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90 Multiple Choice Questions — Fully Solved & Explained

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About This Answer Key

This booklet contains all 90 Multiple Choice Questions from the Assistant (BS-16) 11K 2019 — Planning & Development Department past paper. Every question has been independently re-checked and, where the original answer key was wrong, corrected here. Each question sits on its own page in large, easy-to-read type, with the correct option clearly highlighted, ticked, and followed by a short explanation.



Green box with a check mark = the Correct Answer

QUESTION 1

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Harappa is a city in Punjab about 24 km south west of:

☒ A. Sahiwal

CORRECT

☐ B. Multan

☐ C. Narowal

☐ D. Makran

EXPLANATION

Harappa, one of the major cities of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, lies about 24 km southwest of Sahiwal in Punjab, Pakistan.

QUESTION 2

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In which country have the archaeologists discovered the World's biggest flooded cave?

☐ A. Canada

☐ B. Brazil

☒ C. Mexico

CORRECT

☐ D. Indonesia

EXPLANATION

The Sac Actun cave system in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula was confirmed as the world's largest known flooded (underwater) cave system.

QUESTION 3

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Name the first Pakistani female Cricketer to take 100 wickets in ODI:

**A. Sana Mir****CORRECT****B. Javeria Khan****C. Marina Iqbal****D. Sadia Yousaf****EXPLANATION**

Sana Mir became the first Pakistani cricketer (male or female) to take 100 wickets in Women's ODI cricket.

QUESTION 4

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Which is a volatile memory?

A A. ROM

B B. BIOS

C C. PROM

✓ D. RAM

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

RAM (Random Access Memory) is volatile — it loses its stored data as soon as power is switched off. ROM, BIOS and PROM are non-volatile.

QUESTION 5

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When was Lahore Declaration between the Prime Ministers of Pakistan and India signed?

☒ A. 1999

CORRECT

☐ B. 1997

☐ C. 1996

☐ D. 1995

EXPLANATION

The Lahore Declaration was signed on 21 February 1999 by Prime Ministers Nawaz Sharif and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

QUESTION 6

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Which of the following animal's eyes are bigger than its brain?

☐ A. Kiwi

☒ B. Ostrich

CORRECT

☐ C. Emu

☐ D. Horse

EXPLANATION

The ostrich has the largest eye of any land animal, and its eyeball is actually bigger in size than its brain.

QUESTION 7

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Which surah is called “Bab-ul-Quran”?

☐ A. Surah Kausar

☐ B. Surah Ikhlas

☒ C. Surah Fatiha

CORRECT

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Surah Al-Fatiha is known as “Umm-ul-Quran” and “Bab-ul-Quran” (the Gate/Key of the Quran) because it opens the Holy Book.

QUESTION 8

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Famous cooking expert and T.V. personality Zubaida Tariq passed away on:

**A. 4th January, 2018****CORRECT****B. 5th January, 2018****C. 20th January, 2018****D. 25th January, 2018****EXPLANATION**

Zubaida Tariq, popularly known as Zubaida Apa, passed away on 4 January 2018 in Karachi.

QUESTION 9

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What is the function of an adjective when it describes a noun that is part of the predicate?

☒ A. Subject complement

CORRECT

☐ B. Object complement

☐ C. Attributive adjective

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

When a predicative adjective describes/renames the subject (e.g. 'She is happy'), it functions as a subject complement.

QUESTION 10

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Mohsin Hamid is famous in which field?

**A. English Fiction Writing****CORRECT****B. Weight Lifting****C. Athletics****D. Cricket****EXPLANATION**

Mohsin Hamid is a renowned Pakistani novelist, known for English fiction such as 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist' and 'Moth Smoke'.

QUESTION 11

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The location of “Vatican City” is in:

☐ A. Germany

☒ B. Italy

CORRECT

☐ C. France

☐ D. Ireland

EXPLANATION

Vatican City is an independent city-state enclosed within Rome, Italy, and is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church.

QUESTION 12

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Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) was established on:

☒ A. 21 May 1904

CORRECT

☐ B. 22 May 1904

☐ C. 25 May 1940

☐ D. 21 May 1905

EXPLANATION

FIFA was founded in Paris on 21 May 1904 by representatives of seven European football associations.

