement demonstrated through action).

اجماع سکوتی وہ اجماع ہے جس میں کسی دور یا علاقے کے علماء کسی دوسرے مقام پر طے شدہ حکم کو بغیر کسی واضح اعتراض کے خاموشی سے قبول کر لیں، یہاں خاموشی کو رضامندی تصور کیا جاتا ہے، جبکہ اجماعِ قولی میں واضح زبانی اتفاق ہوتا ہے۔



Urdu

اردو

Questions 21 – 40 • Total Marks: 20

"وارث" کی مؤنث کیا ہے؟

(a)

وارث

(b)

وارثی

(c)

وراثت

(d)

✓ ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

لفظ 'وارث' کی معیاری مؤنث 'وارثہ' ہے، جو دیے گئے اختیارات میں شامل نہیں۔ 'وارثی' کوئی مستند لفظ نہیں اور 'وراثت' دراصل ایک اسم (میراث) ہے نہ کہ مؤنث صیغہ، اس لیے درست جواب 'ان میں سے کوئی نہیں' ہے۔ (Note:)

The standard feminine of 'Waris' is

'Waarisa', which is absent from the
options; hence 'None of these' is
(.correct

سوال 22

قرآن مجید کی پہلی سات طویل سورتوں کو کیا کہتے ہیں؟

(a)

سبع مثانی

(b)

✓ سبع طوال

(c)

سبع معلق

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

قرآن مجید کی ابتدائی سات طویل سورتیں (بقرہ، آل عمران، نساء، مائدہ، انعام، اعراف اور انفال / توبہ) کو 'سبع طوال' کہا جاتا ہے۔ 'سبع مثانی' سے مراد عام طور پر سورۃ فاتحہ کی سات

آیات لی جاتی ہیں، اس لیے یہاں درست جواب
'سبع طوال' ہے۔

"مائدہ" کا کیا مطلب ہے؟

(a)

✓ دسترخوان

(b)

پیالہ

(c)

چشمہ

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'مائدہ' کا لغوی مطلب کھانے سے بھرا ہوا دسترخوان ہے۔ سورۃ المائدہ کا نام اسی لفظ سے ماخوذ ہے، جس میں حضرت عیسیٰ علیہ السلام کے حواریوں کی آسمانی خوان (دسترخوان) کی دعا کا واقعہ مذکور ہے۔

نظم "مسجد قرطبہ" علامہ اقبال کے کس
مجموعہ کلام میں شامل ہے؟

(a)

بانگ درا

(b)

✓ بال جبریل

(c)

ضرب کلیم

(d)

ارمغان حجاز

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'مسجد قرطبہ' اقبال کی شہرہ آفاق نظموں میں سے
ایک ہے جو ان کے مجموعہ کلام 'بال جبریل'
(1935) میں شامل ہے۔ یہ نظم اسلامی ہسپانیہ

کے فن تعمیر اور تہذیب کی عظمت کا خراج تحسین
ہے۔

محاورہ "تتر بتر ہونا" کا مطلب کیا ہے؟

(a)

اکٹھا ہونا

(b)

✓ بکھر جانا

(c)

خاموش ہونا

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

محاورہ "تتر بتر ہونا" کا مطلب منتشر ہو جانا یا بکھر جانا ہے، عام طور پر ہجوم یا گروہ کے اچانک الگ الگ سمتوں میں چلے جانے کے تناظر میں استعمال ہوتا ہے۔

"عصبات" سے کون سے رشتہ دار مراد ہیں؟

(a) نسبتی رشتہ دار

(b) ✓ مردانہ نسب والے رشتہ دار

(c) سسرالی رشتہ دار

(d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

اسلامی قانون وراثت میں 'عصبات' سے مراد وہ رشتہ دار ہیں جو باپ کی طرف سے مردانہ نسب سے جڑے ہوں (جیسے بیٹا، پوتا، بھائی، چچا)۔ اگر مقررہ ورثاء کو حصہ دینے کے بعد ترکہ بچے تو وہ عصبات کو ملتا ہے۔

"دیوان" کی جمع کیا ہے؟

(a)

دیوانے

(b)

✓ دواوین

(c)

دیوانین

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

عربی الاصل لفظ 'دیوان' (شاعری کا مجموعہ یا دربار) کی معیاری عربی-اردو جمع 'دواوین' ہے، جبکہ 'دیوانے' کا تعلق 'دیوانہ' (پاگل) سے ہے، جو یہاں غیر متعلق ہے۔

وہ اسم جو کسی نام کی جگہ استعمال ہو، اسے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

(a)

اسم ظرف

(b)

✓ اسم ضمیر

(c)

اسم صفت

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

وہ اسم جو کسی دوسرے اسم (نام) کی جگہ استعمال ہو، اسے 'اسم ضمیر' یعنی pronoun کہا جاتا ہے، جیسے میں، تم، وہ وغیرہ۔ 'اسم ظرف' زمان و مکان

کو ظاہر کرتا ہے اور 'اسم صفت' کسی کی خوبی یا
حالت بیان کرتا ہے۔

"عروج" کا متضاد کیا ہے؟

(a)

ترقی

(b)

✓ زوال

(c)

بلندی

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'عروج' کا مطلب بلندی، ترقی یا عروج کی طرف جانا ہے، جبکہ اس کا براہِ راست متضاد 'زوال' یعنی پستی یا انحطاط ہے۔

"مشاورہ" کا ہم معنی لفظ کون سا ہے؟

(a)

مشہور

(b)

تنخواہ

(c)

✓ مشاورت

(d)

قیمت

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'مشاورہ' اور 'مشاورت' دونوں کا مطلب مشورہ لینا یا باہمی صلاح مشورہ ہے، اسی لیے ایک دوسرے کے مترادف ہیں، جبکہ باقی الفاظ کا معنی بالکل مختلف ہے۔

"بکری" کا ذکر کیا ہے؟

(a)

✓ بکرا

(b)

بکریاں

(c)

بکر

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'بکری' (مادہ بکری) کا ذکر 'بکرا' ہے، جبکہ 'بکریاں' اس کی جمع ہے اور 'بکر' کوئی مستند صیغہ نہیں۔

اردو زبان کا رسم الخط کیا کہلاتا ہے؟

(a)

نسخ

(b)

نستعلیق ✓

(c)

کوفی

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

اردو زبان روایتی طور پر 'نستعلیق' رسم الخط میں لکھی جاتی ہے، جو فارسی 'تعلیق' اور عربی 'نسخ' خطوط کے امتزاج سے تیار ہونے والا خوبصورت اور رواں طرزِ تحریر ہے۔

"مقدمہ شعر و شاعری" کے مصنف کون ہیں؟

(a)

سر سید احمد خان

(b)

✓ الطاف حسین حالی

(c)

شبلی نعمانی

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'مقدمہ شعر و شاعری' مولانا الطاف حسین حالی کی تصنیف ہے جو 1893 میں شائع ہوئی، جس میں انہوں نے کلاسیکی اردو شاعری پر تنقید کرتے ہوئے فطری اور اصلاحی شاعری کی وکالت کی۔

مرزا غالب کا اصل نام کیا تھا؟

(a)

✓ اسد اللہ خان

(b)

نجم الدولہ

(c)

مرزا فرحت اللہ

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

مرزا غالب کا اصل نام 'اسد اللہ خان' تھا، اور ابتدا میں وہ 'اسد' تخلص استعمال کرتے تھے، بعد میں 'غالب' تخلص اختیار کیا۔ 'نجم الدولہ' وغیرہ ان کے بعد میں ملنے والے القاب تھے۔

کلام میں متضاد الفاظ کا استعمال کون سی صنعت کہلاتی ہے؟

(a)

✓ صنعت تضاد

(b)

صنعت تکرار

(c)

صنعت ایہام

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

جب شعریانثر میں جان بوجھ کر ایک دوسرے کے متضاد الفاظ (جیسے دن رات، اچھا برا) اکٹھے استعمال کیے جائیں تو اسے 'صنعت تضاد' کہتے ہیں، جو کلام میں حسن اور تاثیر پیدا کرتی ہے۔

"Office Memorandum" کو دفتری اردو میں کیا کہتے ہیں؟

(a)

✓ دفتری یادداشت

(b)

یادوہانی کا خط

(c)

نیم سرکاری خط

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

CSS/PMS معیار

تشریح

سرکاری و دفتری اردو میں 'Office Memorandum' کا معیاری اور رائج ترجمہ 'دفتری یادداشت' ہے، جو کسی محکمے کے اندرونی مراسلت کے لیے استعمال ہوتا ہے۔

"Minutes of the Meeting" کا درست اردو متبادل کیا ہے؟

(a)

✓ رودادِ اجلاس

(b)

جلسے کے اوقات

(c)

پیش نامہ

(d)

اطلاع نامہ

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

اجلاس یا میٹنگ کی کارروائی اور فیصلوں کے تحریری ریکارڈ کو دفتری اردو میں 'رودادِ اجلاس' کہا جاتا ہے، جو 'Minutes of the Meeting' کا مستند ترجمہ ہے۔

"Better late than never" کا درست ترجمہ کیا ہے؟

(a)

✓ دیر آید درست آید

(b)

جلدی کا کام شیطان کا

(c)

وقت کسی کا انتظار نہیں کرتا

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

فارسی الاصل مقولہ 'دیر آید درست آید' کا مطلب ہے کہ دیر سے آنے والی درست بات، جلد بازی میں کی گئی غلط بات سے بہتر ہے۔ جو انگریزی

محاورے 'Better late than never' کا مستند
اردو متبادل ہے۔

"شنوی" کا تعلق کس صنفِ ادب سے ہے؟

(a)

نثر

(b)

✓ شاعری

(c)

ڈرامہ

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

'شنوی' شاعری کی ایک صنف ہے جس میں ہر شعر کے دونوں مصرعوں کا قافیہ آپس میں ملتا ہے اور مسلسل کہانی یا داستان بیان کی جاتی ہے، جیسے شنوی رومی یا شنوی سحرالبیان۔

"File" کو دفتری اردو میں کیا کہتے ہیں؟

(a)

مصل

(b)

مثل

(c)

✓ مسل

(d)

ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

تشریح CSS/PMS معیار

انگریزی لفظ 'File' کا سرکاری و دفتری اردو متبادل 'مسل' ہے، جو کسی معاملے کے تمام کاغذات کو ترتیب سے یکجا رکھنے والے بندل کے لیے استعمال ہوتا ہے۔

A

English

انگریزی

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Q41

Synonym

Scraggly:

- A** Gaunt ✓
- B** Underweight
- C** Slender
- D** Spindly

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Scraggly' describes something irregular, unkempt, and thin in a rough, straggling way (e.g. a scraggly beard). 'Gaunt' captures this same sense of a lean, haggard, uneven appearance, whereas 'underweight', 'slender', and 'spindly' describe

thinness alone without the untidy,
irregular quality central to 'scraggly'.

