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CSS MPT 2025 Solved & Explained

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All 181 MCQs contained in the original FPSC MCQ-Based Preliminary Test (MPT) 2025 paper — Islamic Studies, Urdu, English, General Abilities & General Knowledge — reproduced exactly as set, with the correct answer clearly ticked and a CSS/PMS-level explanation for every single question.

✓ Every Answer Ticked

✓ Bilingual (EN + UR)

✓ Expert Explanations

✓ Original FPSC Paper

181

MCQs Solved

200

Total Marks (per paper)

9

Subject Sections

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Explained

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This is the complete, solved version of the FPSC CSS MPT 2025 (MCQ-Based Preliminary Test) — every one of the 181 MCQs actually contained in the original paper, arranged section by section exactly as they appeared: Islamic Studies, Urdu, English (translation, vocabulary, grammar, prepositions & idioms, reading comprehension) and General Knowledge / Current Affairs.

A note on the question count

The original source paper's cover advertises “200 MCQs,” but the paper itself contains 181 distinct questions (it also has a printing slip where one question was numbered “63” twice by mistake). We have not removed, merged, or invented any questions to make the numbers match — every single MCQ from the source paper is here, solved and explained, renumbered 1–181 in a clean, continuous sequence for clarity.

Reading the answer key

- ☒ The option highlighted in green with a ✓ tick is the correct answer.
- ☐ The amber "Explanation" box gives a concise, CSS/PMS-level reasoning for why that answer is correct.
- ☐ Where the original question was bilingual, both the English and Urdu versions are shown together, solved once.

A note on accuracy

A handful of items in the original FPSC-released key contain acknowledged inconsistencies (for example, a purely mathematical result, or a basic physics fact). Wherever this occurs, this edition explains the correct reasoning transparently in the explanation box

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Islamic Studies

اسلامیات

Marks: 20 · Questions with bilingual text (English + Urdu)

Q1**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

In which sura are the Rules of Distribution of the "Mall-e-Ghaneemat" (spoils of war) mentioned?

کس سورہ میں مالِ غنیمت کی تقسیم کے احکامات بیان کیے گئے ہیں؟

☒ **Surah Infal** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Surah Toba

☐ C Surah Nisa

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Surah Al-Anfal (Chapter 8) is entirely devoted to the rules of war, spoils of war (ghaneemat), and its just distribution among the Muslim army — one-fifth (khums) to be set aside for the Prophet (PBUH), his kin, orphans, the needy, and travellers, the rest divided among the fighters.

Q2**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

In which surah is the killing of children prohibited out of fear of hunger/starvation?

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

A Surah An'am

B Surah Mominoon

C Surah Hujurat

✓ None of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

This exact phrasing — killing children out of 'fear' (khashyata imlaq) of future poverty — is the wording of Surah Al-Isra (17:31), not any surah listed among the options. (Surah Al-An'am 6:151 contains a related but differently worded command, about not killing children 'because of' poverty already suffered.) Since Al-Isra is not offered as a choice, the FPSC key marks this as 'None of these'.

Q3**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

In how many surahs are Huroof-e-Muqatti'at (the 'disjointed letters') found?

قرآن کریم کی کتنی سورتوں میں حروفِ مقطعات پائے جاتے ہیں؟

A 20

B 25

✓ 29 ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Twenty-nine surahs of the Qur'an open with combinations of disjointed Arabic letters (such as Alif-Lam-Meem, Ya-Seen, Ha-Meem). Their exact meaning is considered among the mutashabihat (allegorical matters) known fully only to Allah.

Q4**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

How many times does the Qur'an narrate/mention the name "Muhammad (PBUH)"?

قرآنِ کریم میں لفظ "محمد ﷺ" کتنی مرتبہ استعمال ہوا ہے؟

☒ **4** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** 5

☐ **C** 6

☐ **D** None of these

EXPLANATION

The name 'Muhammad' occurs four 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). The related name 'Ahmad' appears once, in Surah As-Saff.

Q5**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Which book of Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) in the Urdu language is written without dots (nuqtay)?

سیرت النبی ﷺ کی کون سی کتاب اردو زبان میں
بغیر نقطوں کے لکھی گئی ہے؟

☐ A Rasool-e-Alam

☒ **Hadi-e-Alam** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Sarwar-e-Alam

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

'Hadi-e-Alam' by Molvi Fateh Muhammad Khan Jalandhari is a celebrated undotted (be-nuqta) biography of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), written entirely using only Arabic/Urdu letters that carry no dots — a remarkable literary feat.

Q6**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Regarding which surah did the Prophet (PBUH) say, "it made me grow old"?

کس سورہ کے بارے میں رسول اللہ ﷺ نے فرمایا کہ اس نے مجھے بوڑھا کر دیا؟

☒ **Surah Hood** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Surah Samood

☐ C Surah Aad

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The famous Hadith (narrated in Tirmidhi) reports the Prophet (PBUH) saying 'Surah Hood and its sister surahs have made me old,' owing to its stern warnings and accounts of the destruction of earlier nations, which demanded steadfastness (istiqamah).

Q7**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Who is the author of the book "Sunnat Khair-ul-Anam"?

کتاب "سنتِ خیر الانام" کے مصنف کون ہیں؟

A Qazi Salman Mansoorpuri

✓ Peer Muhammad Karam Shah ✓ Correct Answer

C Mufti Muhammad Shafi

D None of these

EXPLANATION

'Sunnat Khair-ul-Anam' is a well-known compilation on the Sunnah of the Prophet (PBUH) authored by Peer Muhammad Karam Shah Al-Azhari, the renowned scholar and author of the Seerat classic 'Zia-un-Nabi'.

Q8**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

A Hadith that is traced back and attributed directly to the Prophet (PBUH) is called:

وہ حدیث جس کی سند رسول اللہ ﷺ تک پہنچے،
اسے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

☒ **Marfoo** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Moqoof

☐ C Qudsi

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

A Hadith-e-Marfoo' is one whose chain of narration (sanad) is directly attributed to the Prophet (PBUH) himself, as opposed to Mauquf (attributed only to a Companion) or Maqtu' (attributed to a Successor).

Q9**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Who was declared more honourable than the Kaaba by the Holy Prophet (PBUH)?

رسول اللہ ﷺ نے کعبہ سے بھی زیادہ عزت و حرمت کس کو قرار دیا؟

A Safa Marwa

B Jabal-e-Noor

✓ A believer (Momin) ✓ Correct Answer

D Shaheed

EXPLANATION

In a well-known Hadith the Prophet (PBUH) addressed the Kaaba saying that great as its sanctity is, the sanctity (honour) of a believer's life, property and blood is greater in the sight of Allah than that of the Kaaba itself.

Q10**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Which was the last Ghazwa (military expedition) of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)?

رسول اللہ ﷺ کا آخری غزوہ کون سا تھا؟

A Khyber

✓ Tabook ✓ Correct Answer

C Hunain

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Ghazwa Tabook (9 A.H.), fought against the Byzantine Empire, was the last military expedition personally led by the Prophet (PBUH). No actual fighting took place, but it demonstrated Muslim strength at the northern frontier.

Q11**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

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

رسول اللہ ﷺ کے چچا "ابو طالب" کا اصل نام کیا تھا؟

☐ A Abdullah

☒ **Abd-e-Munaf** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Abd-e-Kaaba

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Abu Talib's given/real name was Abd-e-Munaf (also written Abd Manaf); 'Abu Talib' (father of Talib) was his kunya (a name by which he became famous), by which he is universally known in Seerah literature.

Q12**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

The Ghazwa of Hunain was fought against which tribe?

غزوہ حنین کس قبیلے کے خلاف لڑا گیا؟

A Aas

B Khazraj

✓ Hawazin ✓ Correct Answer

D Kinana

EXPLANATION

Ghazwa Hunain (8 A.H.) was fought against the confederate tribes of Hawazin and Thaqif shortly after the conquest of Makkah. Despite an initial setback due to the Muslims' large numbers causing overconfidence, the battle ended in a decisive Muslim victory.

Q13**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

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

اس مسلم سائنسدان کا نام بتائیں جس نے سب سے پہلے دورانِ خون (بلڈ پریشر) کا نظریہ پیش کیا؟

☒ **Ibn-un-Nafees** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Ibn al-Haitham

☐ C Ibn Baitar

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Ibn-un-Nafees (13th century Damascus physician) is credited with the first accurate description of the pulmonary (lesser) circulation of blood — three centuries before European scientists like William Harvey described circulation in detail.

Q14**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Battlefield "Badr" is situated near which city?

میدانِ جنگ "بدر" کس شہر کے قریب واقع ہے؟

A Makkah

B Jeddah

C Taif

✓ None of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Badr lies roughly 130 km southwest of Madinah (between Makkah and Madinah, closer to the Red Sea coast), not adjacent to any of the three cities listed — hence 'None of these' is the accurate choice.

Q15**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

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

حضرت ابو بکر (رض) کی خلافت کا انتخاب کہاں ہوا؟

A House of Abu Bakr (RA)

B Masjid-e-Nabvi

C Masjid-al-Haram

✓ None of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The historic gathering that culminated in the bay'ah (pledge of allegiance) to Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) as the first Caliph actually took place at Saqifah Bani Sa'idah, a tribal meeting hall in Madinah used by the Banu Sa'idah clan for gatherings — not at the Prophet's Mosque, the Ka'bah, or Abu Bakr's own house. Since Saqifah is not among the given options, the FPSC key marks this as 'None of these'.

Q16**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Which commander was appointed by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and was not removed/replaced by Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)?

وہ کون سا سالار تھا جسے رسول اللہ ﷺ نے مقرر کیا اور حضرت ابو بکر (رض) نے تبدیل نہیں کیا؟

☒ **Usama bin Zaid** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Khalid bin Waleed

☐ C Tariq bin Ziyad

☐ D Maaz bin Jabal

EXPLANATION

The Prophet (PBUH) appointed the young Usama bin Zaid (RA) to command the expedition to Syria shortly before his death. Despite objections over his youth, Caliph Abu Bakr (RA) insisted on honouring the Prophet's appointment and did not replace him.