QUESTION 13

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Which of the following is a non-metal that remains in liquid form at room temperature?

☐ A. Phosphorus

☒ B. Bromine

CORRECT

☐ C. Chlorine

☐ D. Helium

EXPLANATION

Bromine is the only non-metallic element that is liquid at room temperature (mercury is the only liquid metal).

QUESTION 14

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The Diamir-Bhasha Dam will be constructed on:

- ☐ A. Kabul
- ☐ B. Jhelum
- ☐ C. Ravi

☒ D. Indus

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

The Diamer-Bhasha Dam is being constructed on the Indus River in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.

QUESTION 15

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“Friends Not Masters” was written by:

- ☐ A. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto
- ☐ B. I.H. Qureshi
- ☒ C. Ayub Khan
- ☐ D. Dr. Parvaiz Iqbal Cheema

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

‘Friends Not Masters: A Political Autobiography’ was written by General Ayub Khan, published in 1967.

QUESTION 16

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The Holy Book "Zaboor" was revealed to which Prophet of Allah?

- ☐ A. Hazrat Moosa (A.S)
- ☐ B. Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S)
- ☒ C. Hazrat Daud (A.S)
- ☐ D. Hazrat Ishaq (A.S)

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

The Zaboor (Psalms) was revealed to Hazrat Dawud (David) (A.S).

QUESTION 17

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The UN Charter was unanimously promulgated in the year 1945 on October:

A A. 21

B B. 22

C C. 23

 **D. 24**

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

The United Nations Charter came into force on 24 October 1945, which is now celebrated as United Nations Day.

QUESTION 18

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Which gas is filled in balloons that fly?

☐ A. Oxygen

☐ B. Nitrogen

☐ C. Methane

☒ D. Helium

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Helium is lighter than air and non-flammable, making it the standard gas used to fill balloons that float.

QUESTION 19

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The length of football penalty area is:

**A. 16.5 m****CORRECT****B. 16.80 m****C. 10 m****D. 16.30 m****EXPLANATION**

The penalty area extends 16.5 metres (18 yards) from each goalpost and from the goal line, per FIFA Laws of the Game.

Antonym of “Jocular” is:

- ☐ A. Wily
- ☐ B. Facetious
- ☐ C. Amusing
- ☒ D. Solemn

CORRECT

EXPLANATION

‘Jocular’ means playful or humorous; its opposite is ‘Solemn’, meaning serious. ‘Facetious’ and ‘Amusing’ are close synonyms, not antonyms.

QUESTION 21

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At the NAM Summit in Durban (1998), which issue was discussed concerning Pakistan?

- ☐ A. Child Labour
- ☐ B. Environment Pollution
- ☒ C. Kashmir Problem
- ☐ D. Repayment of Loans

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

At the 1998 Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Durban, the Kashmir dispute was among the key issues raised concerning Pakistan and India.

QUESTION 22

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The International Monetary Fund works to foster:

☐ A. Economy of the ruling classes

☐ B. Money Laundering

☒ C. Sustainable Economic Growth

CORRECT

☐ D. Illegal Trade

EXPLANATION

The IMF's mandate is to foster global monetary cooperation, financial stability, and sustainable economic growth.

Which of the following Pakistani player won the 1994 World Snooker Championship?

☒ A. Muhammad Yousaf

CORRECT

☐ B. Muhammad Asif

☐ C. Hamza Akbar

☐ D. Shoukat Ali

EXPLANATION

Muhammad Yousaf won the IBSF World Snooker (Amateur) Championship in 1994, representing Pakistan.

QUESTION 24

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In MS Word 2016, to extend a selection to adjacent cells of the table:



A. Hold down Shift and press an arrow key repeatedly

CORRECT**B**

B. Press ALT + A

C

C. CTRL + ALT + H

D

D. ALT + END

EXPLANATION

In Word tables, holding Shift and repeatedly pressing an arrow key extends the cell selection in that direction.

QUESTION 25

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Which African country, a member of OIC, formally decided to remove the word “Islamic” from its official name?

☐ A. Senegal

☐ B. Sudan

☒ C. Gambia

CORRECT

☐ D. Mauritania

EXPLANATION

The Gambia had briefly renamed itself the ‘Islamic Republic of The Gambia’ in 2015, but formally reverted to ‘Republic of The Gambia’ in 2017, dropping ‘Islamic’ from its name.

