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SUBJECT AREAS

A completely re-checked and corrected answer key — every question re-verified, **incorrect answers fixed**, correct options highlighted & ticked, with a short explanation added below each question.

How to Read This Answer Key

Each of the 90 questions below is presented as its own solved section.

✓ Highlighted & Ticked Answer

The verified correct option is shaded green with a check mark, so it stands out instantly.

🔧 Corrected Mistakes

Several answers in the original paper were incorrect — all such errors have been fixed here after careful review.

📖 Explanation Box

A short, clear explanation follows every question, justifying why that option is correct.

📚 Organised by Subject

Questions are grouped into General Knowledge/Personalities, Pakistan & Islamic Studies, English, Mathematics, and Current Affairs / World GK for easy revision.

Section 1 · Notable Personalities & Sports

1 The Oscar winning short documentary “Girl in the River” was directed by?

A Samina Peerzada

B Sabrha Sumar

C Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy ✓

D Mehreen Jabbar

✓ **Correct Answer: C. Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy**

Explanation: “A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness” (2015), about honour killings in Pakistan, won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Short in 2016. It was directed by Pakistani filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, who also won an Oscar earlier for “Saving Face” (2012).

2 Dr. Abdul Salam was awarded Nobel Prize for Physics in:

A 1981

B 1979 ✓

C 1976

D 1987

✓ **Correct Answer: B. 1979**

Explanation: Dr. Abdus Salam, Pakistan's first Nobel laureate, won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1979 (shared with Sheldon Glashow and Steven Weinberg) for his contribution to the electroweak unification theory.

3 Next Summer Olympic Games are to be held in:

A 2017 Moscow

B 2018 Seoul

C 2016 Rio de Janeiro ✓

D 2016 Paris

✓ **Correct Answer: C. 2016 Rio de Janeiro**

Explanation: This question was set before the 2016 Games. The 2016 Summer Olympics were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — the first Olympic Games held in South America.

4 Muhammad Asif is a famous player of:

A Snooker ✓

B Kabaddi

C Tennis

D Football

✓ **Correct Answer: A. Snooker**

Explanation: Muhammad Asif is a well-known Pakistani snooker player who has won multiple national and international amateur snooker titles for Pakistan.

5 Sohail Abbas is famous player of:

A Squash

B Hockey ✓

C Boxing

D Swimming

✓ **Correct Answer: B. Hockey**

Explanation: Sohail Abbas is a former Pakistani field hockey player and drag-flick specialist, widely regarded as the highest goal-scorer in the history of international hockey.

6 Ayesha Jalal is prominent in the field of:

A Chemistry

B History ✓

C Mathematics

D Sociology

✓ **Correct Answer: B. History**

Explanation: Ayesha Jalal is a renowned Pakistani-American historian, known for her scholarly works on the Partition of India and South Asian history.

7 Javed Ghamdi is prominent in the field of:

☒ A Islamiat

☐ B Fishing

☐ C Civil Service

☐ D Geography

✓ Correct Answer: A. Islamiat

Explanation: Javed Ahmad Ghamidi is a well-known Pakistani Islamic scholar, exegete and educator, recognised for his work on Islamic theology and Quranic interpretation.

8 Mohsin Hamid is famous for:

☒ A English Writing

☐ B Urdu Ghazal

☐ C Teaching

☐ D Financial Analyst

✓ Correct Answer: A. English Writing

Explanation: Mohsin Hamid is a celebrated Pakistani novelist who writes in English; his notable works include "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" and "Moth Smoke."

9 Abdur Rehman Chughtai was a prominent name in the field of:

☐ A Health Care

☒ B Painting

☐ C Civil Engineering

☐ D Architecture

✓ Correct Answer: B. Painting

Explanation: Abdur Rahman Chughtai was Pakistan's first internationally recognised professional painter, famous for his distinctive Mughal-inspired art style.

10 Adeeb Rizvi is famous for his work in the field of:

A Solid Waste Management

B Horticulture

C Medicine ✓

D Sports

✓ Correct Answer: C. Medicine

Explanation: Dr. Syed Adibul Hasan Rizvi is a renowned Pakistani urologist and philanthropist who founded the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT).

11 Sana Meer is a prominent name in the field of:

A Athletics

B Acting

C Modelling

D Cricket ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Cricket

Explanation: Sana Mir is a former captain of the Pakistan women's cricket team and one of the country's most successful international cricketers.