Q42

Synonym

Catacomb:**A** Oasis**B** Haven**C** Crypt ✓**D** Shrine**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

A 'catacomb' is an underground cemetery consisting of tunnels and chambers used for burial, most closely matching 'crypt' — a vault, typically beneath a church, used for burying the dead. 'Oasis', 'haven', and 'shrine' do not

carry this specific burial-chamber
connotation.

Sobriquet:

A Nickname ✓

B Formal name

C Byname

D Pseudonym

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A 'sobriquet' is a nickname, often affectionate, descriptive, or humorous, given to a person instead of their real name (e.g., 'Iron Lady'). While 'byname' and 'pseudonym' are related concepts, 'nickname' is the most precise and commonly accepted synonym.

Metanoia:

A Repentance ✓

B Conversion

C Prostrate

D Submission

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Metanoia' derives from Greek, meaning a transformative change of heart, especially spiritual repentance or conversion of mindset. Among the options, 'Repentance' most directly conveys this inner change of heart and

remorse for past wrongdoing that defines the word.

Verisimilitude:

A Realism 

B Artifice

C Conceit

D Actuality

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Verisimilitude' refers to the appearance of being true or real, particularly in literature or art.

'Realism' best captures this quality of lifelike plausibility, while 'artifice' and 'conceit' actually suggest the opposite (contrivance), and 'actuality' implies

literal fact rather than the mere appearance of truth.

Q46

Antonym

Bastion:**A** Defenseless **B** Deformed**C** Destroyed**D** Demolished**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

A 'bastion' is a stronghold or fortified place that provides protection and defense. Its logical opposite is a state of being 'defenseless' — lacking any protection — whereas 'deformed', 'destroyed', and 'demolished' describe

physical damage rather than the
absence of defensive strength.

Egregious:

A Flagrant

B Inconspicuous ✓

C Audacious

D Blunt

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Egregious' means outstandingly bad or shocking, in a way that draws immediate attention. Its opposite is 'inconspicuous' — not attracting attention, unremarkable — while 'flagrant' and 'audacious' are actually

near-synonyms of egregious rather than antonyms.

Melange:

- A Harmonious
- B Homogeneous ✓
- C Amorphous
- D Anomalous

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A 'melange' is a mixture of diverse, often incongruous elements. Its opposite is 'homogeneous' — uniform in composition throughout, with no variety or mixture — whereas the other options do not directly capture this idea of sameness versus mixture.

Solipsist:

A Self-Centered

B Self-Absorbed

C Selfless ✓

D Self-Stylist

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A 'solipsist' holds the philosophical view that only one's own mind is sure to exist, practically manifesting as extreme self-centeredness. The clear opposite is 'selfless' — putting others' needs before one's own — while 'self-

centered' and 'self-absorbed' are near-synonyms, not antonyms.

Lionize:

A Mistreat

B Vilify 

C Lampoon

D Ridicule

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Lionize' means to treat someone as a celebrity or hero, giving great public admiration. Its most direct opposite is 'vilify' — to speak or write about someone in an abusively disparaging way — a stronger and more precise

antonym than the milder 'mistreat',
'lampoon', or 'ridicule'.

Q51

Grammar – Correct Sentence

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

The new policy has been
A implemented, nor has it been
communicated to the staff.

The new policy has been
B implemented, but it has not been ✓
communicated to the staff.

The new policy has been
C implemented, yet it has not been
communicated to the staff.

The new policy has been

- D** implemented, so it has not been communicated to the staff.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'But' is the standard coordinating conjunction for a direct contrast between two independent clauses of equal weight. 'Nor' (option a) grammatically requires a preceding negative clause to attach to, which is absent here, and 'so' (option d) wrongly implies that implementation caused the lack of communication, which is not a logical relationship, making (b) the cleanest, most conventionally correct choice.

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

A Walking down the street, the trees seemed to sway in the wind.

B Walking down the street, I noticed the trees swaying in the wind. ✓

C Walking down the street, the wind caused the trees to sway.

D Walking down the street, the swaying trees were noticed.

Explanation CSS/PMS Level

This tests the 'dangling modifier' rule: an introductory participial phrase like 'Walking down the street' must be

immediately followed by the noun/pronoun actually performing that action. Only option (b) places 'I' right after the comma, correctly identifying the walker; in (a), (c), and (d), trees or wind are illogically made to be the ones 'walking'.

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

A The company values innovation, teamwork, and to take risks.

B The company values innovation, teamwork, and taking risks.

C The company values innovation, teamwork, and risk-taking. ✓

D The company values innovation, teamwork, and risks.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

This is a parallel structure question: all items in a list must share the same grammatical form. 'Innovation' and

'teamwork' are nouns, so the third item must also be a matching noun — 'risk-taking' fits this pattern perfectly, while 'to take risks' (infinitive) in (a) breaks the parallelism most obviously.

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

A These are the best restaurants in town, but those are too expensive. ✓

B This are the best restaurants in town, but those are too expensive.

C These is the best restaurant in town, but those are too expensive.

D This is the best restaurant in town, but those are too expensive.

Explanation CSS/PMS Level

This tests demonstrative pronoun-verb agreement: plural demonstratives ('these/those') must pair with plural

nouns and plural verbs. Only (a) keeps this consistent throughout – 'These are...restaurants...those are' – while the other options mix singular and plural forms incorrectly ('This are', 'These is').

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

A I wish I could find a way to make amends and secure a better afterlife. ✓

B I hope that my life will become more exciting in the time I have left.

C I fear that my lack of excitement will lead to a dull eternity.

D I wonder if there's still time to make a positive impact and change my legacy.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

All four options are structurally sound, but (a) is the model answer because it correctly applies the subjunctive mood ('I wish I could...') to express a hypothetical, contrary-to-fact desire — the classic textbook construction tested in CSS-level grammar for wishes and unreal conditions, distinguishing it from the simple indicative statements used in the other choices.

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

A Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, as even democracy needs exhibitionism and media manipulation, since authoritarianism thrives on spectacle. ✓

B Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, even democracy needs exhibitionism and media manipulation.

C Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, as democracy needs exhibitionism and media

manipulation, so authoritarianism partners with spectacle.

D Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, as even democracy needs exhibitionism and media manipulation, authoritarianism too.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Option (a) correctly uses subordinating conjunctions ('as', 'since') to logically link the clauses about simulation, democracy, and authoritarianism. Option (b) is a comma splice (two independent clauses joined only by a comma), and (d) ends in a sentence fragment ('authoritarianism too'), making (a) the only fully grammatical version.

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

A Dalit literature upholds the idea that resistance cannot be achieved by words alone, so the struggle for equality is noteworthy.

B Dalit literature upholds the idea that resistance can be achieved by words alone, so the struggle for equality is easy.

C Dalit literature upholds the idea that resistance cannot be achieved by words alone, but the struggle for equality is noteworthy. ✓

D None of these

Option (c) uses the contrastive conjunction 'but' correctly: resistance cannot be achieved by words alone, BUT the struggle nonetheless remains noteworthy — a logical contrast.

Option (a) misuses 'so' to suggest a cause-effect link that doesn't logically follow from the first clause, making (c) grammatically and logically the soundest choice.

Q58

Grammatical Error

Identify the sentence with a grammatical error:

A The new employee, along with the rest of the team, were responsible for the project's failure. ✓

B Having studied English for five years, I find the grammar rules easier now.

C The report, whose findings were groundbreaking, was published in a prestigious journal.

D By the time the manager arrived, the employees had been working for two hours.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

In (a), the subject is 'The new employee' (singular); the phrase 'along with the rest of the team' is a parenthetical modifier, not part of the grammatical subject, so the verb must remain singular ('was responsible'), not 'were responsible' — a classic subject-verb agreement trap tested heavily in CSS English.

Q59

Grammar

Choose the sentence with the incorrect use of the coordinate clause:

- A** She is a great singer, but she is also a great dancer. ✓
- B** I went to the store and bought some milk.
- C** I love reading books, and I also love writing stories.
- D** He is a good teacher, but his classes are boring sometimes.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

In (a), 'but' is logically misused since being a great singer and a great dancer

are not contrasting ideas — they are complementary, so 'and' would be the correct conjunction. The other options correctly use 'and' for addition and 'but' for genuine contrast.

Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of the verb modifier:

- A She can barely speak French.
- B He has almost finished his homework.
- C They will have been married for ten years soon.
- D The company has nearly doubled its profits last year. ✓

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Option (d) incorrectly pairs the present perfect ('has nearly doubled') with a definite past time marker ('last year'); present perfect must be used for

unspecified or continuing time, so it should read 'doubled its profits last year' (simple past) – the modifier-tense mismatch is the error here.

Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of compound adjectives:

A I love reading well-written books.

B The teacher gave us a lot of hard to solve problems. ✓

C The new employee was very full of energy.