QUESTION 26

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Fill in the blank: I _ _ _ _ _ upon my privacy.

**A. intruded****CORRECT****B. approached****C. violated****D. counted****EXPLANATION**

The correct idiomatic usage is 'to intrude upon someone's privacy,' taking the preposition 'upon.'

All weathers are mainly caused by:

☐ A. Movement of the Earth

☐ B. Moon light

☒ C. Heating from the Sun

CORRECT

☐ D. Ocean waves

EXPLANATION

Weather patterns are primarily driven by uneven heating of the Earth's surface and atmosphere by the Sun.

QUESTION 28

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ALU is a component of processor, which consists of:

☐ A. AU (Arithmetic Unit)

☐ B. LU (Logic Unit)

☒ C. Both A and B

CORRECT

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

The Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU) is made up of the Arithmetic Unit and the Logic Unit, handling arithmetic and logical operations respectively.

Identify the world's largest "Peninsula":

☐ A. Alaska

☐ B. Scandinavian

☒ C. Arabian

CORRECT

☐ D. Labrador

EXPLANATION

The Arabian Peninsula, covering about 3.2 million square kilometres, is the world's largest peninsula.

QUESTION 30

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International Literacy Day is celebrated every year on:

- ☐ A. 1 October
- ☐ B. 6 September
- ☐ C. 10 September
- ☒ D. 8 September

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

International Literacy Day is observed annually on 8 September, as declared by UNESCO in 1966.

Select the Antonym of the word: 'Tranquil'

☐ A. Serene

☒ B. Turbulent

CORRECT

☐ C. Soft

☐ D. Hard

EXPLANATION

'Tranquil' means calm and peaceful; its antonym is 'Turbulent,' meaning marked by disturbance or agitation.

QUESTION 32

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One Mega Byte is equal to:

☐ A. 1024 Bytes

☒ B. 1024 Kilo Bytes

CORRECT

☐ C. 1024 Giga Bytes

☐ D. 1024 Bits

EXPLANATION

In binary computing convention, 1 Megabyte (MB) = 1024 Kilobytes (KB).

QUESTION 33

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Who was the Prime Minister of Pakistan when our first Constitution of 1956 was adopted?

A A. Malik Feroz Khan Noon

B B. Muhammad Ali Bogra

✓ C. Muhammad Ali (Chaudhry)

CORRECT

D D. Ayub Khan

EXPLANATION

Pakistan's first Constitution was adopted on 29 February 1956 (enforced 23 March 1956) during the premiership of Chaudhry Muhammad Ali.

QUESTION 34

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Pakistan Steel Mills was established on:

A A. 1971

B B. 1972

✓ C. 1973

CORRECT

D D. 1974

EXPLANATION

Pakistan Steel Mills was founded on 30 December 1973, with its foundation stone laid by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

QUESTION 35

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I spend 20 hours to clean my garden. How long will it take if 4 people (with the same efficiency) come to join me?

A A. 3 hours

B B. 6 hours

✓ C C. 5 hours

CORRECT

D D. 4 hours

EXPLANATION

Total work = 20 person-hours. With 5 people working together (myself + 4 others) at the same rate: $20 \div 4 = 5$ hours.

Which of the following is not an island in the Mediterranean Sea?

☐ A. Ibiza

☒ B. Phuket

CORRECT

☐ C. Crete

☐ D. Sicily

EXPLANATION

Phuket is an island in the Andaman Sea off Thailand, not in the Mediterranean. Ibiza, Crete and Sicily are all Mediterranean islands.

QUESTION 37

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Which one of the following is not a prime number?

A A. 11

B B. 61

✓ C. 91

CORRECT

D D. 31

EXPLANATION

$91 = 7 \times 13$, so it has factors other than 1 and itself, making it a composite number, not prime.

QUESTION 38

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Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "A cock and bull story"

☐ A. A true story

☒ B. A foolish and concocted story

CORRECT

☐ C. A story of animals

EXPLANATION

'A cock and bull story' means an absurd, unbelievable, or made-up account meant to mislead someone.