Q17**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

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

کتابِ فقہ اسلامی میں قانونِ وراثت کو کیا کہا جاتا ہے؟

A Ilm-ul-Fiqh

B Ilm-ul-Urooz

✓ C Ilm-ul-Faraiz ✓Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Ilm-ul-Faraiz is the specialised branch of Islamic jurisprudence dealing with the fixed shares of inheritance (fara'id) as laid down in the Qur'an and Sunnah, determining how a deceased's estate is distributed among heirs.

Q18**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Which Companion (Sahabi) is declared as "Imam-ul-Fuqaha" (leader of the jurists)?

کس صحابی کو "امام الفقہا" قرار دیا گیا ہے؟

A Hazrat Ali (RA)

B Abdullah bin Abbas (RA)

✓ Maaz bin Jabal (RA) ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Maaz bin Jabal (RA), sent by the Prophet (PBUH) as governor and judge to Yemen and famed for his reasoned juristic opinion (ijtihad), is traditionally honoured with the title Imam-ul-Fuqaha among the Companions.

Q19**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

When a person declares his wife forbidden to him like the relation of "Maharmaat" (i.e., likens her to a forbidden female relative), that act is called:

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

A Khula

B Eela

✓ Zihar ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

This act is called Zihar — likening one's wife to a woman forbidden in marriage (e.g., one's mother). It was an un-Islamic pre-Islamic practice; the Qur'an (Surah Al-Mujadila) declared it sinful and prescribed expiation (kaffarah) for it.

Q20**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

What is the name given to a consensus (Ijma) of a community that is adopted by the scholars of another/subsequent community?

ایک علاقے کے اجماع کو دوسرے علاقے کے علماء کا اختیار کر لینا کیا کہلاتا ہے؟

A Ijma Sukooti

B Ijma Qauli

C Ijma Faili

✓ Ijma Taqriri ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Ijma Taqriri (tacit/consensual approval) refers to a ruling or practice that later scholars silently endorse without express dissent, effectively adopting an earlier consensus by their tacit agreement rather than a fresh explicit verdict.

Urdu Language & Literature

اردو زبان و ادب

Q21

URDU LITERATURE

اس شعر میں کون سی صنعت استعمال ہوئی ہے؟

"پوچھتے ہیں وہ کہ غالب کون ہے، کوئی بتلائے کہ ہم بتلائیں کیا"

✓ **تجاہلِ عارفانہ** ✓ Correct Answer

B اغراق

C لف و نشر

D صنعتِ تکرار

وضاحت

یہ غالب کا مشہور شعر "تجاہلِ عارفانہ" کی کلاسیکی مثال ہے، یعنی شاعر جانتے بوجھتے انجان بننے کا انداز اختیار کرتا ہے تاکہ بات میں لطف اور تعلی پیدا ہو۔

Q22

URDU LITERATURE

"لا حول ولا قوة الا بالله" کس صنفِ شاعری کا مشہور وزن ہے؟

A غزل

B مرثیہ

Correct Answer ✓ رباعی ✓

D مثنوی

وضاحت

یہ عربی فقرہ رباعی کے مشہور اوزان میں سے ایک کی بحر (ہزج مسدس اربع) کے تقطیع کے لیے بطور مثال استعمال ہوتا ہے، اسی لیے رباعی کا وزن اس سے یاد کیا جاتا ہے۔

Q23

URDU LITERATURE

علمِ بدیع کی کون سی صنعت اس شعر میں پائی جاتی ہے:

"قیس صحرا میں اکیلا ہی نہ جانے پائے دو، خوب گزرے گی جو مل بیٹھیں گے دیوانے دو"

A صنعتِ تکرار

B صنعتِ تضاد

C صنعتِ لف و نشر

✓ صنعتِ تجنیسِ تام ✓ Correct Answer

وضاحت

اس شعر میں 'دو' کا لفظ دو مختلف معنوں (عدد اور دیگر سیاق) میں دہرایا گیا ہے، جو تجنیسِ تام کی خصوصیت ہے — ایک ہی لفظ کا ہم آواز مگر الگ مفہوم میں تکرار۔

Q24

URDU LITERATURE

جس کلام کا بظاہر کوئی تعین نہ ہو، اور جس میں معنوی طور پر کوئی اصطلاح استعمال ہو، اسے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

Correct Answer ✓ مبہم ✓

B صالح

C طرفین استعارہ

D وجہ جامع

وضاحت

ایسا کلام جس کے الفاظ سے مراد واضح طور پر متعین نہ ہو اور جو ایک سے زائد معنی کا احتمال رکھتا ہو، اسے علمِ بلاغت میں 'مبہم' کہا جاتا ہے۔

Q25

URDU LITERATURE

اس زبان کی مخصوص بول چال جس میں کسی لفظ غیر حقیقی معنوں میں استعمال ہو، اسے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

Correct Answer ✓ روزمرہ

B محاورہ

C فعل

D مصدر

وضاحت

اصلاً یہ تعریف 'محاورہ' سے زیادہ مناسبت رکھتی ہے، مگر FPSC کی جاری کردہ آفیشل انسر کی میں اس سوال کا جواب 'روزمرہ' (a) بطور درست آپشن نشان زد ہے، اس لیے یہاں اسے ہی درست تسلیم کیا گیا ہے۔ عام طور پر 'روزمرہ' زبان کے فطری بول چال کے انداز کو، اور 'محاورہ' الفاظ کے مجازی/غیر حقیقی استعمال کو ظاہر کرتا ہے۔

Q26

URDU LITERATURE

جن الفاظ یا جملوں کے درمیان کوئی حرفِ عطف لائے بغیر ان میں سے پہلے لفظ کو دہرایا جائے، اسے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

A حروفِ بیان

Correct Answer ✓ معطوف

C معطوف علیہ

D حروفِ ربط

وضاحت

نحو میں 'معطوف' وہ لفظ ہے جو حرفِ عطف (جیسے 'اور') کے ذریعے کسی دوسرے لفظ (معطوف علیہ) سے ملایا جاتا ہے تاکہ دونوں مل کر ایک مکمل ربط پیدا کریں۔

Q27

URDU LITERATURE

وہ مرکب جس کے اجزا میں ناقص طرفِ مظروف اور مظروف سے مل کر بنے، اسے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

A مرکب تمیزی

B مرکبِ تاکید

Correct Answer ✓ مرکبِ ظروف ✓

D مرکبِ اضافی

وضاحت

مرکبِ ظروف وہ ترکیب ہے جس میں ایک لفظ ظرف (مکان یا زمان بتانے والا) اور دوسرا مظروف (جس کی ظرفیت بیان ہو) کے طور پر مل کر معنی مکمل کرتا ہے۔

Q28

URDU LITERATURE

وہ حروفِ جواس کے ساتھ فعل مل کر خصوصیت پیدا کریں، انہیں کیا کہتے ہیں؟

A حروفِ تنبیہ

B حروفِ مفاجات

C حروفِ تردید

✓ حروفِ تخصیص ✓ Correct Answer

وضاحت

حروفِ تخصیص وہ حروف ہیں جو کسی فعل یا اسم کے ساتھ مل کر اس کے معنی کو محدود یا خاص کر دیتے ہیں، جیسے 'صرف'، 'ہی' وغیرہ۔

Q29

URDU LITERATURE

'دیوان' کی جمع کیا ہے؟

A دیوانے

Correct Answer ✓ دواوین ✓

C دیوانین

D ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

وضاحت

عربی الاصل لفظ 'دیوان' (شاعری کا مجموعہ) کی درست عربی جمع 'دواوین' ہے، جو اردو ادب میں بھی اسی صورت میں مستعمل ہے۔

Q30

URDU LITERATURE

درست جملے کا انتخاب کیجیے۔

A نماز جنازہ ادا کرو یا کیا

B نماز جنازہ ادا کر دی گئی

Correct Answer ✓ **جنازے کی نماز ادا کر دی گئی** ✓

D جنازے کی نماز ادا کرو یا گیا

وضاحت

گرامر کے اصولوں کے مطابق فاعل، فعل اور مفعول کی درست ترتیب اور فعلِ مجہول کا صحیح استعمال آپشن (C) میں پایا جاتا ہے، جو مستند اور رواں فقرہ ہے۔

Q31

URDU LITERATURE

درست جملے کا انتخاب کیجیے۔

✓ **Correct Answer** ✓ علی اپنی تقریری پر بہت خوش ہے

B علی اپنے تقریری پر بہت خوش ہے

C علی اپنی تقریر پر بہت ناخوش ہے

D ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

وضاحت

'تقریر' مونث اسم ہے، اس لیے اس کے ساتھ اضافت اور صفت بھی مونث کی صورت میں آنی چاہیے — 'اپنی تقریر پر' درست تعمیل ہے، جو آپشن (a) میں موجود ہے۔

Q32

URDU LITERATURE

درست جملے کا انتخاب کیجیے۔ (پتہ لگانے سے متعلق)

A پتہ لگاؤدہ کہاں ہے

Correct Answer ✓ پتہ کرو دہ کہاں ہے ✓

C پاکر دودہ کہاں ہے

D پتہ لگاؤدہ کہاں ہے

وضاحت

'پتہ کرنا' کسی کے بارے میں معلومات حاصل کرنے کا معیاری اور رائج محاورہ ہے، جبکہ باقی متبادل الفاظ کی نشست و ساخت لسانی طور پر غیر معیاری ہے۔

Q33

URDU LITERATURE

کون سی ضربُ المثل درست ہے؟

✓ صحیح بنارس شام اودھ ✓ Correct Answer

B صحیح بنارس شام لاہور

C صحیح بنارس شام آگرہ

D صحیح بنارس شام کشمیر

وضاحت

مشہور اور تاریخی طور پر مستند محاورہ "صبح بنارس، شام اودھ" ہے، جو مشرقی تہذیب کی دو نمایاں علمی و ثقافتی مراکز کی نسبت سے مشہور ہوا۔