D The hotel room was new and decorated.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A multi-word compound adjective preceding a noun must be hyphenated: 'hard-to-solve problems', not 'hard to solve problems'. Without the hyphens,

the phrase reads as disconnected words rather than a single descriptive unit, making (b) the sentence with the compound-adjective error.

Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of conjunctive verbs:

A She studied hard for the exam, however, she still failed. ✓

B I went to the store, bought milk, but forgot to buy eggs.

C I wanted to go to the beach, but my parents wouldn't let me.

D He is a great singer and he can also dance.

Explanation CSS/PMS Level

A conjunctive adverb like 'however' joining two independent clauses needs a semicolon before it, not a comma:

'She studied hard for the exam; however, she still failed.' Using only a comma, as in (a), creates a comma splice — the classic punctuation error being tested.

Identify the sentence with incorrect use of hyphen:

- A The company's well-known CEO spoke at the conference.
- B The self-portrait was painted by a famous-artist. ✓
- C The co-pilot navigated the plane through turbulent weather.
- D The full-time employee received benefits.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

In (b), 'famous-artist' is wrongly hyphenated — 'famous' is a simple standalone adjective modifying 'artist'

and needs no hyphen ('a famous artist'). The other hyphens ('well-known', 'self-portrait', 'co-pilot', 'full-time') are all standard, correctly hyphenated compound forms.

Identify the sentence with incorrect use of conversational turn-turning and transition:

A I'm going to the store, but I need to get milk.

B I love reading books. Also I love watching movies.

C I'm tired, therefore I'm going to bed. ✓

D I went to the party; however, I didn't have fun.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

When 'therefore' connects two independent clauses, it needs a

semicolon (or period) before it, not just a comma: 'I'm tired; therefore, I'm going to bed.' Sentence (c) incorrectly uses only a comma, producing a comma splice, unlike (d) which correctly uses a semicolon before 'however'.

Identify the sentence with right use of raising constructions:

A The report recommends adopting a new policy. ✓

B The teacher believes exceeding the student's abilities.

C The data indicates to show a significant result.

D What seems the problem solves the manager.

Explanation CSS/PMS Level

A 'raising construction' correctly lifts the logical subject of an embedded clause into the main clause without

creating an ungrammatical string. (a) is a clean, standard sentence ('recommends adopting'), while (b), (c), and (d) all misuse verb complementation patterns ('believes exceeding', 'indicates to show', 'seems...solves'), producing ill-formed structures.

Identify the sentence with a semantic error:

A The dog chased its tail with a spoon. ✓

B The sun is shining in the sky.

C The author is writing the book.

D The rain is falling downwards.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A semantic error is a meaning-level absurdity rather than a grammar mistake. (a) is grammatically well-formed but nonsensical in meaning — a dog cannot logically chase its own tail 'with a spoon', an instrument

mismatched entirely with the action,
making it the sentence with the clear
semantic error.

Q67

Grammar – Punctuation

Identify the sentence with correct punctuation usage:

A My favorite hobbies include reading knitting and cooking.

B It's raining outside, however, I brought my umbrella.

C The concert was amazing - I've never heard such talented musicians. ✓

D The professor's lecture was long; therefore it was informative.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Option (c) correctly uses a dash to join two closely related independent clauses for emphasis. (a) is missing commas in its list ('reading, knitting, and cooking'), (b) wrongly uses a comma instead of a semicolon before 'however', and (d) is missing the comma after 'therefore', making (c) the only properly punctuated sentence.

Q68

Grammar – Colon Usage

Identify the sentence with the correct use of the colon:

- A I have three goals for the year, lose weight, save money and travel more.
- B The ingredients for the cake are: flour, sugar, eggs, and vanilla.
- C She had one question: when is the deadline? ✓
- D He enjoys various outdoor activities: such as hiking, camping, and fishing.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A colon must follow a complete independent clause. (c) does this

correctly — 'She had one question' is a full sentence, properly introduced by the colon before the specific question.

(b) wrongly places a colon right after the linking verb 'are', and (d)

incorrectly follows the colon with 'such as', which is redundant since colons already mean 'namely'.

Q69

Grammar – Subject-Verb Agreement

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

- A Neither of the boys have done his homework.
- B Neither of the boys has done his homework. ✓
- C Neither of the boys have done their homeworks.
- D Neither of the boy has done his homework.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Neither' is grammatically singular and takes a singular verb ('has') regardless

of the plural noun following 'of'.
Additionally, 'homework' is an uncountable noun and never takes a plural 's', ruling out (c), while (d) incorrectly uses the singular 'boy' after 'of the'.

Q70

Grammar – Tense

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

- A** She has been living here since five years.
- B** She is living here for five years.
- C** She has been living here for five years. ✓
- D** She lives here since five years.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The present perfect continuous tense ('has been living') is required for an action that started in the past and continues into the present, and it must

be paired with 'for' (a duration) rather than 'since' (a starting point) when the following phrase is a length of time – '5 years' is a duration, so 'for five years' is correct, making (c) the only fully correct sentence.

Q71

Grammatical Error

Identify the sentence with a grammatical error:

A The physicist, along with her team, are conducting groundbreaking research. ✓

B Despite the challenging conditions, he persevered in his quest for success.

C The book, which has been read by millions, remains a classic.

D Their commitment to excellence is evident in all that they do.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Just as in Q58, 'along with her team' is a non-essential parenthetical phrase and does not affect the grammatical number of the subject 'The physicist' (singular). The verb should therefore be singular — 'is conducting', not 'are conducting' — making (a) the sentence with the agreement error.

Q72

Grammar – Subject-Verb Agreement

Identify the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:

The committee, consisting of
A experts in their respective fields,
were divided.

Neither the professor nor her
B students have received their
assignment feedback yet. ✓

The phenomenon of quantum
C entanglement bewilder even
seasoned physicists.

The team's performance have been
D consistently excellent.

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

With 'neither...nor' constructions, the verb agrees with the noun closest to it — here 'students' (plural), correctly taking 'have'. (a) and (d) wrongly use plural verbs with singular collective subjects ('committee...were', 'team's performance...have'), and (c) wrongly uses 'bewilder' instead of the singular 'bewilders' for 'phenomenon'.

Q73

Prepositions

The emperor advocated the expostulation _____ calamities and reanimate officeholders to point out the officials' faults used for reference for the frequency of natural disasters _____ Yuan Dynasty.

A on, in



B about, in

C at, at

D over, inside

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Expostulation on' (a formal remonstrance/discussion on a topic,

here calamities) and 'in the Yuan Dynasty' (a historical period, using 'in' for a span of time) are the standard collocational prepositions here — 'about' and 'over' don't fit the register of formal expostulation, and 'at' is wrong for a dynastic time period.

The museum is situated both _____ the square and _____ the library.

A on, beneath

B on, under ✓

C at, underneath

D around, above

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'On the square' (facing/bordering an open square) and 'under the library' (physically beneath it, e.g. a basement museum) form the standard, natural preposition pairing for describing physical location relative to two different landmarks — the parallel

structure 'both...and' requires prepositions that logically match each noun's spatial relationship.

The pusillanimous politician's lack of courage and conviction reeked _____ opportunism and cowardice, causing his supporters _____ lose faith in his ability to lead.

A off, of

B of, to ✓

C in, in

D away, to

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Reeked of' is the fixed idiomatic collocation meaning 'strongly suggested/smelled of' (something negative), and 'causing...to lose faith' uses the infinitive marker 'to' after

'causing someone' – both standard fixed patterns that only option (b) reproduces correctly.

Q76

Idiom

Emit smoke from seven orifices means:

- A** To be very happy
- B** To be extremely angry ✓
- C** To be very sad
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'To emit smoke from seven orifices' is a vivid Chinese-origin idiom describing someone so furious that they figuratively 'smoke' from every opening in their head — a colorful

hyperbolic way of expressing extreme,
boiling anger.

To sell wolf tickets means:

- A To be honest and authentic
- B To talk tough but not back it up ✓
- C To be weak and timid
- D To be intelligent and wise

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Selling wolf tickets' is American slang for making empty threats or bragging aggressively without any real intention or ability to follow through — essentially all bark, exaggerated bravado without substance.

The carrots are cooked means:

- A The situation is under control
- B The situation is hopeless ✓
- C The situation is changing
- D The situation is improving

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Borrowed from the French idiom 'les carottes sont cuites', this phrase means a situation is finished, beyond remedy, or hopeless — just as cooked carrots cannot be turned raw again, the outcome cannot be reversed.

Forty winks mean:

- A** A long, deep sleep
- B** A short nap or brief period of sleep ✓
- C** A period of wakefulness
- D** A dream or vision

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Forty winks' is a common informal idiom for a short nap, typically taken during the day, as opposed to a full night's sleep — the number 'forty' here is figurative, simply implying brevity.

As clear as a dumpling broth means:

- A** Something that is very clear and easy to understand
- B** Something that is completely unclear or confusing ✓
- C** Something that is moderately clear
- D** Something that is partially clear

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

This is an ironic idiom — dumpling broth is naturally cloudy and murky, so calling something 'as clear as dumpling broth' sarcastically means it is

anything but clear; in truth, it is
thoroughly confusing or muddled.

Q81

Passage 1 – The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde)

The word that would most accurately fit the blank at the end of the passage ('The dim roar of London was like the bourdon note of a organ') is:

A Peeling

B Jarring

C Intimate

D Distant



Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The entire passage builds an atmosphere of tranquil isolation – the studio filled with rose scent, murmuring fountains, and drowsy bees

— deliberately set apart from the busy city. The 'dim roar of London', heard only faintly as background hum, is best captured by 'distant', reinforcing the sense of removal from urban noise rather than closeness ('intimate') or harshness ('jarring').

Q82

Passage 1

What is the dominant sensory experience in the passage?