QUESTION 39

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The Quaid-e-Azam's Mausoleum is an impressive landmark of:

☐ A. Lahore

☐ B. Multan

☐ C. Kasur

☒ D. Karachi

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Mazar-e-Quaid, the mausoleum of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, is located in Karachi and is one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

QUESTION 40

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Sherlock Holmes is a famous character in the detective stories written by:

A A. H.G. Wells

B B. Jonathan Swift

✓ C. Arthur Conan Doyle

CORRECT

D D. Mark Twain

EXPLANATION

Sherlock Holmes, the celebrated fictional detective, was created by British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

QUESTION 41

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Solve and find the value of x , if $(30x + 70) / x = 100$

☐ A. 2

☐ B. 4

☒ C. 1

CORRECT

☐ D. 3

EXPLANATION

$$30x + 70 = 100x \quad 100x - 30x = 70 \quad 70x = 70 \quad x = 1.$$

Page number in a document in MS Word can be inserted at:

- ☐ A. Header
- ☐ B. Footer
- ☒ C. Both A and B
- ☐ D. None of these

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Page numbers can be inserted in either the Header or the Footer of a Word document, depending on preference.

QUESTION 43

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What is used in a computer to protect a network server from damage by those who log in to it?

☐ A. Antivirus

☒ B. Firewall

CORRECT

☐ C. Gateway

☐ D. Flow Control

EXPLANATION

A Firewall monitors and controls incoming/outgoing network traffic to protect a server from unauthorized access and damage.

QUESTION 44

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Syed Ahmad Shaheed was the founder of which of the following movement?

**A. Jihad****CORRECT****B. Nijaat****C. Jalal****D. Jazba****EXPLANATION**

Syed Ahmad Shaheed (Syed Ahmad Bareilvi) led the Tehreek-e-Jihad (Jihad Movement) against Sikh rule in the early 19th century.

QUESTION 45

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Change the voice of the following sentence: "I will have finished that book."

☐ A. That book has been finished by me.

☐ B. That book will be finished by me.

☒ C. That book will have been finished by me. **CORRECT**

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Future perfect tense 'will have finished' converts to passive voice as 'will have been finished.'

QUESTION 46

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If you are standing with your face towards East, then you turn right, again right, and then left. What direction are you facing at the end?

A A. West-South

B B. West-North

C C. North-East

 **D. South**

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Facing East turn right = South turn right again = West turn left = South. Final direction: South.

QUESTION 47

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Name the first person to whom Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) revealed the first wahi.

☐ A. Hazrat Abu Talib

☒ B. Hazrat Khadija (R.A)

CORRECT

☐ C. Warqa-ibn-e-Nofal

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Khadija (R.A), the Prophet's (PBUH) wife, was the first person he told about the revelation and the first to believe in him.

QUESTION 48

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Total number of Ghazwas are?

☐ A. 13

☐ B. 23

☒ C. 27

CORRECT

☐ D. 29

EXPLANATION

A Ghazwa refers to a battle in which the Prophet (PBUH) personally participated; historians commonly count 27 Ghazwas.

QUESTION 49

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Pakistan bought Gwadar from Oman in:

☒ A. 1958

CORRECT

☐ B. 1960

☐ C. 1950

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Pakistan purchased Gwadar from the Sultanate of Oman in 1958 for about 3 million British pounds.

QUESTION 50

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The French “Legion d'honneur” received in April 2001 by:

- ☐ A. Muhammad-bin-Salman-al-Saud
- ☐ B. Hamad-bin-Jassim
- ☒ C. Bashar-al-Assad **CORRECT**
- ☐ D. Sabah-al-Ahmad-al-Jabar-al-Sabah

EXPLANATION

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad was awarded France's Legion d'honneur (Grand Cross) by President Jacques Chirac in 2001, shortly after assuming office.

QUESTION 51

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Which Prophet is also known by the title 'Khaleel-Ullah'?

A A. Hazrat Musa (A.S)

B B. Hazrat Idrees (A.S)

✓ C. Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S)

CORRECT

D D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S) is honoured with the title 'Khaleel-Ullah', meaning 'Friend of Allah.'

QUESTION 52

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Which of the following countries is not a member of SAARC?