Q34**URDU LITERATURE****"قوتِ لایموت" کا مفہوم کیا ہے؟****A** قوت جو موت کا مقابلہ کرے**B** قوت کا بھرپور اظہار**✓** **اثنی مقدارِ خوراک جس سے زندگی قائم رہے****Correct Answer ✓****D** قوت کا پیدا ہونا**وضاحت**

"قوتِ لایموت" کا لغوی و اصطلاحی مفہوم وہ کم سے کم خوراک ہے جو محض زندگی کو باقی رکھنے کے لیے کافی ہو — نہ زیادہ، نہ کم، بس گزارے لائق۔

Q35

URDU LITERATURE

"صنعتِ طباق" کا دوسرا نام کیا ہے؟

A صنعتِ مقابل

Correct Answer ✓ صنعتِ تضاد ✓

C صنعتِ توریہ

D صنعتِ ایہام

وضاحت

صنعتِ طباق کو 'صنعتِ تضاد' بھی کہا جاتا ہے، جس میں شعر کے اندر دو متضاد معنی رکھنے والے الفاظ (جیسے دن/رات، اندھیرا/اجالا) ایک ساتھ لائے جاتے ہیں۔

Urdu → English Translation

Q36**TRANSLATION**

Translate 'At one's beck and call':

✓ **اشارے پر ہونا** ✓ Correct Answer

B عاشق ہونا

C آگے پیچھے ہونا

D غلام ہونا

EXPLANATION

'At one's beck and call' means to be constantly ready and available to obey someone's orders instantly. The Urdu equivalent "اشارے پر ہونا" (to be at someone's mere gesture/signal) captures this sense of total, immediate availability.

Q37**TRANSLATION****What does 'Sum and substance' mean?****A** منافع**✓** خلاصہ **✓ Correct Answer****C** تنخواہ**D** حاصلِ ضرب**EXPLANATION**

'Sum and substance' is an idiom meaning the essential point, gist, or summary of a matter. Its correct Urdu equivalent is "خلاصہ" (summary/essence), not any of the unrelated options.

Q38**TRANSLATION****Translate 'Fight shy of':**

A شرمندہ ہونا

✓ کسی سے دور بھاگنا **✓ Correct Answer**

C شرمیلا ہونا

D مقابلے سے گھبرانا

EXPLANATION

'To fight shy of' something means to deliberately avoid or evade it, typically out of hesitation or reluctance. "کسی سے دور بھاگنا" (to run away/avoid something) most closely conveys this sense of avoidance.

Q39**TRANSLATION**

What is the correct translation of 'Nearer the church, farther from God'?

A بغل میں چھری منہ میں رام رام

✓ چراغ تلے اندھیرا **✓Correct Answer**

C دور کے ڈھول سہانے

D ندارد

EXPLANATION

This English proverb ironically suggests that outward proximity to religion does not guarantee genuine piety — those nearest a sacred institution may be spiritually the most negligent. The Urdu proverb "چراغ تلے اندھیرا" (darkness under the lamp) captures the same irony of a flaw hiding closest to the source of light/virtue.

Vocabulary — Synonyms & Antonyms

Q40**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **SYNONYM**: Scraggly

A Gaunt

B Underweight

C Slender

 **Spindly** ✓ **Correct Answer**

EXPLANATION

'Scraggly' describes something irregular, unkempt, and thinly/messily grown (like scraggly hair or a scraggly beard). 'Spindly' — thin, long, and weak-looking — is its closest synonym, whereas gaunt/slender/underweight relate more specifically to body thinness.

Q41**VOCABULARY****Identify the SYNONYM: Catacomb****A** Oasis**B** Haven**✓ Crypt ✓Correct Answer****D** Shrine**EXPLANATION**

A 'catacomb' is an underground cemetery consisting of tunnels with recesses for tombs, as found beneath ancient Rome. 'Crypt' — an underground vault, typically beneath a church, used for burial — is its nearest synonym.

Q42**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **SYNONYM**: Sobriquet

☒ **Nickname** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** Formal name

☐ **C** Byname

☐ **D** Pseudonym

EXPLANATION

A 'sobriquet' is a nickname, often descriptive or affectionately mocking (e.g., 'Iron Lady'). While 'byname' and 'pseudonym' are related, 'nickname' is the most direct and commonly accepted synonym.

Q43**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **SYNONYM**: Metanoia

☒ **Repentance** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B Conversion

☐ C Prostrate

☐ D Submission

EXPLANATION

'Metanoia' (from Greek) denotes a profound transformative change of heart, mind, and spirit — essentially a deep repentance or spiritual reorientation. 'Repentance' is its closest English synonym.

Q44**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **SYNONYM**: Verisimilitude

☒ **Realism** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B Artifice

☐ C Conceit

☐ D Actuality

EXPLANATION

'Verisimilitude' means the appearance or semblance of being true or real, especially in art and literature. 'Realism' — the quality of representing things as they truly are — is its nearest synonym.

Q45**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **ANTONYM**: Bastion

☒ **Defenseless** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Deformed

☐ C Destroyed

☐ D Demolished

EXPLANATION

A 'bastion' is a fortified stronghold or a strong defence/support for a cause. Its direct opposite is 'defenseless' — lacking protection or defence — rather than words describing physical damage.

Q46**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **ANTONYM**: Egregious

☐ A Flagrant

☒ **Inconspicuous** ✓Correct Answer

☐ C Audacious

☐ D Blunt

EXPLANATION

'Egregious' means outstandingly bad, glaringly obvious, or shocking. Its opposite is 'inconspicuous' — not readily noticeable or attracting attention — since egregious things stand out sharply while inconspicuous things blend in.

Q47**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **ANTONYM**: Mélange

A Harmonious

✓ Homogeneous ✓ Correct Answer

C Amorphous

D Anomalous

EXPLANATION

A 'mélange' is a varied, diverse mixture of different elements. Its opposite is 'homogeneous' — being of a uniform, single, undifferentiated composition, i.e. the very opposite of a mixed assortment.

Q48**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **ANTONYM**: Solipsist

A Self-Centered

B Self-Absorbed

☒ **Selfless** ✓Correct Answer

D Self-Stylist

EXPLANATION

A 'solipsist' is one absorbed in or preoccupied with the self, holding that only one's own mind is sure to exist. Its clear antonym is 'selfless' — being concerned primarily with the needs of others rather than oneself.

Q49**VOCABULARY**

Identify the **ANTONYM**: Lionize

☒ **Mistreat** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B Vilify

☐ C Lampoon

☐ D Ridicule

EXPLANATION

'To lionize' someone means to treat them as a celebrity or a person of great public admiration and honour. The FPSC key takes its direct opposite as 'mistreat' — to treat someone badly — rather than the closer near-synonym 'vilify' (to speak abusively of someone), which would arguably also work but is not the marked key.

Quantitative Reasoning

Q50**QUANTITATIVE**

What is the square root of -25 ?

A 5

B -5

C -2.5

✓ None of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

$\sqrt{-25} = \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{-1} = 5i$ (an imaginary number, since $i = \sqrt{-1}$). As $5i$ is not listed among options (a)-(c), the correct choice is (d) None of these — this is confirmed in the official FPSC key.

Q51**QUANTITATIVE**

Let $x = -4x + 4$. The value of x will be:

☒ **4/5** ✓Correct Answer

☐ **B** 5/4

☐ **C** -4/3

☐ **D** None of these

EXPLANATION

$$x = -4x + 4 \Rightarrow x + 4x = 4 \Rightarrow 5x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 4/5.$$

Bringing the $-4x$ term to the left side and combining like terms gives the value directly.

Q52**QUANTITATIVE**

If the sum of all 10 values in a data set is 10, what will be the average?

 **1** ✓Correct Answer

B 5

C 10

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Average = Sum of values $\div$ Number of values = $10 \div 10 = 1$. A straightforward application of the arithmetic mean formula.

Q53**QUANTITATIVE**

Let $(x^{(1/2)}) \times (x^{(-1/2)})$; find the correct answer:

☒ **0** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** 1

☐ **C** $-1/4$

☐ **D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Using the law of indices: $x^{(1/2)} \times x^{(-1/2)} = x^{(1/2 - 1/2)} = x^0 = 1$. NOTE: The official FPSC answer key marks option (a) '0' as correct, but the mathematically accurate answer, shown by the exponent rule above, is (b) '1'. Aspirants should be aware of this discrepancy — the correct working gives $x^0 = 1$, not 0.

Q54**QUANTITATIVE**

The ratio of boys to girls in a school is 9:5. If the total number of students is 1050, find the number of boys.

A 785

B 890

✓ 675 ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Using the direct ratio formula: Boys = $\left[\frac{a}{a+b}\right] \times \text{Total} = \left(\frac{9}{14}\right) \times 1050 = 675$. Since $9 + 5 = 14$ parts represent 1050 students, each part = 75, and boys = $9 \times 75 = 675$.

Q55**QUANTITATIVE**

When x is added to each term of 7:13, the ratio becomes 2:3. Find the value of x .

A 7

B 11

✓ 5 ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

$(7+x)/(13+x) = 2/3 \Rightarrow 3(7+x) = 2(13+x) \Rightarrow 21 + 3x = 26 + 2x \Rightarrow x = 5$. Alternatively, using $x = (ad-bc)/(c-d)$ with $a:b = 7:13$ and $c:d = 2:3$ gives $x = (7 \times 3 - 13 \times 2)/(2-3) = (21-26)/(-1) = 5$.

Q56**QUANTITATIVE**

A mixture contains alcohol and water in the ratio 12:5. On adding 14 litres of water, the ratio of alcohol to water becomes 4:3. Find the quantity of alcohol in the mixture.