- ☐ A Visual
- ☐ B Auditory
- ☒ C Olfactory ✓
- ☐ D Tactile

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The passage opens with 'the rich odor of roses' and repeatedly foregrounds scent — the garden's fragrance frames the entire scene before any visual or auditory detail is introduced — making smell (olfactory imagery) the passage's

dominant and most immediately striking sensory mode, even though sound and sight are also present.

What is the effect of the "momentary Japanese effect" created by the shadows of birds in flight?

- A** It adds to the sense of stillness and calm
- B** It creates a sense of movement and energy ✓
- C** It emphasizes the beauty of nature
- D** It highlights the artificiality of the scene

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The passage explicitly links the flitting bird-shadows to Japanese art that seeks 'to convey the sense of swiftness

and motion' despite being a static medium – the fleeting, fluttering shadows momentarily animate the otherwise still curtain, injecting a burst of movement and energy into the tranquil scene.

Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- A** The city's beauty and music
- B** The city's noise and chaos
- C** A sense of distance and removal ✓
- D** The city's power and dominance

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The entire passage is constructed around a secluded, fragrant garden studio deliberately insulated from London, with the city reduced to a faint, faraway 'dim roar' — this consistent emphasis on seclusion and separation from the wider world

makes 'A sense of distance and removal' the most fitting title, rather than any focus on the city itself.

The underlined word 'tremulous', as used in this passage, most nearly means:

A Trembling ✓

B Torpid

C Wavering

D Infirm

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Tremulous' literally means quivering or trembling slightly, as in 'tremulous branches' unable to bear the weight of their own blossoms — describing a delicate, shaking motion, which is most precisely and literally rendered by 'trembling' rather than the more

figurative 'wavering' or unrelated
'torpid' (sluggish) and 'infirm'
(weak/frail).

Q86

Passage 2 – Dilly's Deli Review

If you go to lunch at Dilly's Deli, you could expect to see:

A Couples dining together

B The fire marshal

C A long line of customers ✓

D Homemade pie

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The passage directly states 'the line snaked out of the door to the corner', clearly establishing a long queue of waiting customers as a defining feature of the lunchtime experience — the fire marshal is only mentioned

rhetorically (wondering when he last visited), not as someone actually present.

Q87

Passage 2

The passage suggests that if you eat lunch at Dilly's Deli, you should expect to:

- A** To be called out by the restaurant's staff 
- B** Place your order with the waiter who comes to your table
- C** Dress warmly
- D** Carry your own food to your table

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The passage explicitly recounts that when the narrator rose to leave, 'one of the people working behind the counter yelled at me to clean up after

myself' — directly demonstrating that customers should expect to be openly called out by staff for not following the deli's self-service etiquette.

Which of the following illustrates the restaurant critic's opinion of the food at Dilly's Deli?

A "At Dilly's, you sit at one of four long tables."

B "At lunchtime, Dilly's Deli is so crowded, I wondered when the fire marshal had last visited the establishment."

C "After I had tasted all of the food on my plate, I rose to leave, whereupon one of the people working behind the counter yelled at me to clean up after myself."

"Throwing away that plate of food
D was the most enjoyable part of ✓
dining at Dilly's."

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

This closing line is dripping with sarcasm — stating that discarding the food was the 'most enjoyable part' of the meal directly and pointedly conveys the critic's negative opinion of the food's quality, unlike the other quoted lines, which are more neutral, factual observations about the setting or an incident.

The main purpose of the restaurant review is to:

- A Tell people about the presence of truck drivers at Dilly's Deli.
- B Make fun of couples who argue in public.
- C Recommend the hamburger steak special.
- D Warn people that Dilly's Deli tends to be crowded. ✓

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Although the review touches on crowds, poor food, and unfriendly staff, its overarching consistent thread

— beginning with the fire-marshal remark and ending with the sarcastic closing line — is a cautionary account of the deli's chaotic, unpleasant, overcrowded dining experience, making a general warning to prospective diners its main purpose.

Role of the 'fire marshal' (underlined), as mentioned in the passage, appears to be:

- A Checking the hygienic condition in the restaurant.
- B Checking overcrowding at public places ✓
- C Ensuring disciplined conduct of restaurant's staff
- D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Fire marshals are municipal officials responsible for enforcing fire-safety occupancy limits in public buildings, ensuring establishments are not

dangerously overcrowded — the narrator's rhetorical wondering about the fire marshal's last visit is a pointed comment on how packed and potentially unsafe the deli's overcrowding is.



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Q91

Quantitative

Evaluate: $4^{(1/2)} \times 4^2 - 4^0$.

A 24

B 28

C 31



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

$4^{(1/2)} = 2$, $4^2 = 16$, and $4^0 = 1$ (any non-zero number to the power 0 is 1). So the expression becomes $2 \times 16 - 1 = 32 - 1 = 31$.

What is k , given that $27^k = 9$?

A $1/3$

B $2/3$ ✓

C $4/3$

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Express both sides with base 3: $27 = 3^3$
and $9 = 3^2$. So $(3^3)^k = 3^2 \rightarrow 3^{(3k)} = 3^2$,
giving $3k = 2$, hence $k = 2/3$.

Several number of cows on a farm consume the food in 150 days. If we reduce the number of cows by 10, then the food lasts for 160 days. How many cows were there on the farm in the beginning?

A 150

B 160



C 100

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Total food quantity is fixed (constant 'cow-days'). If n = original cows: $n \times 150$

$= (n - 10) \times 160$. Expanding: $150n = 160n - 1600 \rightarrow 10n = 1600 \rightarrow n = 160$ cows.

A train of length 99m takes 11 seconds to pass completely through a station of length 231m. What is the speed of the train in km/h?

A 108



B 75.6

C 30

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

To completely pass through the station, the train covers its own length plus the station's length: $99 + 231 = 330\text{m}$ in 11 seconds. Speed = $330/11 =$

30 m/s. Converting to km/h: $30 \times 3.6 = 108$ km/h.

A, B and C share \$112. B receives \$12 less than A and C gets twice as much as B. How much does C get?

A 34

B 44

C 50



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let $A = a$. Then $B = a - 12$, and $C = 2(a - 12) = 2a - 24$. Sum: $a + (a - 12) + (2a - 24) = 112 \rightarrow 4a - 36 = 112 \rightarrow 4a = 148 \rightarrow a = 37$. So $B = 25$, and $C = 2 \times 25 = 50$.

Find an integer such that four times the number subtracted from two times the square of the number gives 15.

A 3

B -3

C $-5/3$

D None of these

**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

The equation is $2x^2 - 4x = 15$. Testing $x=3$ gives $2(9)-12=6$; $x=-3$ gives $18+12=30$; $x=-5/3$ gives roughly 12.2 — none of these equal 15, and solving $2x^2-4x-15=0$ with the quadratic formula gives irrational roots (no

integer solution among the options), so the correct choice is 'None of these'.

Zaid is six times as old as his daughter Zoya. How old was Zaid when Zoya was born if the sum of their ages will be 49 in 7 years?

A 25



B 35

C 42

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let Zoya's current age = x , so Zaid = $6x$.
In 7 years: $(x+7) + (6x+7) = 49 \rightarrow 7x + 14 = 49 \rightarrow x = 5$. So Zoya is 5 and Zaid is 30.
Zaid's age when Zoya was born equals their age difference: $30 - 5 = 25$ years.

Find two consecutive positive numbers such that the sum of their squares is 7 less than 120.

A 7, 8



B 8, 9

C 7, 9

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The sum of squares equals $120 - 7 = 113$.
Let the numbers be n and $n+1$: $n^2 + (n+1)^2 = 113 \rightarrow 2n^2 + 2n - 112 = 0 \rightarrow n^2 + n - 56 = 0 \rightarrow (n-7)(n+8)=0 \rightarrow n = 7$. The numbers are 7 and 8; checking: $7^2 + 8^2 = 49 + 64 = 113 \checkmark$.

A light shop sells lights; they sold 25 percent of the lights and still had 1500 lights left. How many lights were there in the beginning?

A 2500

B 2250

C 2000 ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

If 25% were sold, 75% remain, and this remaining 75% equals 1500. So total = $1500 \div 0.75 = 2000$ lights.

Given $x^2 - 11x + 10 = 0$, then x is:

A -1, -10

B -1, +10

C +1, -10

D None of these

**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

Factoring: $x^2 - 11x + 10 = (x-1)(x-10) = 0$, giving roots $x = 1$ and $x = 10$ — both positive, since the sum of roots (11) and product (10) are both positive. None of the listed options show both roots as positive, so the correct answer is 'None of these'.

Total cost of 5 markers and 1 pencil is Rs. 245 and total cost of 3 markers and 3 pencils is Rs. 327. What is the cost of one marker?

A Rs. 32

B Rs. 34 ✓

C Rs. 74

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let marker = m , pencil = p . From the equations: $5m + p = 245$, and $3m + 3p = 327 \rightarrow m + p = 109$. Subtracting: $(5m+p) - (m+p) = 245 - 109 \rightarrow 4m = 136 \rightarrow m = 34$. So one marker costs Rs. 34.

The first term in a sequence is 1 and the second term is 5. From the third term onwards, each term is the average (arithmetic mean) of all preceding terms. What is the 27th term in the sequence?

A 2.5

B 3



C 5.5

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Term 3 = average of (1,5) = 3. Term 4 = average of (1,5,3) = $9/3 = 3$. Once a new term equals the running average, every subsequent term also equals that same average (since adding a value equal to

the mean doesn't change the mean). So from the 3rd term onward, every term – including the 27th – equals 3.

A baker sells different types of cakes in his shop. Every small cake costs \$ x and every large cake costs $\$(2x + 3)$. The cost of 3 small lemon cakes and 2 large lemon cakes is \$16.36. What is the cost of one small lemon cake?

A \$1.91

B \$1.48 ✓

C \$2.34

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Set up the equation: $3x + 2(2x+3) = 16.36 \rightarrow 3x + 4x + 6 = 16.36 \rightarrow 7x = 10.36$

→ $x = 1.48$. So one small cake costs \$1.48.