A A. Maldives

B B. Bhutan

C C. Sri Lanka

✓ D. Myanmar

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

SAARC's eight members are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Myanmar is not a member.

Strait of Malacca separates _ _ _ _ _ .

☐ A. Malaysia and China

☒ B. Malaysia and Indonesia

CORRECT

☐ C. Malaysia and Sri Lanka

☐ D. none of these

EXPLANATION

The Strait of Malacca is a narrow stretch of water between the Malay Peninsula (Malaysia) and the island of Sumatra (Indonesia).

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "To fish in troubled waters"



A. To benefit from other people's troubles

CORRECT



B. To indulge in evil conspiracies



C. To aggravate the situation



D. To catch fish in disturbed waters

EXPLANATION

'To fish in troubled waters' means to take advantage of a difficult or chaotic situation for one's own benefit.

QUESTION 55

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Radcliffe unjustly included _ _ _ _ _ tehsils of Punjab in India.

A A. Kartarpur, Shakargarh, Narowal

B B. Chunian, Pakpattan, Okara

C C. Ferozepur, Kasur, Ajnala

✓ D. Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Batala

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

The Radcliffe Award of 1947 is widely criticised for awarding the Muslim-majority tehsils of Gurdaspur, Pathankot, and Batala to India instead of Pakistan.

QUESTION 56

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Which digit is considered as the mode in the data set 3,5,2,0,0,1,6,6,3,1,0,7,9?

☐ A. 3

☒ B. 0

CORRECT

☐ C. 1

☐ D. 9

EXPLANATION

Counting frequencies: 0 appears 3 times — more than any other value in the set — so the mode is 0.

QUESTION 57

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A place where leather is tanned is called a:

**A. Tannery****CORRECT****B. Casino****C. Brewery****D. Workshop****EXPLANATION**

A Tannery is a facility where animal hides are processed (tanned) into leather.

What caused Hazrat Usman's (R.A) death?

- ☐ A. He died in a battlefield
- ☒ B. He was martyred by rebels **CORRECT**
- ☐ C. He died a natural death
- ☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Usman (R.A), the third Caliph, was martyred in 656 AD by rebels who besieged his house in Medina.

QUESTION 59

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How many Goals have been included in the Sustainable Development Goals?

A A. 12

B B. 15

C C. 16

✓ D. 17

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015, comprise 17 goals to be achieved by 2030.

QUESTION 60

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Toussaint Louverture, also known as Toussaint Breda, was the best-known leader of the _____ Revolution.

**A. Haiti****CORRECT****B. Venezuela****C. Mexico****D. None of these****EXPLANATION**

Toussaint Louverture was the leading figure of the Haitian Revolution, which led to Haiti's independence from France.

QUESTION 61

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What is the nickname of Zimbabwe's national men's cricket team?

- ☐ A. The Proteas
- ☐ B. The Black Caps
- ☐ C. The Tigers
- ☒ D. The Chevrons

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Zimbabwe's national men's cricket team is nicknamed 'The Chevrons.'
(Proteas = South Africa, Black Caps = New Zealand, Tigers = Bangladesh.)

QUESTION 62

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Who is considered as the Father of Psychoanalysis?

☐ A. TB Watson

☐ B. Albert Hills

☐ C. Adler

☒ D. Sigmund Freud

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Sigmund Freud is universally regarded as the Father of Psychoanalysis, having founded the discipline in the late 19th century.

QUESTION 63

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Ram (Rann) of Kutch is situated in:

☐ A. North of Gilgit

☒ B. South of Tharparkar

CORRECT

☐ C. East of Turbat

☐ D. South of Wana

EXPLANATION

The Rann of Kutch, a large salt marsh area, lies south of the Tharparkar district of Sindh, bordering India.

Who was the first Emperor of the Tughlaq Dynasty in the Indian Sub-continent?

☐ A. Muhammad Bin Tughlaq

☐ B. Feroz Shah Tughlaq

☒ C. Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq

CORRECT

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq founded the Tughlaq Dynasty in 1320 and was its first ruler in the Delhi Sultanate.

The Synonym of 'Deficit' is:

☐ A. Minimize

☒ B. Shortfall

CORRECT

☐ C. Surplus

☐ D. Useless

EXPLANATION

'Deficit' means a shortage, especially of money; 'Shortfall' is its closest synonym. 'Surplus' is actually its antonym.