☐ A 18 litres

☒ **24 litres** ✓Correct Answer

☐ C 26 litres

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Equating the antecedents of both ratios: 12:5 and 4:3 → scaled to 12:9 (multiplying 4:3 by 3). So $a:b = 12:5$, $c:d = 12:9$, and x (water added) = 14.
Alcohol = $\left[\frac{ax}{c-b} \right] = \frac{(12 \times 14)}{(12-5)} = \frac{168}{7} = 24$ litres.

Q57**QUANTITATIVE**

The product of two consecutive positive integers is 12 more than 12 times the sum of those two integers. What is the smaller of the two integers?

A 1**B** 23**✓ 24 ✓Correct Answer****D** 25**EXPLANATION**

Let the integers be n and $n+1$. Then $n(n+1) = 12 + 12(n + n+1) \Rightarrow n^2 + n = 12 + 24n + 12 \Rightarrow n^2 - 23n - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow (n+1)(n-24) = 0 \Rightarrow n = -1$ or $n = 24$. Since n must be positive, $n = 24$, so the smaller integer is 24.

Q58**QUANTITATIVE**

Ali was 40 years old when his son Asim was born. How old was Ali when he was 5 times as old as Asim?

A 40

B 45

✓ 50 ✓Correct Answer

D 60

EXPLANATION

x years after Asim's birth, Ali's age = $40+x$ and Asim's age = x . Setting $40+x = 5x$ gives $40 = 4x$, so $x = 10$. Therefore Ali was $40+10 = 50$ years old (and Asim was 10).

English Grammar — Sentence Correction

Q59**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

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

☒ **The new policy has been implemented, but it has not been communicated to the staff.**

✓ **Correct Answer**

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

D The new policy has been implemented, so it has not been communicated to the staff.

EXPLANATION

'But' is the natural coordinating conjunction for a direct contrast (implementation vs. lack of communication). 'Nor' requires an initial negative clause, 'yet' is stylistically less standard here, and 'so' wrongly implies a causal link where a contrast is intended.

Q60**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

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

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

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

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

EXPLANATION

The introductory participial phrase 'Walking down the street' must modify the subject that follows it. Only option (b) correctly places 'I' (the one actually walking) immediately after the comma, avoiding the classic dangling-modifier error found in (a), (c) and (d), where the trees or the wind appear to be doing the walking.

Q61**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

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

✓ The company values innovation, teamwork, and taking risks. ✓Correct Answer

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

D The company values innovation, teamwork, and risks

EXPLANATION

Parallel structure requires all items in a list to share the same grammatical form. Since 'innovation' and 'teamwork' are gerund-like nouns, the third item must match with a gerund phrase: 'taking risks' — making (b) the parallel and correct choice.

Q62**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

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

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

EXPLANATION

Subject-verb agreement must be consistent: the plural demonstrative 'these' must pair with the plural verb 'are' and plural noun 'restaurants'. Only option (a) maintains correct number agreement throughout.

Q63**GRAMMAR**

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.

✓ I wonder if there's still time to make a positive impact and change my fate. ✓Correct

Answer

EXPLANATION

All four options are grammatically well-formed sentences; this question tests precise, idiomatic register and logical coherence of expression. Option (d) most naturally and clearly expresses a reflective wondering about time and the possibility of change, which the FPSC key marks as the best-constructed choice.

Q64**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

☒ **Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, as even democracy needs exhibitionism and media twisting, authoritarianism is part of it.** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, even democracy needs exhibitionism and media twisting, so is part of it.

☐ **C** Simulation is Baudrillard's main concern, as democracy needs exhibitionism and media twisting, so authoritarianism part of it.

☐ **D** Simulation is Baudrillard's main concert, as even democracy needs exhibitionism and media twisting by authoritarianism is part of it.

EXPLANATION

Option (a) is the only version free of the run-on/comma-splice problems, missing verbs, and word-substitution error ('concert' for 'concern' in option d) present in the other choices; its clause

structure remains logically and grammatically intact.

Q65**GRAMMAR**

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 quest of the human spirit.

B Dalit literature upholds the idea that resistance can be achieved by words alone, so the struggle for equality in noteworthy quest of the human spirit.

✓ Dalit literature upholds the idea that resistance cannot be achieved by words alone, but the struggle for equality is a noteworthy quest of the human spirit. ✓Correct

Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Option (c) correctly uses the contrastive conjunction 'but' (since the second clause qualifies/contrasts the first), includes the necessary article 'a' before 'noteworthy quest',

and avoids the verb/preposition errors ('in' instead of 'is') found in option (b).

Q66**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

A Over the crisis in Gaza, European conscience is divided between the idealist youth and moral suspicious political minds, thus, the separation of state and religion may still need review.

B Over the crisis in Gaza, European conscience is divided between the idealist youth and moral suspicious political minds, thus the separation of state and religion may still need review.

✓ Over the crisis in Gaza, European conscience is divided between the idealist youth and morally suspicious political minds, thus the separation of state and religion may still need to be reviewed. ✓Correct Answer

D Over the crisis in Gaza, European conscience is divided between the idealist youth and morally suspicious political minds, thus the separation of state and religion may still need to review.

EXPLANATION

Option (c) correctly uses the adverb 'morally' (not the adjective 'moral') to modify 'suspicious', and correctly uses the passive infinitive 'need to be reviewed' (since the separation is the thing being reviewed, not the one doing the reviewing, as wrongly implied by 'need to review' in option d).

Q67**GRAMMAR**

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

A Ecological grief is a form of expression that shows the depth of ties between man and nature; one can imagine the horror of post-industrial nations' experience, but worse was the Global South that suffered say, Lahore is now a polluted urban den.

B Ecological grief is a form of expression that shows the depth of ties between man and nature. one can imagine the horror of post-industrial nations' experience, but worse was the Global South that suffered, say Lahore is now a polluted urban den.

C Ecological grief is a form of expression that shows the depth of ties between man and nature, one can imagine the horror of post-industrial nations' experience, but worse was the Global South that suffered say Lahore is now a polluted urban den.

✓ Ecological grief is a form of expression that shows the depth of ties between man

and nature; one can imagine the horror of post-industrial nations' experience but worse was the Global South that suffered say Lahore is now a polluted urban den.

✓Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Of the four, option (d) applies the semicolon correctly to separate two closely related independent clauses and keeps the appositive phrase ('say Lahore...') unbroken, whereas the other options misuse a lowercase 'one' after a full stop, a comma splice, or an unnecessary extra comma.

Q68**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with a grammatical error.

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

B Having studied English for five years, the grammar rules come naturally to me.

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 on the project for three hours.

EXPLANATION

This is a classic subject-verb agreement trap: the true subject is the singular 'the new employee'; the phrase 'along with the rest of the team' is a parenthetical modifier, not part of the grammatical subject, so the verb must be singular — 'was', not 'were'.

Q69**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.

✓ I went to the store and bought some milk.

✓Correct Answer

C I love reading books, and I also love writing stories.

D He is a good teacher, but his classes are boring sometimes.

EXPLANATION

A coordinate/compound predicate joining two verbs sharing one subject ('went...and bought') does not require or benefit from being framed as two independent contrastive clauses the way the other options use 'but'; among the choices, (b) is flagged as not matching the intended coordinate-clause pattern being tested, since it lacks the contrastive relationship the other three correctly display with 'but'.

Q70**GRAMMAR**

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.

 **The company has nearly doubled its profits last year.** ✓Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Option (d) mixes the present-perfect aspect ('has nearly doubled') with the definite past-time marker 'last year', which is grammatically incompatible — present perfect cannot combine with a finished-time adverbial. It should read either 'nearly doubled its profits last year' (simple past) or 'has nearly doubled its profits this year' (present perfect).

Q71**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of compound adjectives.

A I love reading well-written books.

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

C The new employee was very full-of-energy.

D The hotel room was new and decorated.

EXPLANATION

When a multi-word compound adjective precedes the noun it modifies, it must be hyphenated: 'hard-to-solve problems', not 'hard to solve problems'. Option (b) omits the required hyphens, making it the sentence with the compound-adjective error.

Q72**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of conjunctive verbs (conjunctive adverbs).

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

✓ I went to the store, bought milk, but forgot to buy eggs. ✓Correct Answer

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

The FPSC answer key marks option (b) as the flawed sentence: it strings together three verbs ('went... bought... but forgot') using the coordinating conjunction 'but' where a consistent conjunctive pattern ('and' before the second verb, 'but' only before the contrasting third) is expected, making its connective use inconsistent with the other, cleanly-conjoined options. (Note for careful readers: option (a)'s comma before 'however' — a conjunctive adverb that normally

requires a semicolon — is also grammatically debatable; but the official key selects (b).)

Q73**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with incorrect use of hyphen.

A The company's well-known CEO spoke at the conference.

✓ The self-portrait was painted by a famous-artist. ✓ Correct Answer

C The co-pilot navigated the plane through turbulent weather.

D The full-time employee received benefits.

EXPLANATION

'Famous' is a simple, single-word adjective and needs no hyphen before the noun 'artist'; 'famous-artist' is an incorrect hyphenation. ('Self-portrait', by contrast, is correctly hyphenated as a standard compound noun.)

Q74**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with incorrect use of conversational turn-taking and transition.

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

✓ I love reading books. Also I love watching movies. ✓Correct Answer

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

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

EXPLANATION

Starting a new sentence with the transition word 'Also' without a following comma ('Also, I love watching movies.') is a common transitional-punctuation lapse; as written, it reads abruptly and breaks the expected comma convention that a sentence-initial conjunctive adverb requires.

Q75**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with the right use of raising constructions.

✓ The report recommends adopting a new policy. ✓Correct Answer

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

A 'raising construction' correctly promotes the logical subject of an embedded clause into the main clause's subject or object position without producing an ungrammatical string, as option (a) does cleanly ('The report recommends [adopting a new policy]'); the other options contain unnatural or malformed embeddings.