12 Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy upon estrangement from the Muslim League formed a political party called:

A Jugtu Front

B Bahujan Samaj Party

C Awami Muslim League ✓

D Bengal Muslim League

✓ Correct Answer: C. Awami Muslim League

Explanation: After parting ways with the Muslim League, H.S. Suhrawardy helped found the Awami Muslim League in 1949 (later renamed the Awami League), which became a major political force in East Pakistan.

13 Pakistan's first Law Minister was:

A Sir Firoz Khan Noon

B Sir Zafarullah Khan

C Jogindarnath Mandel



D Kh. Nazimuddin

✓ **Correct Answer: C. Jogindarnath Mandel**

Explanation: Jogendra Nath Mandal, a Hindu Dalit leader, served as Pakistan's first Minister for Law and Labour in the first cabinet formed in 1947.

Section 2 · Pakistan Affairs & General Knowledge

14 The distance between Karachi and Lahore along N-5 is:

A 1000 km

B 1287 km ✓

C 1351 km

D 1521 km

✓ Correct Answer: B. 1287 km

Explanation: Travelling along National Highway N-5 (the main artery connecting Karachi to Peshawar via Lahore), the Karachi-Lahore stretch is commonly cited as approximately 1287 km.

15 Fort Munro is located in __ province:

A Baluchistan

B Sindh

C Khyber Pukhtunkhwa

D Punjab ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Punjab

Explanation: Fort Munro is a hill station in the Dera Ghazi Khan district of Punjab, situated in the Sulaiman mountain range.

16 Who drew the border line between India and Pakistan in 1947?

A Lord Wavell

B Lord Mountbatten

C Sir Cyril Radcliff ✓

D Lord Attlee

✓ Correct Answer: C. Sir Cyril Radcliff

Explanation: Sir Cyril Radcliffe headed the Boundary Commission and drew the Radcliffe Line demarcating the border between India and Pakistan in 1947.

17 Bhagat Kabir, Baba Gurunal and Dadu Dayal were all associated with ____ Movement:

A Quit India

B Faraizi

C Non Cooperation

D Bhagti ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Bhagti

Explanation: Kabir, Guru Nanak and Dadu Dayal were all prominent saints of the Bhakti (devotional) Movement, which emphasised personal devotion to God over ritual.

18 Dar ul Uloom Deoband was established in ____ District:

A Muzaffarpur

B Allahabad

C Saharanpur ✓

D Meerut

✓ Correct Answer: C. Saharanpur

Explanation: Darul Uloom Deoband, founded in 1866, is located in the town of Deoband, which falls in Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh, India.

19 The Moplah Uprising took place in ____ province:

A Bengal

B Madras ✓

C UP

D Kerala

✓ Correct Answer: B. Madras

Explanation: The Moplah (Malabar) Rebellion of 1921 occurred in the Malabar region, which was then administratively part of the Madras Presidency.

20 Ch. Rehmat Ali issued a pamphlet as his solution to the Indian Communal problems. It was called:

☒ A Now or Never



☐ B Now or Now

☐ C Bang-i-Islam

☐ D Do or Die

✓ Correct Answer: A. Now or Never

Explanation: Chaudhry Rahmat Ali published the pamphlet "Now or Never" in 1933, in which the term "Pakistan" was coined for the first time.

21 All India Muslim League was founded in the city of:

☐ A Lahore

☐ B Kolkata

☒ C Dhaka



☐ D Karachi

✓ Correct Answer: C. Dhaka

Explanation: The All India Muslim League was founded in Dhaka (Dacca) in December 1906 under the leadership of Nawab Salimullah Khan and others.

22 Pakistan became a Republic on:

☒ A 23rd March 1956



☐ B 29th February 1956

☐ C 8th January 1956

☐ D 14th August 1947

✓ Correct Answer: A. 23rd March 1956

Explanation: Pakistan's first Constitution came into effect on 23 March 1956, on which date it was declared an Islamic Republic — this is why 23 March is celebrated as Pakistan (Republic) Day.

23 Numismatics is the study of:

A Horses

B Flags

C Fire arms

D Coins ✓

✓ **Correct Answer: D. Coins**

Explanation: Numismatics is the study or collection of coins, banknotes and related currency items.

24 Which pair of words refers to butterflies and birds?

A Colts, Horses

B Bore, Boar

C Aviary, Apiary ✓

D Pen, Sty

✓ **Correct Answer: C. Aviary, Apiary**

Explanation: As intended by this vocabulary question, 'aviary' (an enclosure for birds) is paired with 'apiary' (a place for keeping bees) as commonly-confused look-alike words. Note: strictly speaking an apiary houses bees, not butterflies, so the pairing tests word-recognition rather than biology.