QUESTION 66

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Organisms encode their genes in long strands of:

☐ A. Chromosomes

☐ B. CNA

☒ C. DNA

CORRECT

☐ D. Carbohydrates

EXPLANATION

Genetic information in organisms is encoded in long strands of DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid), organized into chromosomes.

QUESTION 67

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The currency of Nigeria is called:

☐ A. Rand

☒ B. Naira

CORRECT

☐ C. Pound

☐ D. Dollar

EXPLANATION

Nigeria's official currency is the Naira (NGN).

QUESTION 68

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Which leader is famous with reference to his six points?

A A. Ayub Khan

B B. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

✓ C. Sheikh Mujeeb-ur-Rehman

CORRECT

D D. Muhammad Khan Junejo

EXPLANATION

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman presented his famous 'Six Points' movement in 1966, demanding greater autonomy for East Pakistan.

What does PSDP stand for?

- ☐ A. Pakistan's Strategic Development Programme
- ☐ B. Pakistan-Sweden Development Pact
- ☒ C. Public Sector Development Programme **CORRECT**
- ☐ D. Pakistan's Sustainable Development Programme

EXPLANATION

PSDP stands for the Public Sector Development Programme, Pakistan's annual plan for public investment projects.

QUESTION 70

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In which direction does the Earth rotate around its axis?

☐ A. North to South

☐ B. East to West

☒ C. West to East

CORRECT

☐ D. Randomly

EXPLANATION

The Earth rotates on its axis from West to East, which is why the Sun appears to rise in the East.

QUESTION 71

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Which one of the following personalities was the Secretary General of SAARC?

☐ A. Arjun Bahadur Thapa (Nepal)

☐ B. Ahmad Saleem (Maldives)

☒ C. Amjad Hussain Sial (Pakistan)

CORRECT

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Amjad Hussain B. Sial of Pakistan served as Secretary-General of SAARC from March 2017 to March 2020, relevant to this 2019 exam.

Synonym of “Exorbitant” is:

- ☐ A. Moderate
- ☐ B. Reasonable
- ☐ C. Temperate
- ☒ D. Extortionate

CORRECT

EXPLANATION

‘Exorbitant’ means unreasonably excessive (usually of price); its synonym is ‘Extortionate.’ The other options mean the opposite.

QUESTION 73

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What is the correct shortcut key to check grammar in MS Word?

☐ A. F2

☐ B. F5

☒ C. F7

CORRECT

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Pressing F7 in MS Word launches the Spelling & Grammar check tool.

Which short cut keys are used to “open Start Menu”?

☒ A. CTRL + ESC

CORRECT

☐ B. CTRL + ALT

☐ C. CTRL + F

☐ D. CTRL + TAB

EXPLANATION

CTRL + ESC opens the Windows Start Menu (equivalent to pressing the Windows key).

Date of Hazrat Ali's (R.A) Shahadat is:



A. 21 Ramzan 40 A.H

CORRECT

B

B. 24 Ramzan 40 A.H

C

C. 21 Zilhaj 40 A.H

D

D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Ali (R.A), the fourth Caliph, was martyred on 21 Ramadan, 40 A.H., after being struck by Ibn Muljam's poisoned sword.

QUESTION 76

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Last Census of Pakistan (as of this exam) was held in:

A A. 2001

B B. 1999

C C. 1998

 **D. 2017**

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

The 6th Population and Housing Census of Pakistan was conducted in 2017, making it the most recent census at the time of this exam (2019).

Which one of the following countries has direct access to the Black Sea?



A. Georgia

CORRECT



B. Hungary



C. Slovakia



D. Greece

EXPLANATION

Georgia has a coastline directly on the Black Sea. Hungary, Slovakia and Greece do not border it.

Who invented the telephone?



A. Graham Bell

CORRECT



B. Robert Koch



C. Newton



D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Alexander Graham Bell is credited with inventing and patenting the first practical telephone in 1876.