Q76**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with a semantic error.

✓ **The dog chased its tail with a spoon.**

✓ **Correct Answer**

B The sun is shining in the sky.

C The author is writing the book.

D The rain is falling downwards.

EXPLANATION

Note: the original FPSC paper leaves this particular question unmarked (no option is bold/underlined in the source key). On standard usage grounds, (a) is the most defensible answer: a semantic error is one that is grammatically well-formed but nonsensical in real-world meaning, and 'chased its tail with a spoon' is logically absurd since a spoon cannot be used as a tool to chase one's own tail — unlike the other three, perfectly sensible statements.

Q77**GRAMMAR**

Identify the sentence with a semantic error.

✓ The new policy has been implemented to increase the company's profits, but it has had a detrimental effect on the employees' morale, which has subsequently led to a decrease in productivity, thereby negating the initial purpose of the policy. ✓Correct Answer

B The research paper argues that climate change is a myth perpetuated by scientists to secure funding for their research, but the data presented in the paper actually contradicts this claim and supports the reality of climate change.

C The company's mission statement emphasizes its commitment to sustainability, but its business practices reveal a disregard for environmental concerns.

D The politician's speech advocated for increased funding for education, but the proposed budget actually allocates fewer resources to schools.

EXPLANATION

Option (a) is marked as containing the semantic flaw here because its own internal logic is self-negating: a policy explicitly meant to raise profits is shown, by its own stated chain of consequences, to defeat its very purpose — an internally contradictory (self-cancelling) statement of cause and effect, unlike the other options which each simply describe a straightforward, non-contradictory instance of hypocrisy or irony.

Prepositions & Idioms

Q78**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Fill in the blanks with appropriate 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 ___ the Yuan Dynasty.

A on, in

✓ about, in ✓Correct Answer

C at, at

D over, inside

EXPLANATION

'Expostulation about (something)' correctly pairs the noun 'expostulation' (a formal protest/remonstrance) with 'about', while 'in the Yuan Dynasty' correctly places a historical period within the preposition 'in' — giving the combination 'about, in'.

Q79**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: The museum is situated both ___ the square and ___ the library.

A on, beneath

✓ on, under ✓Correct Answer

C at, underneath

D around, above

EXPLANATION

'On the square' (facing/bordering the square) and 'under the library' (positioned beneath it, e.g. in a basement complex) is the combination that reads most naturally and matches the officially marked answer 'on, under'.

Q80**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: 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

✓ of, to ✓Correct Answer

C in, in

D away, to

EXPLANATION

'To reek of (something)' is the fixed idiomatic collocation meaning to strongly suggest an unpleasant quality, and 'causing his supporters to lose faith' correctly uses the infinitive marker 'to' — together giving 'of, to'.

Q81**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Select the correct idiom: 'Emit smoke from seven orifices' means:

☐ A To be very happy

☒ **To be extremely angry** ✓Correct Answer

☐ C To be very sad

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

This vivid, hyperbolic idiom (borrowed from Chinese, 'to breathe fire from seven apertures') describes someone so enraged that they figuratively emit smoke from every opening of the head — i.e., to be extremely angry.

Q82**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Select the correct idiom: 'To sell wolf tickets' means:

☐ A To be honest and authentic

☒ **To talk tough but not back it up** ✓ Correct

Answer

☐ C To be weak and timid

☐ D To be intelligent and wise

EXPLANATION

'Selling wolf tickets' is an American idiom meaning to make empty, bravado-filled threats — talking tough or acting intimidating without any real intention or ability to follow through.

Q83**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Select the correct idiom: 'The carrots are cooked' means:

- ☐ A The situation is under control
- ☒ **The situation is hopeless** ✓ Correct Answer
- ☐ C The situation is changing
- ☐ D The situation is improving

EXPLANATION

Adapted from the French idiom 'les carottes sont cuites', this phrase means that a situation is already settled beyond remedy — i.e., hopeless, with nothing further to be done about it.

Q84**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Select the correct idiom: 'Forty winks' means:

☐ A long, deep sleep

☒ **A short nap or brief period of sleep** ✓Correct

Answer

☐ A period of wakefulness

☐ A dream or vision

EXPLANATION

'Forty winks' is a common colloquial idiom for a short nap or brief rest, typically taken during the daytime — not a long or deep sleep.

Q85**PREP. & IDIOMS**

Select the correct idiom: 'As clear as a dumpling broth' means:

A Something that is very clear and easy to understand

✓ Something that is completely unclear or confusing ✓ Correct Answer

C Something that is moderately clear

D Something that is partially clear

EXPLANATION

This is an ironic idiom — dumpling broth is naturally cloudy and murky, not clear — so 'as clear as a dumpling broth' sarcastically means something is thoroughly confusing or unclear, the opposite of its literal wording.

Reading Comprehension

PASSAGE NO. 1

The studio was filled with the rich odor of roses, and when the light summer breeze stirred amidst the trees of the garden, there came through the open window the sweet murmur of the fountain, or the more subtle music of the bees as they moved from flower to flower. From the corner of the divan of Persian saddle-bags on which he was lying, smoking, as was his custom, innumerable cigarettes, Lord Henry Wotton could just catch the gleam of the honey-sweet and honey-colored blossoms of the laburnum, whose tremulous branches seemed hardly able to bear the burden of a beauty so flamelike as theirs; and now and then the fantastic shadows of birds in flight flitted across the long tussore-silk curtains that were stretched in front of the huge window, producing a kind of momentary Japanese effect, and making him think of those pallid, jade-faced painters of Tokyo who, through the medium of an art that is necessarily immobile, seek to convey the sense of swiftness and motion. The sullen murmur of the bees shouldering their way through the long unmown grass, or circling with monotonous insistence round the dusty gilt horns of the straggling woodbine, seemed to make the stillness more oppressive. The dim roar of London was like the bourdon note of a distant organ.

Q86**READING COMPREHENSION**

The word that would most accurately fit the blank at the end of the passage is:

A Peeling

B Jarring

C Intimate

✓ Distant ✓Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The passage is set indoors, in a quiet, sensory-rich garden studio, with the city heard only faintly in the background as a low hum. 'Distant' captures this sense of London's roar being far off and muted, like an organ's deep bourdon note heard from afar.

Q87**READING COMPREHENSION**

What is the dominant sensory experience in the passage?

A Visual

✓ Auditory ✓ Correct Answer

C Olfactory

D Tactile

EXPLANATION

Though the passage opens with a scent (rich odor of roses) and includes visual imagery, the passage is dominated by sound: the murmur of the fountain, the music of bees, the sullen murmur, and the 'roar of London' compared to an organ note — making Auditory the dominant sense.

Q88**READING COMPREHENSION**

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

✓ It creates a sense of movement and energy ✓Correct Answer

C It emphasizes the beauty of nature

D It highlights the artificiality of the scene

EXPLANATION

The passage explicitly links this effect to Japanese art's attempt 'to convey the sense of swiftness and motion' despite being a static medium — so the fleeting bird-shadows introduce a brief sense of movement and energy into the otherwise still scene.

Q89**READING COMPREHENSION**

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

✓ A sense of distance and removal ✓ Correct

Answer

D The city's power and dominance

EXPLANATION

The passage's central mood is one of sheltered isolation — a fragrant, sound-filled garden room cut off from the city, which is heard only as a distant, muffled hum. 'A sense of distance and removal' best captures this contrast between the immediate sensory world and the far-off city.

Q90**READING COMPREHENSION**

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

☐ A Trembling

☐ B Torpid

☒ **Wavering** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ D Infirm

EXPLANATION

'Tremulous' describes the laburnum's branches as quivering or unsteady under the weight of their blossoms — closest in this context to 'wavering', describing a delicate, unsteady swaying motion rather than a sickly or feeble state.

PASSAGE NO. 2

The Dublin of Joyce's youth was a city of paradoxes, where piety and profanity, nationalism and cosmopolitanism, went hand in hand. It was a city of narrow streets and narrow minds, where the Catholic Church held sway over the lives of its citizens, and where the British Crown exercised a distant but palpable authority. Yet it was also a city of wit and humor, of satire and irony, where the likes of Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw had honed their craft. Joyce's own family embodied these contradictions: his father, John Stanislaus Joyce, was a singer and a drinker, a devout Catholic and a fervent nationalist, who nonetheless harbored a deep love of Shakespeare and a disdain for the pretensions of the Irish middle class.

Q91**READING COMPREHENSION**

What is the author's tone towards Dublin in the passage?

- ☐ A Appreciative
- ☐ B Entirely nostalgic
- ☐ C Ambivalent

☒ **Indifferent** ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

This is the one place in the passage-set where the FPSC key departs from the thematically 'obvious' pick: the passage's balancing of opposites (piety/profanity, narrow minds/wit and satire) would suggest 'Ambivalent' (the very next question's correct answer), but the marked key here is 'Indifferent' — read as the author reporting Dublin's contradictions with detached, documentary distance rather than visible emotional engagement either way.

Q92**READING COMPREHENSION**

What is the tone of the passage regarding Dublin in Joyce's youth?

- ☐ A Completely nostalgic
- ☐ B Optimistic and idealistic
- ☒ **Ambivalent** ✓ Correct Answer
- ☐ D Hostile and critical

EXPLANATION

As with the previous question, the passage's structure — repeatedly pairing a virtue with a corresponding flaw (piety/profanity, narrow minds/great wit) — confirms an Ambivalent tone that holds contradictory judgments in balance rather than favouring one extreme.

Q93**READING COMPREHENSION**

Which of the following best describes the city of Dublin in Joyce's youth, as depicted in the passage?

☐ A A city dominated by progressive and liberal ideals

☒ **A city of contradictions, blending opposing qualities** ✓Correct Answer

☐ C A city focused solely on religion and tradition

☐ D A city with no influence from outside cultures

EXPLANATION

The passage's opening line names Dublin directly as 'a city of paradoxes', and every subsequent sentence reinforces this through paired opposites — making 'a city of contradictions, blending opposing qualities' the clearest and most textually supported description.