If one angle of an isosceles triangle is 68 degrees, then possible values of the second angle are:

- A Any value between 68 and 180 degrees
- B Any value between 68 and 112 degrees
- C Any value between 1 and 112 degrees ✓
- D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Since the angles of any triangle must sum to 180° , if one angle is fixed at 68° , the remaining two angles must

together total 112° ($180 - 68$). Each of those two angles must be a positive value less than 112° , so the general bound for the second angle lies between 1° and 112° .

The total perimeter of a semicircle is 20.6 cm. What is the approximate radius of the semi-circle?

A 4 cm 

B 5 cm

C 6.6 cm

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The perimeter of a semicircle = $\pi r + 2r$
= $r(\pi + 2)$. Setting $r(3.14+2) = 20.6 \rightarrow$
 $r(5.14) = 20.6 \rightarrow r \approx 4.008$ cm, which
rounds to approximately 4 cm.

A water tank in the shape of a cuboid has length 1.5 metres and width 1.0 metre. How many litres of water are in the tank if the water is 60 centimetres deep?

A 9000 litres

B 900 litres ✓

C 90 litres

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Convert depth to metres: $60 \text{ cm} = 0.6 \text{ m}$. Volume = $1.5 \times 1.0 \times 0.6 = 0.9 \text{ m}^3$.

Since $1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ litres}$, the tank holds $0.9 \times 1000 = 900 \text{ litres}$.

The inner circumference of a circular race track is 440m. If the width of the track is 14m, what is the radius of the outer circle?

A 70m

B 77m

C 84m



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Inner radius = circumference $\div$ 2π =
 $440 / (2 \times 22/7) = 70\text{m}$. Adding the track
width: outer radius = $70 + 14 = 84\text{m}$.

In a group of 200 people, 90 like tennis, while 108 like cricket and 46 people like both tennis and cricket. How many people like neither tennis nor cricket?

A 44

B 48 ✓

C 62

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Using set theory: people who like at least one sport = $90 + 108 - 46$ (subtracting the overlap counted twice) = 152. People who like neither =

total – liking at least one = $200 - 152 = 48$.

450 visitors visit a museum on each Monday, while only 120 visit on each of the remaining six days of the week. How many visitors are there on a daily average basis in a month of 30 days beginning on a Monday?

A 164

B 160

C 175 ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A 30-day month starting on Monday contains 5 Mondays (days 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) and 25 other days. Total visitors =

$$(5 \times 450) + (25 \times 120) = 2250 + 3000 = 5250. \text{ Daily average} = 5250 \div 30 = 175.$$

Q110

Logical Reasoning

A is B's daughter, C is B's mother, D is B's sister and E is D's son. Then how is A related to E?

- ☐ A Uncle
- ☐ B Grand daughter
- ☒ C Cousin ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A is B's daughter, and D is B's sister (so A and D's son E share the same grandparents through B and D being siblings). Since A is the daughter of one

sibling (B) and E is the son of the other sibling (D), A and E are first cousins.

Pointing to a photograph, a man said, "I have no brother, and that girl's father is my father's son." Whose photograph was it?

- ☐ A His father
- ☐ B His own
- ☒ C His daughter ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'My father's son', given the man has no brother, can only refer to the man himself. So the sentence means 'that girl's father is me' — meaning the man in the photograph's father is the

speaker, making the girl in the photo
his daughter.

A bus for Islamabad leaves after every fifty two minutes from a bus stand. An enquiry officer told a passenger that the bus had already left sixteen minutes ago and the next bus will leave at 08:15 pm. At what time did the enquiry officer give the information to the passenger?

A 07:23 pm

B 07:39 pm ✓

C 07:49 pm

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The bus that already left departed 52 minutes before the next one: 08:15 pm – 52 min = 07:23 pm. Since that bus had

left 16 minutes before the officer spoke, the time of the conversation was $07:23 \text{ pm} + 16 \text{ min} = 07:39 \text{ pm}$.

Pearl Tower is taller than Sky Tower but shorter than Ocean Tower. Ocean Tower and MCB Tower are of same height. Pearl Tower is shorter than Bahria Tower.

Which one is the second shortest among all the buildings?

A Pearl Tower



B Sky Tower

C Ocean Tower

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

From the clues: Sky Tower < Pearl Tower < Ocean Tower = MCB Tower, and Pearl Tower < Bahria Tower. Sky Tower is confirmed the shortest

(below Pearl). Pearl Tower is shorter than every other named building (Ocean, MCB, Bahria) except Sky Tower, making Pearl Tower the second shortest overall.

Peter is in the East of Tom and Tom is in the North of John. Mike is in the South of John, then in which direction of Peter is Mike?

- A South-East
- B South-West ✓
- C South
- D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Place John at the origin. Tom is North of John, so Tom is above John; Peter is East of Tom, so Peter is to the upper-right. Mike is South of John, directly below. Relative to Peter (upper-right),

Mike (lower-left of the whole layout)
lies to the South-West.

A student takes classes of six subjects (Geography, History, Jurisprudence, Kinetics, Literature, Mechanics) with conditions: Geography immediately after History; Kinetics earlier than Geography; Mechanics earlier than Literature; Mechanics immediately before or after Jurisprudence. If Literature is earlier than Kinetics, then History must be in the following position:

A First

B Third

C Fifth ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Since Literature < Kinetics and Mechanics < Literature, we get the chain Mechanics < Literature < Kinetics < Geography, and since History is immediately before Geography, Kinetics must also fall before History, giving the fixed order Mechanics–Literature–Kinetics–History–Geography (5 of the 6 slots). Jurisprudence must sit immediately next to Mechanics, which — given Mechanics is first in the chain — can only fit before Mechanics or right after it without breaking the chain, placing History consistently in the 5th position either way.

Six girls are sitting in a circle facing towards the centre of the circle. R is between N and S. P is next to the left of V. R is 4th to the right of P. What is the position of T?

- ☐ A To the immediate right of V
- ☐ B Second to the left of P
- ☐ C Second to the right of R
- ☒ D None of these ✓

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Working through the seating algebra, the clues 'P is next to the left of V' and 'R is 4th to the right of P' force R and V to always end up as immediate neighbours in a 6-seat circle — leaving

only one of R's two neighbouring seats free for N or S, and leaving T's exact seat (among the two remaining unassigned positions) undetermined by the given clues alone, so none of the specific fixed positions offered can be confirmed with certainty.

Q117

Quantitative

Roni and Willy had a 100m race. Roni covered the distance in 45 secs and Willy covered the distance in 36 secs. Willy beats Roni by how much distance?

A 20m



B 22.5m

C 25m

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Roni's speed = $100/45$ m/s. In the 36 seconds it takes Willy to finish, Roni covers $(100/45) \times 36 = 80$ m. So when

Willy crosses the finish line, Roni is still
 $100 - 80 = 20\text{m}$ behind.

What is a and b in the given sequence: a, 13, 9, 3, -5, -15, b?

A 15, -25

B 15, -27 ✓

C 16, -28

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The differences between consecutive terms are -4, -6, -8, -10 — decreasing by 2 each time (an arithmetic sequence of differences). Working backward, the difference before 13 should be -2, so $a = 13 - (-2) = 15$. Continuing forward, the

next difference after -10 is -12 , so $b = -15 + (-12) = -27$.

Q119

Quantitative

What is the sum of prime numbers less than 21?

A 58

B 64

C 77



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The prime numbers less than 21 are: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19. Adding them:
 $2+3+5+7+11+13+17+19 = 77$.

Q120

Logical Reasoning

Old generation people were born between 1965 and 1981. They can do most tasks independently. Some people call them the Entrepreneurial generation. The conclusion which follows logically from the above statements is:

- A** They have a natural tendency of being self-employed ✓
- B** They work harder than any recent generation
- C** They require some assistance to do tasks
- D** None of these

The passage directly links this generation's independence in completing tasks to their being labelled the 'Entrepreneurial generation' — entrepreneurship is inherently about self-direction and self-employment, so option (a) is the only conclusion that logically follows from the stated premises without introducing unsupported claims (like working harder, which is never mentioned).

Q121

Quantitative

The expression $3(-4 \times 5 - 6)$ would be equal to:

A 12

B -78 ✓

C -15

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Following order of operations: $-4 \times 5 = -20$; $-20 - 6 = -26$. Then $3 \times (-26) = -78$.

Arrange in order of size, smallest to largest: (i) 0.5^2 (ii) 0.5 (iii) 0.5^3 (iv) cube root of 0.5

A iv, ii, i, iii

B iii, i, ii, iv ✓

C ii, i, iii, iv

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Calculating each: (iii) $0.5^3 = 0.125$; (i) $0.5^2 = 0.25$; (ii) 0.5 ; (iv) cube root of $0.5 \approx 0.794$. In increasing order: $0.125 < 0.25 < 0.5 < 0.794$, i.e., iii, i, ii, iv.

The forest workers plant 200 trees in one month (30 days). When 20 workers were sent away, 200 trees were planted in 40 days by this second group. How many workers were there in the first group?

A 60

B 70

C 80



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let W = original workers, each planting at the same per-worker rate. Rate needed for second group: $200 \text{ trees} \div 40 \text{ days} = 5 \text{ trees/day}$, produced by $(W-20)$ workers. Since $200 \text{ trees} \div 30$

days by W workers gives per-worker rate = $200/(30W)$, we get: $5 = (W-20) \times 200/(30W) \rightarrow 150W = 200(W-20) \rightarrow 150W = 200W - 4000 \rightarrow 50W = 4000 \rightarrow W = 80$.

The temperature measured in Murree at noon was 16.6 degrees C. At midnight temperature was 20.4 degrees C lower. What was the temperature at midnight?