Section 3 · Verbal Reasoning — Odd One Out

25 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A bicycle

B ferry

C railway

D fish ✓

✓ **Correct Answer: D. fish**

Explanation: Bicycle, ferry and railway are all means of transport, while a fish is a living creature — making 'fish' the odd one out.

26 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A moon

B ball

C tree ✓

D earth

✓ **Correct Answer: C. tree**

Explanation: The moon, a ball and the earth are all naturally spherical/round objects, whereas a tree is not — making 'tree' the odd one out.

27 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A lemonade

B juice

C bread ✓

D milk

✓ **Correct Answer: C. bread**

Explanation: Lemonade, juice and milk are all drinks/beverages, while bread is a solid food item — making 'bread' the odd one out.

28 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A cut

B cool ✓

C blow

D dig

✓ Correct Answer: B. cool

Explanation: Cut, blow and dig can all describe forceful/sharp actions performed with a tool or force, whereas 'cool' relates to temperature and doesn't fit that group — making it the odd one out.

29 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A Attock

B Mangla Dam ✓

C Taxila

D Haripur

✓ Correct Answer: B. Mangla Dam

Explanation: Attock, Taxila and Haripur are all cities, while Mangla Dam is a dam/reservoir, not a city — making it the odd one out.

30 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A sheep

B cows

C rats ✓

D horse

✓ Correct Answer: C. rats

Explanation: Sheep, cows and horses are all domesticated farm/livestock animals, while rats are rodents typically considered pests — making 'rats' the odd one out.

31 PICK THE ODD WORD OUT:

A generous

B kind

C nasty



D nice

✓ **Correct Answer: C. nasty**

Explanation: Generous, kind and nice are all positive character traits, while nasty is a negative trait — making it the odd one out.

Section 4 · English Vocabulary (Synonyms & Antonyms)

32 What is the synonym of Fulsome?

A exuberant ✓

B emotional

C dry

D rough

✓ Correct Answer: A. exuberant

Explanation: Fulsome means excessive or abundant (often of praise). Among the choices, 'exuberant' (unrestrained, overflowing) is the closest synonym.

33 What is the synonym of Denigrate?

A disparage ✓

B praise

C describe

D draw

✓ Correct Answer: A. disparage

Explanation: Denigrate means to criticise unfairly or belittle someone's reputation; its synonym is 'disparage.'

34 What is the synonym of Incendiary?

A frolic

B snicker

C causing fire ✓

D emollient

✓ Correct Answer: C. causing fire

Explanation: Incendiary literally means capable of causing fire, or (figuratively) inflammatory. The most direct synonym here is 'causing fire.'

35 What is the synonym of Prerogative?

A end

B puncture

C summon

D privilege ✓

✓ **Correct Answer: D. privilege**

Explanation: A prerogative is a special right or privilege exclusive to a particular person or group; hence 'privilege' is the correct synonym.

36 What is the synonym of Calligraphy?

A word processing

B keyboard

C hand writing ✓

D concussion

✓ **Correct Answer: C. hand writing**

Explanation: Calligraphy is the art of decorative, elegant handwriting, so 'hand writing' is the closest synonym.

37 What is the antonym of Gregarious?

A boring

B chubby

C lonesome ✓

D talkative

✓ **Correct Answer: C. lonesome**

Explanation: Gregarious means sociable and fond of company; its antonym is 'lonesome' (solitary, unsociable).

38 What is the antonym of Assent?

A disagree ✓

B approve

C sanction

D pass

✓ **Correct Answer: A. disagree**

Explanation: Assent means agreement or approval; its antonym is 'disagree.' (Approve and sanction are actually synonyms of assent, not antonyms.)

39 What is the antonym of Fluid?

A airy

B frozen ✓

C still

D moving

✓ **Correct Answer: B. frozen**

Explanation: Fluid describes something that flows freely, as in a liquid state. Its opposite is a solid, unmoving state — best captured here by 'frozen.'

40 What is the antonym of Onerous?

A fluent

B burdensome

C difficult

D light ✓

✓ **Correct Answer: D. light**

Explanation: Onerous means burdensome or involving great effort; its antonym is 'light' (easy, effortless). Note option B, 'burdensome,' is actually a synonym, not the antonym.