Q94**READING COMPREHENSION**

What does the passage suggest about Joyce's father, John Stanislaus Joyce?

- ☐ A He was a purely devout Catholic and a supporter of the British Crown
- ☐ B He was an advocate for the Irish middle class
- ☒ C **He embodied contradictions, combining diverse traits** ✓ Correct Answer
- ☐ D He had little interest in literature and culture

EXPLANATION

The passage describes him explicitly as 'a singer and a drinker, a devout Catholic and a fervent nationalist' who also loved Shakespeare yet scorned the Irish middle class — a direct textual portrait of a man embodying multiple, often contradictory traits.

Q95**READING COMPREHENSION**

Which of the following writers is mentioned in the passage as part of Dublin's cultural influence?

A James Joyce

✓ Oscar Wilde ✓Correct Answer

C W.B. Yeats

D Samuel Beckett

EXPLANATION

The passage names 'the likes of Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw' as writers who honed their wit and satire in Dublin's literary culture; James Joyce is the subject of the passage rather than a name listed within it, and Yeats/Beckett are not mentioned at all.

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

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Q96**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Current president of ICJ (International Court of Justice):

A Ahmed Yusuf

B Joan E. Donoghue

✓ Nawaf Salam ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Judge Nawaf Salam of Lebanon was elected President of the International Court of Justice in February 2024, succeeding Joan E. Donoghue — the answer reflects the position as of this paper's testing period.

Q97**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****COP-29 was held in:**

☒ **Baku** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B Paris

☐ C Cairo

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) was hosted in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2024, focusing heavily on climate finance commitments.

Q98**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The total number of member states of UNHCR is:

A 130

✓ 136 ✓ Correct Answer

C 140

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Executive Committee of UNHCR (the UN refugee agency) comprised 136 member states at the time of this paper, reflecting its steadily growing international membership.

Q99**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who was the Prime Minister of the Netherlands from October 2010 to July 2024?

☐ A Alexander Pechtold

☐ B Frans Timmermans

☒ **Mark Rutte** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Mark Rutte served as the longest-serving Prime Minister of the Netherlands, from October 2010 until July 2024, after which he went on to become NATO Secretary-General.

Q100**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who freed Hazrat Bilal (RA) from slavery?

☒ **Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** Hazrat Usman (RA)

☐ **C** Hazrat Ali (RA)

☐ **D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) purchased and freed Hazrat Bilal (RA) from his cruel master Umayyah bin Khalaf, who was torturing him in the scorching desert sun of Makkah for accepting Islam.

Q101**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The book 'Jadeed Fiqhi Masail' is written by:

☒ **Khalid Saifullah** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Imam Ghazali

☐ C Allama Iqbal

☐ D Maulana Maududi

EXPLANATION

'Jadeed Fiqhi Masail' (Modern Juristic Issues), addressing contemporary questions of Islamic law, was authored by the noted Indian scholar Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani.

Q102**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The 'Princess of Hope' (peak) is located in:

A Punjab

B KPK

✓ C Balochistan ✓ Correct Answer

D Sindh

EXPLANATION

The 'Princess of Hope', a striking rock formation/mountain feature, is located in the Hingol region of Balochistan, within Hingol National Park.

Q103**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who is the author of the book 'Kitab-ul-Asrar'?

- ☐ A Al-Hallaj
- ☐ B Al-Suhrawardi
- ☐ C Imam Al-Ghazali

☒ **Muhammad Zakariya Razi** ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

'Kitab-ul-Asrar' (Book of Secrets) is attributed to Muhammad Zakariya Al-Razi, the great Muslim physician-philosopher, known for his medical and alchemical treatises.

Q104**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which Surah of the Quran refers to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as "Rahmatul-lil-Alameen" (a mercy to all the worlds)?

A Surah Al-Ahzab

B Surah Al-Fatiha

✓ Surah Al-Anbiya ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Surah Al-Anbiya, verse 107, contains the famous declaration: 'And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds' — the Qur'anic basis for the title Rahmatul-lil-Alameen.

Q105**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who is the author of 'Kitab-ul-Kharaj'?

A Imam Malik

B Ibn Khaldun

✓ Imam Yusuf ✓ Correct Answer

D Imam Shafi'i

EXPLANATION

'Kitab-ul-Kharaj' (Book of Taxation), a foundational treatise on Islamic public finance and land revenue, was written by Imam Abu Yusuf, the chief disciple of Imam Abu Hanifa, at the request of Caliph Harun al-Rashid.

Q106**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

What was the theme of World Environmental Day 2024?

A Climate Change Awareness

B Ocean Conservation

✓ Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience ✓Correct Answer

D Renewable Energy Adoption

EXPLANATION

World Environment Day 2024, hosted by Saudi Arabia, carried the theme 'Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience', highlighting the UN's push to restore degraded land globally.

Q107**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which surah was recited by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) at the time of migration (Hijrat-e-Madina)?

☒ **Surah Yasin** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B Surah Kausar

☐ C Surah Infal

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Tradition holds that the Prophet (PBUH) recited the opening verses of Surah Yasin while leaving his house on the night of Hijrah, past the Quraysh who lay in wait, its verses on being 'unseen' fitting the moment perfectly.

Q108**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

What is the meaning of the word "Morbid"?

☐ A Cheerful and lively

☒ **Related to death or disease** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Full of energy and vitality

☐ D Pure and innocent

EXPLANATION

'Morbid' describes an unhealthy preoccupation with disturbing or gruesome subjects, especially death and disease — the opposite of the cheerful/energetic connotations of the other options.

Q109**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following is the name of a spiral galaxy?

A Andromeda

B Orion

✓ Milky Way ✓Correct Answer

D Magellanic Cloud

EXPLANATION

Our own galaxy, the Milky Way, is a barred spiral galaxy. (Andromeda is also spiral, but among the given options the Milky Way is the one marked correct, being our home galaxy studied most directly.)

Q110**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Pakistan Naval War College is situated in:

A Karachi

✓ Lahore ✓ Correct Answer

C Islamabad

D Quetta

EXPLANATION

The Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC), the Navy's premier institution for higher command and staff training, is located in Lahore.

Q111**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who was appointed by Quaid-e-Azam as the first ambassador of Pakistan to Iran?

A Mian Iftikharuddin

B Zafarullah Khan

✓ Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan was appointed as Pakistan's first ambassador to Iran shortly after independence, reflecting the importance Quaid-e-Azam placed on early ties with a fellow Muslim neighbouring state.

Q112**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Where did the tribe Banu Nazir used to live?**☐ A Makkah☒ **Madinah** ✓ Correct Answer☐ C Yemen☐ D Taif**EXPLANATION**

Banu Nazir was one of the three main Jewish tribes settled in and around Madinah at the time of the Prophet's migration, alongside Banu Qainuqa and Banu Qurayzah.

Q113**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following is an example of sustainable energy?

A Coal

B Natural Gas

✓ Solar Power ✓ Correct Answer

D Nuclear Power

EXPLANATION

Solar power is a renewable, inexhaustible, and low-emission energy source, making it a classic example of sustainable energy, unlike the fossil fuel-based options coal and natural gas.

Q114**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

'The Well' is a novel written by which author?

A Virginia Woolf

✓ Elizabeth Jolley ✓ Correct Answer

C Margaret Atwood

D Doris Lessing

EXPLANATION

'The Well' (1986), a psychological novel exploring isolation and obsession on an Australian farm, was written by the Australian author Elizabeth Jolley, and won the Miles Franklin Award.

Q115**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Thermal energy is produced by:****A** Chemical Reactions**B** Nuclear Reactions**C** Friction**✓ All of the above ✓ Correct Answer****EXPLANATION**

Thermal (heat) energy can be generated through multiple processes — exothermic chemical reactions, nuclear fission/fusion reactions, and mechanical friction — making 'All of the above' the comprehensive correct answer.

Q116**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which Surah in the Quran mentions the event of Miraj (the Ascension)?

☐ A Surah Al-Ahzab

☒ **Surah Al-Isra** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Surah Al-Baqarah

☐ D Surah Al-Mulk

EXPLANATION

Surah Al-Isra (also called Bani Isra'il) opens with a direct reference to the Prophet's night journey (Isra) from Makkah to Jerusalem, traditionally linked with the subsequent ascension (Miraj) to the heavens.

Q117**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following is the most common non-volatile memory in a computer?

A RAM

B Cache Memory

✓ ROM ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

ROM (Read-Only Memory) retains its stored data even when power is switched off, making it non-volatile, unlike RAM and Cache Memory, which lose their contents when power is removed.

Q118**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which Prime Minister of India received an award from Pakistan?

☒ **Morarji Desai** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Atal Bihari Vajpayee

☐ C Narendra Modi

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Morarji Desai was conferred Pakistan's highest civilian award, the Nishan-e-Pakistan, in 1990, in recognition of his role in improving India-Pakistan relations during his tenure.

Q119**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which two Pakistanis were awarded the Lenin Prize (Peace) Award?

A Faiz Ahmed Faiz

B Abdul Sattar Edhi

✓ Both A and B ✓Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Both the celebrated poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz (1962) and the philanthropist Abdul Sattar Edhi (1988) were awarded the Lenin Peace Prize, recognising their humanitarian and progressive contributions.

Q120**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Which famous lake is located in Mansehra?**

A Keenjhar Lake

B Rawal Lake

✓ Lake Saif-ul-Malook ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The famed Lake Saif-ul-Malook, associated with the popular folk legend of Prince Saif-ul-Malook, lies near Naran in the Mansehra/Kaghan region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Q121**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

KP Sharma Oli is the Prime Minister of which Asian country?

A India

✓ Nepal ✓ Correct Answer

C Sri Lanka

D Bangladesh

EXPLANATION

KP Sharma Oli is a prominent Nepali politician who has served multiple terms as Prime Minister of Nepal, most recently returning to the post in 2024.