A -4.8 degrees C

B -4.2 degrees C

C -3.8 degrees C ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Midnight temperature = $16.6 - 20.4 = -3.8^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Roni has 25 sweets and Tony has 55 sweets. How many sweets should Roni give to Tony so that Tony has four times as many sweets as Roni?

A 5

B 7

C 9



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let x = sweets given. After the transfer:
Tony = $55+x$, Roni = $25-x$. Setting Tony
= $4 \times$ Roni: $55+x = 4(25-x) \rightarrow 55+x =$
 $100-4x \rightarrow 5x = 45 \rightarrow x = 9$.

How can the number 45 be divided into two parts such that four times one part is 9 less than 5 times the other?

A 20, 25

B 21, 24 ✓

C 19, 26

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let the parts be a and b , with $a+b=45$ and $4a = 5b - 9$. Substituting $a = 45-b$:
 $4(45-b) = 5b-9 \rightarrow 180-4b = 5b-9 \rightarrow 189 = 9b \rightarrow b = 21$, so $a = 24$. Check:
 $4(24)=96$, and $5(21)-9=96$ ✓.

A man is 5 times as old as his son now. Four years ago, the product of their ages was 52. What are their present ages?

A 8 and 40

B 7 and 35

C 6 and 30 ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let the son's age = s , so the man's age = $5s$. Four years ago: $(s-4)(5s-4) = 52 \rightarrow 5s^2 - 24s + 16 = 52 \rightarrow 5s^2 - 24s - 36 = 0$.

Solving via the quadratic formula gives $s = 6$ (the valid positive root). So the

son is 6 and the man is 30; checking:
 $(6-4)(30-4) = 2 \times 26 = 52 \checkmark$.

John is 4 years older than David and Joe is 2 years younger than David. If the sum of their ages is 44, how old will John be in 8 years' time?

A 24

B 25

C 17

D None of these

**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

Let David = d . John = $d+4$, Joe = $d-2$.
Sum: $(d+4)+d+(d-2) = 44 \rightarrow 3d+2=44 \rightarrow d=14$. So John = 18 currently, and in 8 years John will be 26 — a figure not

listed among options (a)–(c), making
'None of these' correct.

What integer values can n have, given the inequality $-7 < 4n \leq 8$?

A -1, 0, 1, 2 ✓

B -2, -1, 0, 1, 2

C -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Dividing the whole inequality by 4:
 $-7/4 < n \leq 2 \rightarrow -1.75 < n \leq 2$. The integers satisfying this range are -1, 0, 1, and 2 (note -2 is excluded since $-2 < -1.75$).

A student spends 15% of his scholarship grant on food and 45% on tuition. After spending 50% of the remaining grant on his hostel fee, he is left with Rs 8,000 only. How much is his scholarship grant?

A 32,000

B 40,000 ✓

C 45,000

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Food + tuition = $15\% + 45\% = 60\%$,
leaving 40% of the grant. Spending
50% of that 40% on hostel fee uses up
20% of the total grant, leaving another

20% = Rs 8,000. So the full grant =
 $8000 \div 0.20 = \text{Rs } 40,000.$

Q131

Quantitative

Find the value of $a^2 + b^2$, when $a + b = 5$ and $ab = 6$.

A 37

B 25

C 13



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Using the identity $a^2 + b^2 = (a+b)^2 - 2ab$:
 $(5)^2 - 2(6) = 25 - 12 = 13.$

When the equation $y = x^2 + 8x - 5$ is written in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$, then a is:

A 8

B 5

C 4



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Completing the square: $x^2 + 8x - 5 = (x+4)^2 - 16 - 5 = (x+4)^2 - 21$. Comparing with $(x+a)^2 + b$, $a = 4$ (half of the coefficient of x , which is $8/2=4$).

Find the value of x , where $A = (2\pi + y)x^2$, where $A = 36$ and $y = 2.77$.

A 3

B 4

C 2



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

$2\pi \approx 6.2832$, so $2\pi + y = 6.2832 + 2.77 = 9.0532$. Then $x^2 = 36 \div 9.0532 \approx 3.977 \approx 4$, giving $x \approx 2$.

At a football match, the price of child ticket is Rs. 240 less than the adult ticket. There are 18,500 adults and 2500 children attending the match. Total amount paid for tickets is Rs. 41,400,000. What is the price of one adult ticket?

A Rs. 2460

B Rs. 1940

C Rs. 2000 ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Let adult ticket = p , child ticket = $p-240$. Equation: $18500p + 2500(p-240) = 41,400,000 \rightarrow 18500p + 2500p -$

$$600,000 = 41,400,000 \rightarrow 21000p = 42,000,000 \rightarrow p = 2000.$$

Name the regular polygon that has an exterior angle of 36 degrees.

A Pentagon

B Hexagon

C Decagon 

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The sum of exterior angles of any regular polygon is always 360° , so the number of sides = $360 \div 36 = 10$, which is a Decagon.

What is the perimeter of a semi-circle lake having a radius of 700m?

A 127.4 km

B 3.6 km ✓

C 2.9 km

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Perimeter of a semicircle = $r(\pi+2) = 700 \times (3.1416+2) = 700 \times 5.1416 \approx 3599 \text{ m} \approx 3.6 \text{ km}$.

What is the total surface area of a cylinder having a radius of 3.5 cm and height 5.5 cm?

A 211.5 sq cm

B 198 sq cm ✓

C 121 sq cm

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Total surface area of a cylinder =
 $2\pi r(h+r) = 2 \times (22/7) \times 3.5 \times (5.5+3.5) =$
 $22 \times 9 = 198 \text{ sq cm.}$

The lights and brakes of 30 bicycles were tested. 27 bicycles passed the lights and 21 passed the brakes test. The lights and brakes both failed on one bicycle. How many bicycles passed both tests?

A 19



B 21

C 20

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Bicycles that failed lights = $30 - 27 = 3$;
failed brakes = $30 - 21 = 9$. Both failed = 1.
By inclusion-exclusion, failed at least

one test = $3+9-1 = 11$. Passed both = $30-11 = 19$.

A box contains 8 red, 6 green and 7 blue toys. One of the toys is randomly picked; what is the probability that the toy picked is neither red nor green?

A $7/21$ ✓

B $14/21$

C $7/14$

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Neither red nor green means blue: 7 out of a total of $8+6+7=21$ toys. So the probability = $7/21$ (which simplifies to $1/3$, matching option a as written).

Q140

Logical Reasoning

P is the brother of Q and R. S is mother of R, and T is father of P. Which of the following statements is not exactly true?

A T is Q's father

B P is S's son

C S is P's mother

D Q is T's son



Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Since P, Q, and R are all siblings, S (R's mother) and T (P's father) are the shared parents of all three, so (a), (b), and (c) are all valid. However, Q's gender is never specified — Q could be

a sister, not a brother — so stating 'Q is T's son' is not guaranteed to be true, making (d) the statement that is not exactly true.

Arrange the given words in the order that they occur in dictionary: 1. Apparent 2. Apostate 3. Appoint 4. Apparel

A 2, 1, 4, 3

B 2, 3, 4, 1

C 1, 4, 3, 2

D 2, 4, 1, 3

**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

Alphabetically: 'Apostate' (Apo...) precedes all 'App...' words since 'o' comes before 'p'. Among the 'App...' words, 'Apparel' and 'Apparent' (Appar...) come before 'Appoint' (Appoi...) since 'a' precedes 'o'. Between

Apparel and Apparent, comparing letter-by-letter, 'l' precedes 'n', so Apparel comes first. Final order: Apostate(2), Apparel(4), Apparent(1), Appoint(3).

Adil, Badar, Saima, Dawood and Mehak each have different amount of money. Saima has more money than only Mehak; Badar has more money than Dawood but less than Adil. Who among them has the highest amount of money?

- ☐ A Badar
- ☐ B Dawood
- ☒ C Adil 
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Saima has more than only Mehak' means Saima ranks second-lowest, above only Mehak, below everyone else. Combined with Dawood < Badar <

Adil, the full order becomes: Mehak < Saima < Dawood < Badar < Adil, making Adil the highest.

A got more points than B but less than C.
D got less points than C but more than A.
If C gets less than D, then who gets the highest points?

A D



B E

C C

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Initially: $B < A < D < C$. The added condition 'C gets less than D' reverses the C-D relationship, making D the new highest, since D now exceeds

both C and, by the established chain, A and B as well.

Given: PQS, QRT, RSU, STV... What should follow?

A TUW



B SUV

C STU

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Each triplet's starting letter advances by one (P, Q, R, S, ...), and within each triplet the gaps are consistently +1 then +2 (e.g. $S \rightarrow T$ is +1, $T \rightarrow V$ is +2). Following this pattern, the next triplet

starts at T, giving T, U (T+1), W (U+2) = TUW.

A clock is placed on a table such that at 6:00 pm the hour hand points to North-East. In which direction will the minute hand point at 9:15 pm?

- ☐ A South-East
- ☒ B North-West ✓
- ☐ C South-West
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

At 6:00, the hour hand normally points to the '6' mark (conventionally South); here it instead points North-East (45°), meaning the whole clock face is rotated 135° counter-clockwise from

standard. At 9:15, the minute hand always points to the '3' mark (normally East, 90°) regardless of the hour.

Applying the same 135° counter-clockwise rotation to this mark gives $90^\circ - 135^\circ = -45^\circ$, which is North-West.

Q146

Quantitative

The weights of 4 boxes are 20 kg, 30 kg, 50 kg and 70 kg. If a combination of boxes is made using each box only once then the total weight of the combination cannot be:

A 170 kg

B 160 kg



C 150 kg

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Listing all possible subset sums of $\{20, 30, 50, 70\}$:

20, 30, 50, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 150, 170.

Notice 150 ($30+50+70$) and 170 ($20+30+50+70$, all four) are both achievable, but 160 does not appear in any combination of these four weights — making 160 kg the impossible total.