QUESTION 79

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The average weight of A, B and C is 45 Kg. If the average weight of A and B is 40 Kg and that of B and C is 43 Kg, then the weight of B is:

☐ A. 17 Kg

☐ B. 20 Kg

☐ C. 26 Kg

☒ D. 31 Kg

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

$A+B+C = 135$; $A+B = 80$, so $C = 55$; $B+C = 86$, so $A = 49$; then $B = 135 - 49 - 55 = 31$ Kg.

He asked me, "Did you see that car?" Find the correct indirect sentence.

- ☐ A. He asked me if he had seen that car
- ☒ B. He asked me if I had seen that car **CORRECT**
- ☐ C. He asked me I had seen that car
- ☐ D. He told me if I had seen that car

EXPLANATION

Direct questions with 'Did you...?' convert to indirect speech using 'if/whether' plus past perfect: 'He asked me if I had seen that car.'

QUESTION 81

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Of the neighbouring districts closest to Lahore city is:

A A. Gujranwala

B B. Faisalabad

C C. Okara

✓ D. Sheikhupura

CORRECT**EXPLANATION**

Sheikhupura district directly borders Lahore and is its closest neighbouring district.

QUESTION 82

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Laila is four times as old as her 2 year old brother Mansoor. How old will Mansoor be when he is half the age of his older sister Laila?

☐ A. 4

☒ B. 6

CORRECT

☐ C. 5

☐ D. 7

EXPLANATION

Mansoor is 2, Laila is 8. After 'n' years, Mansoor is half Laila's age when $(2+n) = (8+n)/2$, giving $n = 4$, so Mansoor will be 6 (and Laila 12).

Which of the following is the name of the smallest part of matter discovered by scientists?

☐ A. Proton

☐ B. Neutron

☐ C. Positron

☒ D. Quark

CORRECT

EXPLANATION

Quarks are elementary particles and among the smallest known building blocks of matter, combining to form protons and neutrons.

QUESTION 84

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One of the founders of All India Muslim League, Salimullah Khan, was the Nawab of:

**A. Dhaka****CORRECT****B. Patodi****C. Bhopal****D. Chittagong****EXPLANATION**

Nawab Khwaja Salimullah Khan of Dhaka was one of the founding figures of the All India Muslim League, formed in Dhaka in 1906.

“Richter Scale” is used for measuring:

- ☐ A. Sound waves
- ☐ B. Pollution in atmosphere
- ☒ C. Strength of an earthquake
- ☐ D. Growth of a part

CORRECT

EXPLANATION

The Richter Scale measures the magnitude (strength) of earthquakes based on the energy released.

QUESTION 86

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General Yahya Khan became the Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the Pakistan Army in 1966. Who was the C-in-C before him?

☒ A. General Muhammad Musa Khan **CORRECT**

☐ B. General Akhtar Abdur Rehman

☐ C. General Ayub Khan

☐ D. General Douglas Gracy

EXPLANATION

General Muhammad Musa Khan served as Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army from 1958 to 1966, immediately before General Yahya Khan.

Which is the third source of Islamic Jurisprudence?

☐ A. Quran

☒ B. Ijma

CORRECT

☐ C. Qiayas

☐ D. Hadith

EXPLANATION

The sources of Islamic Jurisprudence in order are: Quran, Hadith (Sunnah), Ijma (consensus), and Qiyas (analogical reasoning). Ijma is the third source.

QUESTION 88

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The concept of acting in aid of civil power by the armed forces has been laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan 1973 vide:

☒ A. Article 245

CORRECT

☐ B. Article 270

☐ C. Article 243

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

Article 245 of the 1973 Constitution empowers the Armed Forces to act in aid of civil power when called upon by the Federal Government.

QUESTION 89

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Taj Mahal at Agra stands on the bank of river:

☐ A. Ganga

☒ B. Jamuna

CORRECT

☐ C. Padma

☐ D. None of these

EXPLANATION

The Taj Mahal stands on the southern bank of the Yamuna (Jamuna) River in Agra, India.

QUESTION 90

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What is the next number in the series 2, 3, 6, 18, 108, _ _ _?

☐ A. 208

☒ B. 1944

CORRECT

☐ C. 2008

☐ D. 1054

EXPLANATION

Each number is the product of the previous two terms: $2 \times 3 = 6$, $3 \times 6 = 18$, $6 \times 18 = 108$, $18 \times 108 = 1944$.