Q122**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Razia Sultana was the daughter of which ruler?

☒ **Itutmish** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Muhammad Ghori

☐ C M. Bin Tughlaq

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Razia Sultana, the first woman ruler of the Delhi Sultanate, was the daughter of Sultan Shams-ud-din Itutmish, who nominated her as his successor over his sons.

Q123**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who joined the All India Muslim League (AIML) in 1913?

☒ **Muhammad Ali Jinnah** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Allama Iqbal

☐ C Liaquat Ali Khan

☐ D Khwaja Nazimuddin

EXPLANATION

Muhammad Ali Jinnah joined the All India Muslim League in 1913 while still remaining a member of the Indian National Congress, later becoming the chief architect of the Pakistan Movement.

Q124**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****What is a synonym of 'Moiety'?****A** Whole**✓ Portion** ✓Correct Answer**C** Complete**D** Entirety**EXPLANATION**

'Moiety' refers to one of two roughly equal parts or a portion/share of a whole — making 'Portion' its correct synonym, as opposed to words implying totality like 'Whole' or 'Entirety'.

Q125**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Where is Hingol National Park located?

- ☐ A Punjab
- ☐ B Sindh
- ☐ C Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

☒ **Balochistan** ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Hingol National Park, Pakistan's largest national park, sprawls across the coastal region of Balochistan and is known for its dramatic landscapes, including the Princess of Hope rock formation.

Q126**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Meaning of 'Zany'?

A Intelligent

✓ Crazy or foolish ✓ Correct Answer

C Strong and powerful

D Peaceful and calm

EXPLANATION

'Zany' describes someone or something amusingly unconventional, eccentric, or comically crazy — matching 'Crazy or foolish' rather than the other unrelated meanings.

Q127**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****The seasons change because of:**

☐ A Earth's rotation

☐ B Earth's distance from the Sun

☒ **Tilt of the Earth's axis** ✓Correct Answer

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Seasonal change is caused by the $\sim 23.5^\circ$ axial tilt of the Earth, which causes different hemispheres to receive varying intensities and durations of sunlight throughout the year — not by the Earth's distance from the Sun, which barely changes.

Q128**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2024?

☒ **Han Kang** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Murakami Haruki

☐ C Salman Rushdie

☐ D Margaret Atwood

EXPLANATION

South Korean author Han Kang won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature, becoming the first South Korean and first Asian woman to receive the honour, cited for her 'intense poetic prose'.

Q129**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Why is the mitochondrion called the 'powerhouse' of the cell?

A It stores genetic material

B It synthesizes proteins

✓ It generates energy in the form of ATP

✓Correct Answer

D It helps in cell division

EXPLANATION

The mitochondrion performs cellular respiration, converting nutrients into ATP (adenosine triphosphate), the cell's primary usable energy currency — hence its nickname 'the powerhouse of the cell'.

Q130**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Sun is a _____?**☐ A A planet☐ B A satellite☒ **A star** ✓Correct Answer☐ D An asteroid**EXPLANATION**

The Sun is a star — a self-luminous ball of plasma undergoing nuclear fusion at its core — unlike planets, satellites, or asteroids, which do not generate their own light through fusion.

Q131**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Winner of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023?

A United States

B Germany

✓ Spain ✓Correct Answer

D England

EXPLANATION

Spain won its first-ever FIFA Women's World Cup title in 2023, defeating England 1-0 in the final held in Sydney, Australia.

Q132**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which Mughal Emperor died falling from stairs?

A Akbar

B Shah Jahan

C Aurangzeb

 **Humayun** ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Emperor Humayun died in 1556 after falling down the steep steps of the library at Sher Mandal in Delhi, having reportedly stumbled while rushing to answer the call to prayer.

Q133**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which Surah provides guidance about Mal-e-Ghanimat (spoils of war)?

A Surah Al-Baqarah

✓ Surah Al-Anfal ✓ Correct Answer

C Surah Al-Fatiha

D Surah Al-Imran

EXPLANATION

As already noted in the Islamic Studies section, Surah Al-Anfal is the Qur'anic chapter dedicated to laying down rules for the just distribution of war spoils.

Q134**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Estimated age of the Universe?

A 4.5 billion years

B 10 billion years

✓ 13.8 billion years ✓ Correct Answer

D 20 billion years

EXPLANATION

Based on cosmic microwave background measurements (notably from the Planck satellite), the universe is estimated to be approximately 13.8 billion years old, dating back to the Big Bang.

Q135**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Where is the largest gas reserve of Pakistan located?

☒ **Sui** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Qadirpur

☐ C Kunnar

☐ D Makori

EXPLANATION

The Sui gas field in Balochistan, discovered in 1952, remains historically Pakistan's largest natural gas reserve and has supplied the national grid for over seven decades.

Q136**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Shah Faisal Masjid was established in which year?

A 1972

✓ 1986 ✓ Correct Answer

C 1990

D 1982

EXPLANATION

Construction of the Shah Faisal Mosque in Islamabad began in 1976 and was completed in 1986, after which it became (for a time) the largest mosque in the world.

Q137**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****The oldest language of Pakistan is:****A** Urdu**B** Punjabi**C** Pashto**✓ Sindhi ✓ Correct Answer****EXPLANATION**

Sindhi is widely regarded as the oldest living language of the Pakistani region, with a documented literary tradition tracing back over a millennium, predating Urdu, Punjabi, and Pashto in written form.

Q138**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Where are the headquarters of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) located?

☒ **Beijing** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** New Delhi

☐ **C** Moscow

☐ **D** Astana

EXPLANATION

The SCO Secretariat is headquartered in Beijing, China — reflecting China's founding and leading role in this Eurasian political, economic and security bloc.

Q139**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Original name of Mughal Emperor Akbar?

☒ **Jalal-ud-din Muhammad Akbar** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Muhammad Babar

☐ C Jahangir

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Emperor Akbar's full given name was Jalal-ud-din Muhammad Akbar; he ascended the Mughal throne at the age of thirteen in 1556 following Humayun's death.

Q140**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Moon is a _____.****A** Planet**✓ Satellite ✓Correct Answer****C** Star**D** Comet**EXPLANATION**

The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite — a celestial body that orbits a planet — and does not generate its own light like a star, nor follow the elongated orbit of a comet.

Q141**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

World Peace Day observed in 2024?

☒ **21st September** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B 21st October

☐ C 21st November

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The International Day of Peace (World Peace Day) is observed annually on 21st September, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly.

Q142**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

What was the theme of World Heart Day in 2024?

- ☐ A Use Heart to Beat CVD
- ☐ B Use Heart for Every Heart
- ☒ C **Use Heart for Action** ✓ Correct Answer
- ☐ D Be a Heart Hero

EXPLANATION

World Heart Day 2024, observed on 29th September, carried the theme 'Use Heart for Action', urging people to take concrete steps for cardiovascular health.

Q143**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Taj Mahal means "Crown's Place" in _____ the language.

A Arabic

✓ Persian ✓ Correct Answer

C Urdu

D Hindi

EXPLANATION

The name 'Taj Mahal' derives from Persian — the court language of the Mughal Empire — roughly translating to 'Crown of the Palace', a fitting tribute built by Shah Jahan for Mumtaz Mahal.

Q144**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Monsoon is caused by _____?**

A Changes in ocean currents

B The tilt of the Earth's axis

✓ Differences in temperature between land and sea ✓Correct Answer

D Volcanic eruptions

EXPLANATION

Monsoons arise from the differential heating and cooling rates of land and sea: land heats (and cools) faster than the ocean, creating pressure differences that drive seasonal, reversing wind patterns.

Q145**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Winter Monsoon primarily comes from the

_____.

A Northwest

B South

✓ C Northeast ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

In South Asia, the Winter (Northeast) Monsoon blows from the cold, high-pressure Asian landmass towards the warmer ocean, generally arriving from the northeast and bringing drier conditions to most of the subcontinent.

Q146**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which is not a Kharif crop?

A Rice

✓ Wheat ✓Correct Answer

C Maize

D Cotton

EXPLANATION

Wheat is a Rabi (winter) crop, sown in autumn and harvested in spring, unlike rice, maize and cotton, which are Kharif (summer/monsoon-sown) crops.

Q147**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which is not a Rabi crop?

A Wheat

B Barley

✓ Rice ✓Correct Answer

D Mustard

EXPLANATION

Rice is a Kharif crop, requiring warm, wet monsoon conditions for cultivation, unlike wheat, barley and mustard, which are sown in the cooler Rabi (winter) season.

Q148**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which country was the most recent to withdraw from OPEC?

A Ecuador

B Qatar

✓ Angola ✓ Correct Answer

D Indonesia

EXPLANATION

Angola announced its withdrawal from OPEC in December 2023 (effective January 2024), citing disagreements over production quota cuts — making it the most recent departure among the options.

Q149**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

When was Pakistan's first coin issued?

☒ **1948** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** 1950

☐ **C** 1956

☐ **D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Pakistan issued its first set of coins in 1948, shortly after independence, as it began establishing its own independent monetary and currency system.

Q150**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

When was the Indian National Congress (INC) founded?

☒ **1885** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** 1886

☐ **C** 1887

☐ **D** 1888

EXPLANATION

The Indian National Congress was founded in 1885 by Allan Octavian Hume along with a group of Indian and British reformers, later evolving into the principal vehicle of the Indian independence movement.

Q151**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

When is World Thyroid Day observed?

☐ April 25

☒ **May 25** ✓Correct Answer

☐ June 25

☐ July 25

EXPLANATION

World Thyroid Day is observed annually on 25th May, aimed at raising awareness about thyroid disorders and promoting early diagnosis and treatment.

Q152**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Waris Shah is known as _____.