The positions of the first and sixth digits in the number 5109238674 are interchanged. Similarly, the positions of second and seventh digits are interchanged and so on. Which one of the following will be the third digit from the right end after the rearrangement?

A 9

B 0



C 6

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Original digits (positions 1-10):
5,1,0,9,2,3,8,6,7,4. Swapping positions
(1 ↔ 6, 2 ↔ 7, 3 ↔ 8, 4 ↔ 9, 5 ↔ 10) gives the

new number: 3,8,6,7,4,5,1,0,9,2.

Counting from the right: 1st=2, 2nd=9, 3rd=0 — so the third digit from the right is 0.

16 men and 12 women can complete a work in 20 days. 18 women can complete the same work in 40 days. In how many days will 12 men and 27 women complete the same work?

A 16



B 18

C 21

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

From '18 women in 40 days': total work $W = 18w \times 40 = 720w$ (in units of one woman's daily rate, w). From '16 men+12 women in 20 days':
 $(16m+12w) \times 20 = 720w \rightarrow$

$320m + 240w = 720w \rightarrow 320m = 480w \rightarrow$
 $m = 1.5w$. For 12 men + 27 women: rate =
 $12(1.5w) + 27w = 18w + 27w = 45w$. Days =
 $720w \div 45w = 16$ days.

Q149

Logical Reasoning

Statement: "Research reports that though Vitamin C present in fresh fruits and vegetables is beneficial for human body, capsule Vitamin C does not have the same effect on human body". Which of the following sentence would logically come next? (i) The sale of capsule Vitamin C should be banned. (ii) People should be encouraged to take fresh fruits and vegetables to meet the body's requirement of Vitamin C.

A Only (i) follows

B Only (ii) follows ✓

C Neither (i) nor (ii) follows

D Both (i) and (ii) follow

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Statement (ii) is a moderate, directly supported recommendation flowing naturally from the finding that fresh sources of Vitamin C are more beneficial. Statement (i), calling for an outright ban, is an extreme measure not justified merely by capsules being less effective (they aren't shown to be harmful), so only (ii) logically follows.

Q150

Quantitative

What is the next term in the series: 11, 20, 38, 56, 83?

A 108

B 116

C 122

D None of these

**Explanation**

CSS/PMS Level

The differences between consecutive terms are 9, 18, 18, 27 — an irregular pattern that does not follow a single consistent rule (unlike a clean arithmetic or geometric progression). Since no reliably verifiable pattern

maps cleanly onto any of the three numeric options given, 'None of these' is the safest, most defensible answer.

Q151

General Science

If output voltage is greater than input voltage, then transformer is:

- A** Step up ✓
- B** Step down
- C** Faulty
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A transformer that increases (steps up) the voltage from input to output — typically by having more turns in the secondary coil than the primary — is called a Step-Up transformer,

commonly used at power stations
before long-distance transmission.

The voltage signal which is generated by microphone is called:

A Digital

B Analogue 

C Hybrid

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

A standard microphone converts continuous sound-wave vibrations directly into a continuously varying electrical voltage — this smooth, continuous signal is an Analogue signal, as opposed to the discrete on/off pulses of a Digital signal (which

would require an additional analog-to-digital converter).

Third most common gas that is found in the air we breathe is called:

A Hydrogen

B Neon

C Argon 

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

By volume, dry air is approximately 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen, and about 0.93% Argon – making Argon the third most abundant atmospheric gas, well ahead of trace gases like Neon or Hydrogen.

Electromagnetic radiation with maximum wavelength is:

- A Ultraviolet
- B Radio waves ✓
- C Infrared
- D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

On the electromagnetic spectrum, wavelength and frequency are inversely related. Radio waves sit at the low-frequency, long-wavelength end of the spectrum (wavelengths from about 1mm to hundreds of kilometres), making them the longest-wavelength

radiation among the given options,
well beyond infrared and ultraviolet.

The most dangerous type of radiation is:

- ☐ A Alpha radiation
- ☐ B Beta radiation
- ☒ C Gamma radiation ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Gamma radiation is high-energy electromagnetic radiation with extremely high penetrating power, able to pass through the human body and most shielding materials, causing severe cellular and DNA damage — making it far more dangerous

externally than the much less penetrating alpha or beta particles.

The solar energy is radiated in the form of:

- A** Electromagnetic waves ✓
- B** Transverse waves
- C** Infrared waves
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Sun radiates energy across the full electromagnetic spectrum – visible light, ultraviolet, infrared, and more – collectively classified as Electromagnetic waves, the broadest

and most accurate category covering all forms of solar radiation.

The study of human body cells is called:

- A Physiology
- B Cytology ✓
- C Mycology
- D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Cytology' is the specific branch of biology dedicated to the study of cells — their structure, function, and life cycle. 'Physiology' studies how organ systems function, and 'Mycology' is the study of fungi, both unrelated to cell-level study specifically.

Excessive bleeding during an injury is a deficiency of:

- ☐ A Vitamin B
- ☒ B Vitamin K ✓
- ☐ C Vitamin E
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Vitamin K is essential for synthesizing clotting factors in the liver that allow blood to coagulate properly. A deficiency impairs this clotting mechanism, leading to prolonged or

excessive bleeding even from minor injuries.

Which fuel is used in gas welding?

A Acetylene



B Methane

C Ethylene

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Oxy-acetylene welding, the most common form of gas welding, burns acetylene gas combined with oxygen to produce an extremely hot flame (up to $\sim 3200^{\circ}\text{C}$), sufficient for cutting and welding metals.

Drum printers belong to which of the following category?

A Ink jet printer

B Laser printer

C Line printer ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Drum printers are a type of high-speed impact printer that print an entire line of text at once using a rotating drum embossed with characters, classifying them under the broader category of Line Printers, alongside chain printers.

Machine learning is sub area of:

- ☐ A Hardware Engineering
- ☒ B Artificial intelligence ✓
- ☐ C Cyber forensics
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Machine Learning is a core subfield of Artificial Intelligence, focused on enabling systems to learn patterns from data and improve performance on tasks without being explicitly reprogrammed for each one.

Which of the following can be classified as renewable energy source?

A Geothermal energy

B Tidal energy

C Biomass energy

D All of these



Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Geothermal energy (Earth's internal heat), Tidal energy (ocean tides), and Biomass energy (organic matter) are all naturally replenishing energy sources that do not deplete with use, making

all three legitimate renewable energy sources.

How do scientists know that the Earth's core is made up of metal?

- A** The density of the surface layer of Earth is much less than its average density. ✓
- B** The Earth's rotation speed indicates its core structure.
- C** The density of surface layer of Earth is greater than its total density.
- D** None of these

Explanation CSS/PMS Level

The Earth's overall (average) density is significantly higher than the density of its surface crust rocks. This

discrepancy implies that much denser material — consistent with iron-nickel metal — must be concentrated deep within the core to account for the higher overall average density.

Maintenance of soil fertility without addition of extra nutrition is due to:

- ☐ A Floods
- ☐ B Crop residue
- ☒ C Microbial activity ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Soil microorganisms (bacteria, fungi) continuously decompose organic matter, fix atmospheric nitrogen, and recycle nutrients within the soil ecosystem, naturally sustaining

fertility without requiring external nutrient inputs.

Nanocomposite materials are useful in food industry as they prevent packaged food from damage due to:

A Oxygen

B Carbon dioxide

C Moisture

D All of these



Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Nanocomposite packaging materials create an enhanced barrier at the molecular level, simultaneously reducing the permeability of packaging to oxygen (oxidation/spoilage), moisture (mold growth), and gas

exchange generally – protecting food from all of these degrading factors at once.

Which of the following statement is true?

- A** Water-soluble vitamins cannot be stored in the body
- B** Fat-soluble vitamins can be stored in the body
- C** Body can absorb more of fat-soluble vitamins than required
- D** All of these 

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Water-soluble vitamins (B-complex, C) are not stored significantly and excess is excreted in urine; fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K) are stored in fatty tissue and the liver; and because they

are stored, the body can indeed accumulate more fat-soluble vitamins than immediately needed, sometimes to the point of toxicity — making all three statements accurate.



General Knowledge

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International Affairs

What global agreement, signed in 2015, aimed to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels?

A Kyoto Protocol

B Paris Agreement ✓

C Copenhagen Accord

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Paris Agreement, adopted at COP21 in December 2015 and signed by nearly every nation, is the landmark climate treaty committing signatories

to keep the global temperature rise 'well below 2°C' above pre-industrial levels, with an aspirational target of 1.5°C.

Which international organization or group is responsible for the implementation of the B3W Initiative?

A United Nations (UN)

B Group of Seven (G7) ✓

C NATO

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Build Back Better World' (B3W) was launched by the G7 in June 2021 as a Western-led infrastructure financing initiative for developing countries, widely seen as a response to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

China gave a Peace Plan for the Ukraine war in 2023. How many points were included in China's peace plan?

A 6

B 10

C 12



D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

China released its 12-point position paper titled 'China's Position on the Political Settlement of the Ukraine Crisis' in February 2023, calling for a ceasefire, respect for sovereignty, and resumption of peace talks.

What term describes the use of information warfare, disinformation, and other means to manipulate and undermine the influence of other countries?

- ☐ A Soft power
- ☒ B Sharp power ✓
- ☐ C Smart power
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Sharp power', a term coined by the National Endowment for Democracy in 2017, refers to the manipulative use of information, disinformation, and covert influence operations by

authoritarian states to distort foreign perceptions, distinct from the attractive, non-coercive nature of soft power.

The Regional Comprehensive and Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a free trade agreement among the nations of:

A North America

B Europe

C Asia-Pacific ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

RCEP, which took effect in January 2022, is the world's largest free trade bloc by population and GDP, comprising the 10 ASEAN states plus China, Japan, South Korea, Australia,

and New Zealand — all Asia-Pacific economies.

The AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank) was established by:

- ☐ A Asian Development Bank
- ☐ B ASEAN
- ☐ C Group of Seven (G7) countries
- ☒ D China and some other Asian countries ✓

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The AIIB was launched in 2016 on China's initiative, together with a founding group of other Asian and later global member states, as a multilateral development bank focused on infrastructure financing across Asia,

seen as a counterweight to Western-dominated institutions like the World Bank.

What does the "I2-U2" alliance stand for?

A India-Israel-Ukraine-US

B India-Israel-US-UAE ✓

C Italy-Israel-Ukraine-UK

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

I2U2, informally dubbed the 'West Asian Quad', is a grouping of India, Israel, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates, launched in 2021 to cooperate on joint investments in water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security.

"G-2 or Group of Two" is an informal diplomacy between:

A Germany and Greece

B US and China ✓

C Germany and Ghana

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'G-2' is an informal term, popularized by economists like C. Fred Bergsten, describing the idea of the United States and China acting as the world's two dominant powers coordinating

jointly on major global economic and strategic issues.

Which country hosted the regular meeting of the SCO Foreign Ministers Council in 2023?

A China

B India ✓

C Uzbekistan

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

India held the rotating chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation for 2022-23 and hosted the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting in Goa in May 2023, followed

by the SCO Summit (held virtually) in
July 2023.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) consists of two main components: the Silk Road Economic Belt and:

- A** The Desert Oasis Corridor
- B** The Himalayan Trade Route
- C** The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road ✓
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

China's Belt and Road Initiative (launched 2013) rests on two pillars: the overland 'Silk Road Economic Belt' connecting China to Europe through Central Asia, and the '21st Century

Maritime Silk Road' linking China's coast to Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe by sea.

When was the "Made in China 2025" strategic plan initiated?

A 2010

B 2015 ✓

C 2020

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Made in China 2025' was unveiled by China's State Council in May 2015 as a ten-year national strategy to upgrade Chinese manufacturing into high-tech, high-value industries such as robotics, aerospace, and semiconductors.

Djibouti is strategically located at the mouth of which sea?

A Mediterranean Sea

B South China Sea

C Red Sea ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Djibouti sits at the southern entrance of the Red Sea, guarding the strategic Bab-el-Mandeb strait that connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden — a chokepoint for global shipping, which is why several major powers, including

China and the US, maintain military bases there.

The Horn of Africa (HoA) is located in which part of the African continent?

A Eastern Africa 

B Western Africa

C Northern Africa

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Horn of Africa — comprising Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Djibouti — is a peninsula in Eastern Africa jutting into the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden, of major strategic importance

due to its proximity to key maritime trade routes.

The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formally came to an end in:

A 1977



B 1988

C 1991

D None of These

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

SEATO, a Cold War-era collective defence pact modeled loosely on NATO (established 1954, headquartered in Bangkok), gradually lost relevance after the Vietnam War and was formally dissolved on 30 June 1977.

What does "CARICOM" stand for?

- A** Canada, Austria, Romania, India-Community
- B** Caribbean Community ✓
- C** Canada, Argentina, Russia, Italy-Community
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

CARICOM (Caribbean Community), established by the 1973 Treaty of Chaguaramas, is a regional bloc of Caribbean nations promoting economic integration, cooperation,

and coordinated foreign policy among its member states.

What does BECA stand for?

- A** Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement ✓
- B** Bilateral Exchange and Cooperation Accord
- C** Basic Economic and Cultural Agreement
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

BECA (Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geospatial Cooperation), signed by India and the US in 2020, is the last of the four 'foundational' defence agreements

enabling the sharing of sensitive geospatial and mapping data between the two militaries.

Which nation holds the distinction of being the top investor in Africa by 2023?

A United States

B China ✓

C Russia

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

China has been Africa's largest trading partner and one of its largest sources of foreign direct investment and infrastructure financing for over a decade, driven heavily by Belt and

Road Initiative projects across the continent.

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Pakistan Affairs

Which important shipping lane, connecting the Arabian Sea to the Persian Gulf, passes through Pakistani waters and is vital for international trade?

- A** Strait of Hormuz ✓
- B** Gulf of Aden
- C** The Bab-el-Mandeb
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Strait of Hormuz, the narrow chokepoint through which a large share of the world's seaborne oil

passes, lies close to Pakistan's coastal waters near Gwadar, making regional maritime security around it strategically significant for Pakistan.

Which U.S. military operation in 2011 resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan?

- ☐ A Operation Enduring Freedom
- ☐ B Operation Eradicating Terrorism
- ☒ C Operation Neptune Spear ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Operation Neptune Spear was the codename for the covert US Navy SEAL raid conducted on 2 May 2011 in Abbottabad, Pakistan, which resulted in the killing of Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

The world's highest battlefield, the Siachen Glacier, is located in which mountain range?

A Himalayas

B Karakoram ✓

C Hindu Kush

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Siachen Glacier, at over 5,400 metres and often called the world's highest militarized zone, lies in the eastern Karakoram range near the Line of Control between Pakistan and India.

In 2017, Pakistan became a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). What is the primary purpose of the SCO?

- A** To facilitate trade amongst member countries
- B** To establish a common currency for member states
- C** To promote regional cooperation and stability in Eurasia ✓
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The SCO, founded in 2001 by China, Russia, and Central Asian states, is

primarily a political, security, and economic organization aimed at fostering regional cooperation, counter-terrorism collaboration, and stability across the Eurasian landmass; Pakistan and India joined as full members in 2017.

Which Pakistani diplomat served as the President of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly?

A Feroz Khan Noon

B Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

C Muhammad Zafrulla Khan ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Pakistan's first Foreign Minister and a distinguished jurist, served as President of the UN General Assembly in 1962 and later as a judge, and

President, of the International Court of Justice.

What is the length of the Batura Glacier, making it one of the largest and longest glaciers outside the polar regions?

A 57 kilometers 

B 61 kilometers

C 64 kilometers

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

The Batura Glacier in Gilgit-Baltistan's Hunza Valley stretches approximately 57 kilometres, ranking it among the longest glaciers in the world outside the polar regions, alongside

neighbouring giants like Baltoro and Siachen.

Which island is known as Pakistan's largest island and is sometimes referred to as "Jazira Haft Talar," meaning the island of seven mountains?

A Manora Island

B Astola Island ✓

C Churna Island

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Astola Island (also called Jazira Haft Talar, 'island of seven hills'), off the Makran coast in the Arabian Sea, is Pakistan's largest island and an important nesting site for marine

turtles, now protected as a wildlife sanctuary.

How many members of the National Assembly must sign the notice of no confidence for it to be valid?

- ☐ A At least five percent (5%)
- ☐ B At least ten percent (10%)
- ☒ C At least twenty percent (20%) ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Under Article 95 of the Constitution of Pakistan, a resolution for a vote of no-confidence against the Prime Minister must be moved by at least 20% of the total membership of the National Assembly before it can be tabled.

Pakistan's position on the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) is that:

- A** Pre-existing stockpiles should be included in the draft of the FMCT before negotiations ✓
- B** Ban on nuclear testing be lifted before signing of the draft
- C** A criteria-based approach be applied to the NSG before finalizing the FMCT
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Pakistan has consistently blocked consensus at the Conference on

Disarmament on the FMCT, insisting that existing fissile material stockpiles (not just future production) must be covered under any treaty — a position aimed at addressing the strategic asymmetry with India's larger stockpile.

As of 2023, Pakistan is included in the roster of FATF.

A Black

B Grey

C White ✓

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Pakistan was placed on the FATF Grey List in June 2018 but successfully completed its action plan and was formally removed from the Grey List in October 2022, so by 2023 it no longer

appeared on either the Black or Grey lists.

The Muslim League observed "Direct Action Day" on August 16, 1946, which led to communal violence in:

A Delhi

B Lahore

C Kolkata 

D Mumbai

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Direct Action Day, called by the All-India Muslim League to press for a separate Muslim homeland, triggered severe communal riots in Calcutta (Kolkata), remembered as the 'Great Calcutta Killings,' which left thousands

dead and deepened the drive toward
Partition.

Who wrote the book "Train to Pakistan", which is set during the Partition of India in 1947?

- ☐ A Bapsi Sidhwa
- ☐ B Amrita Pritam
- ☒ C Khushwant Singh ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

'Train to Pakistan' (1956) is a novel by Khushwant Singh, depicting the horrors of Partition-era communal violence through the lens of the fictional border village of Mano Majra.

In the Bogra formula, the proposed lower house of parliament was named as:

A The House of Commons

B The House of People ✓

C National Assembly

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Bogra's 1953 constitutional formula proposed a bicameral legislature comprising an Upper House (with equal provincial representation) and a directly elected

'House of the People' as the lower house, based on population.

Lenin prize was awarded to:

- ☐ A Habib Jalib
- ☐ B Ahmed Faraz
- ☒ C Faiz Ahmed Faiz ✓
- ☐ D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Renowned progressive Urdu poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize by the Soviet Union in 1962, recognising his contributions to peace and progressive literature.

After India's Independence, Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad was appointed as:

- A** Minister of Education ✓
- B** Speaker of the Lok Sabha
- C** Minister of Finance
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the prominent freedom fighter and scholar, served as independent India's first Minister of Education (1947-1958), during which he played a key role in

founding institutions like the UGC and the IITs.

Mujeeb-ur-Rehman presented his six points in:

A 1966



B 1959

C 1968

D None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman presented his famous Six Points at a national conference of opposition parties in Lahore in February 1966, demanding provincial autonomy for East Pakistan — a programme that became the

foundation of the Bengali nationalist movement.

The Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan is appointed by the:

- A** President ✓
- B** Prime Minister
- C** Majority vote in the Parliament
- D** None of these

Explanation

CSS/PMS Level

Under Article 175A of the Constitution, the Chief Justice of Pakistan is formally appointed by the President, based on the recommendation of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan and

confirmation by the Parliamentary Committee.

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