- ☐ A The Poet of Punjab
- ☐ B The King of Ghazals
- ☐ C Both A and B

☒ **Shakespeare of Punjab** ✓Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Waris Shah, author of the celebrated Punjabi romance 'Heer Ranjha', is popularly honoured with the title 'Shakespeare of Punjab' for his unparalleled contribution to Punjabi literature.

Q153**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

What is the oldest barrage in Pakistan?

☐ A Kotri Barrage

☒ **Sukkur Barrage** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Taunsa Barrage

☐ D Chashma Barrage

EXPLANATION

The Sukkur Barrage (also called Lloyd Barrage), completed in 1932 on the Indus River in Sindh, is Pakistan's oldest major barrage and remains a landmark of colonial-era irrigation engineering.

Q154**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which component connects a computer to external peripherals such as printers and keyboards?

A CPU

B Motherboard

✓ I/O Ports ✓ Correct Answer

D Power Supply

EXPLANATION

Input/Output (I/O) Ports are the physical interfaces (USB, HDMI, etc.) through which a computer connects to and communicates with external peripheral devices.

Q155**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following is a branch of AI focused on enabling machines to understand and process human language?

☐ A Computer Vision

☒ **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** ✓Correct

Answer

☐ C Machine Learning

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is the AI subfield specifically concerned with enabling computers to understand, interpret, and generate human language, powering applications like chatbots and translation tools.

Q156**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who is the newly elected President of the World Bank in 2024?

☒ **Ajay Banga** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B David Malpass

☐ C Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Ajay Banga became President of the World Bank Group in June 2023, succeeding David Malpass, and continued leading the institution through 2024 — reflected here as the currently serving president.

Q157**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which country has recently been suspended from the African Union in 2024?

☒ **Sudan** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Mali

☐ C Niger

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Sudan's participation in African Union activities has remained suspended amid the country's ongoing internal armed conflict, consistent with the AU's policy of suspending states experiencing unconstitutional or severe governance breakdowns.

Q158**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

What is the name of the recent cyclone that hit the eastern coast of India in 2024?

A Amphan

B Biparjoy

C Fani

✓ None of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

None of the listed cyclones (Amphan-2020, Biparjoy-2023, Fani-2019) struck in 2024; the major 2024 cyclones affecting India's eastern coast were Cyclone Remal and Cyclone Dana, so 'None of these' is correct.

Q159**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which country will host the 2026 Winter Olympics?

A China

B Japan

✓ Italy ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Italy will host the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, marking Italy's first Winter Games since Turin 2006.

Q160**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

According to The Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), which was the hottest day ever registered globally for 2024?

A June 23

B July 15

✓ July 21 ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Copernicus (C3S) recorded 21st July 2024 as the hottest day globally on record at that time, with global average surface air temperature reaching a new peak.

Q161**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Magdy Eissa set a new Guinness World Record for the fastest journey to all seven wonders of the world. He started his journey from which wonder?

☐ A Taj Mahal

☒ **the Great Wall of China** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Great Pyramid of Giza

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Egyptian traveller Magdy Eissa began his record-setting seven-wonders journey from the Great Wall of China, going on to complete visits to all seven modern wonders in record time.

Q162**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which country is set to impose the World's first carbon tax on livestock emissions?

A Sweden

B Norway

✓ Denmark ✓Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Denmark announced plans in 2024 to become the first country in the world to impose a carbon tax on livestock (agricultural) emissions, targeting methane output from cattle and pigs.

Q163**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following famous personalities chaired the 'G-7 Summit' 2024?

A Joe Biden

B Malala Yousafzai

✓ C Giorgia Meloni ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Italy held the G7 presidency for 2024, and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni chaired the summit, held in Apulia, Italy in June 2024.

Q164**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who smashed the fastest double century in the history of Women's Test cricket?

☒ **Shafali Verma** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Bismah Maroof

☐ C Suzie Bates

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Indian batter Shafali Verma scored the fastest double century in Women's Test cricket history, reaching the milestone off just 194 balls against South Africa in 2024.

Q165**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who won the 'Austrian Grand Prix' 2024?

☒ **George Russell** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Andrew Clarke

☐ C Chris Lewis

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

George Russell (Mercedes) won the 2024 Austrian Grand Prix at the Red Bull Ring, following a dramatic last-lap collision between championship rivals Max Verstappen and Lando Norris.

Q166**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****The theme of 'World Music Day' 2024 was:**

A Music and culture are twins of nature

B Music is the food of Soul

☒ **Faites de la musique (Make Music)** ✓ Correct

Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

World Music Day (Fête de la Musique), celebrated globally on 21st June, carries its traditional French founding slogan 'Faites de la musique' ('Make Music'), encouraging free public music-making everywhere.

Q167**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The term of the President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is:

A 3 Year

B 4 Year

✓ 5 Year ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The President of the AIIB is elected for a five-year term, renewable once, in line with the bank's governance charter.

Q168**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Name Pakistan's surface-to-surface ballistic missile, capable of delivering multiple warheads using Multiple Independent Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology.

☐ A Shaheen-II

☒ **Ababeel** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ C Nasr

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Ababeel missile, first tested in 2017, is Pakistan's surface-to-surface ballistic missile equipped with MIRV technology, capable of carrying multiple nuclear warheads to different targets in a single launch.

Q169**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The 10-rupee coin, recently issued by SBP, contains the picture of:

☐ A Derawar Fort

☒ **Faisal Mosque** ✓Correct Answer

☐ C Badshahi Mosque

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The commemorative 10-rupee coin issued by the State Bank of Pakistan features an image of the Faisal Mosque, Islamabad, one of Pakistan's most iconic landmarks.

Q170**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Durand Line was demarcated in which year?**☐ **A** 1891☒ **1893** ✓ **Correct Answer**☐ **C** 1895☐ **D** None of these**EXPLANATION**

The Durand Line, the border between British India (now Pakistan) and Afghanistan, was demarcated in 1893, agreed upon by Sir Mortimer Durand and Amir Abdur Rahman Khan.

Q171**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Khawaja Altaf Hussain Hali was awarded the title of Shamsul Ulama in:

A 1907

✓ 1904 ✓ Correct Answer

C 1899

D None of these

EXPLANATION

The pioneering Urdu poet and critic Altaf Hussain Hali, author of 'Musaddas-e-Hali', was conferred the honorific title 'Shams-ul-Ulama' by the British government in 1904.

Q172**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which place is called the 'Jewel of Hindukush'?

A Balakot

B Hazara

✓ Chitral ✓Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Chitral, nestled amid the towering Hindukush range in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is popularly known as the 'Jewel of Hindukush' for its dramatic mountain scenery and unique cultural heritage.

Q173**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****'Incomplete Partition' is written by:**

A K.K. Aziz

B Gulzar Ahmed

✓ Alastair Lamb ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

'Incomplete Partition: The Genesis of the Kashmir Dispute 1947-1948' was authored by the British historian Alastair Lamb, offering a detailed account of the origins of the Kashmir conflict.

Q174**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Who was known as 'Baba-e-Sindh'?

☒ **Hyder Bux Jatoi** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ **B** Bashir Qureshi

☐ **c** Qazi Abdul Jalil

☐ **D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Hyder Bux Jatoi, the prominent peasant leader and Sindhi nationalist, is revered with the honorific title 'Baba-e-Sindh' (Father of Sindh) for his lifelong struggle for the rights of Sindhi peasants.

Q175**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The Treaty of Srirangapatna was signed between Tipu Sultan and:

A Robert Clive

B Bashir Qureshi

C Qazi Abdul Jalil

✓ None of these ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The Treaty of Srirangapatna (1792) was actually concluded between Tipu Sultan and the combined forces of the East India Company (led by Lord Cornwallis) and its allies — not any of the individuals listed — so 'None of these' is correct.

Q176**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

When did Alexander invade India?

A 552 BC

✓ 326 BC ✓ Correct Answer

C 44 BC

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Alexander the Great invaded the Indian subcontinent in 326 BC, crossing the Indus and fighting the famous Battle of the Hydaspes against King Porus.

Q177**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****Sialkot-Lahore Motorway is called:**

☒ **M11** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B M5

☐ C M3

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The Sialkot-Lahore Motorway is officially designated M11, forming an important link in Pakistan's expanding motorway network in Punjab.

Q178**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE****The pH of soil is raised using:**

☒ **Limestone** ✓ Correct Answer

☐ B Gypsum

☐ C Urea

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

Agricultural limestone (calcium carbonate) is commonly applied to acidic soils to raise their pH, reducing acidity and improving nutrient availability for crops — unlike gypsum, which improves soil structure without significantly changing pH.

Q179**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following is used for measuring distance?

A Coulomb

✓ Light year ✓Correct Answer

C Farad

D Curie

EXPLANATION

A 'light year' is a unit of astronomical distance — the distance light travels in one year — whereas Coulomb (charge), Farad (capacitance), and Curie (radioactivity) measure entirely different physical quantities.

Q180**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Which of the following contains a greater number of carbon atoms in one mole of each compound?

A Chloroform

B Methanol

C Water

 **Ethanol** ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

One molecule of ethanol ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$) contains two carbon atoms, more than chloroform (CHCl_3 , 1 carbon), methanol (CH_3OH , 1 carbon), or water (H_2O , 0 carbon) — making ethanol the compound with the greatest carbon content per mole among the options.

Q181**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

A pencil dipped in water appears bent due to:

☒ **Reflection** ✓Correct Answer

☐ B Diffraction

☐ C Refraction

☐ D None of these

EXPLANATION

The original FPSC answer key marks (a) Reflection as correct here. Physically, however, this is the classic demonstration of refraction, not reflection: light bends as it passes from water (denser medium) into air (less dense medium) at the water's surface, making the submerged part of the pencil appear displaced. As with Q50 and Q53 of the Quantitative section (where the source paper itself flags the official key as technically inaccurate), we mark the FPSC key's ticked option (a) as the 'correct' answer for scoring purposes, while noting that the scientifically accurate answer is (c) Refraction.