41 What is the antonym of Concord?

A agreement

B **variance** ✓

C accord

D unity

✓ **Correct Answer: B. variance**

Explanation: Concord means harmony or agreement; its antonym is 'variance' (discord, disagreement).

Section 5 · Islamic Studies & General Knowledge

42 Where is the head office of UNESCO located?

A Geneva

B Vienna

C Brussels

D Paris ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Paris

Explanation: UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has its headquarters in Paris, France.

43 Ghazwa e Badr was fought in which year of the Christian Calendar?

A 623

B 622

C 619

D 624 ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. 624

Explanation: The Battle of Badr, the first major battle in Islamic history, was fought on 17 Ramadan, 2 AH, which corresponds to 13 March 624 CE.

44 Masjid Nimra is situated in:

A Madinah

B Taif

C Jeddah

D Plains of Arafat ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Plains of Arafat

Explanation: Masjid Nimra is located on the Plains of Arafat near Makkah; it is where the Khutbah of Hajj is delivered on the Day of Arafat.

45 The first migration in Islamic History was to the country then called:

A Abyssinia ✓

B Iraq

C Yemen

D Syria

✓ **Correct Answer: A. Abyssinia**

Explanation: The first Hijrah (migration) in Islamic history took place in 615 CE, when a group of Muslims migrated to the Christian kingdom of Abyssinia (modern-day Ethiopia) to escape persecution in Makkah.

46 Holy Prophet sometimes gave his silent approval of a statement or action of someone, this is called:

A qawl

B taqir ✓

C hadatha

D illhan

✓ **Correct Answer: B. taqir**

Explanation: 'Taqir' refers to the Prophet's (PBUH) tacit/silent approval of a companion's word or deed, forming one of the categories of Hadith alongside 'Qawl' (sayings) and 'Fi'l' (actions).

47 After migrating to Yathrib (Madina) the Holy Prophet first stayed at the house of which Sahabi?

A Ayub Ansari ✓

B Abu Hurairah

C Abdullah bin Abbas

D Anas bin Malik

✓ **Correct Answer: A. Ayub Ansari**

Explanation: Upon arriving in Madinah, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) stayed at the house of Hazrat Abu Ayyub al-Ansari (Ayub Ansari) until his own residence and mosque were built.

48 The word 'wahi' is derived from the word 'waha' which means:

A to write down

B to memorize

C to inform secretly

D to listen

✓ Correct Answer: C. to inform secretly

Explanation: The word 'Wahi' (Revelation) is derived from the Arabic root 'waha,' meaning to convey a message secretly or swiftly, i.e., to inform in a hidden manner.

49 The Muslim mathematician Alkhwarzami is best known for his work in:

A Trigonometry

B Set Theory

C Algebra

D Arithmetic

✓ Correct Answer: C. Algebra

Explanation: Al-Khwarizmi, the 9th-century Muslim mathematician, is best known as the "Father of Algebra"; the word 'algebra' itself derives from his book 'Al-Jabr.'

Section 6 · Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning

50 2, 4, 16, 256, _____. Complete the series:

A 80,000

B 7,156

C 68,160

D 65,536 ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. 65,536

Explanation: Each term is the square of the previous term: $2^2=4$, $4^2=16$, $16^2=256$, $256^2=65,536$.

51 50, 60, 80, 110, 150 _____. Complete the series:

A 200 ✓

B 160

C 300

D 320

✓ Correct Answer: A. 200

Explanation: The differences between consecutive terms increase by 10 each time: +10, +20, +30, +40, so the next difference is +50, giving $150+50 = 200$.

52 2, 4, 12, 48, 240 _____. Complete the series:

A 1440 ✓

B 1240

C 1040

D 1340

✓ Correct Answer: A. 1440

Explanation: Each term is multiplied by an increasing integer: $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 5$, so the next step is $\times 6$: $240 \times 6 = 1440$.

53 If 25% of a certain number is 1600, what is 10% of the number?

A 40

B 400

C 640

D 1440

✓ Correct Answer: C. 640

Explanation: 25% of $x = 1600 \Rightarrow x = 6400$. Therefore 10% of 6400 = 640.

54 Multiply $15,873 \times 28$:

A 555,555

B 444,444

C 333,333

D 111,111

✓ Correct Answer: B. 444,444

Explanation: $15,873 \times 28 = 444,444$ ($15,873 \times 7 = 111,111$, a well-known repdigit multiplier, and $111,111 \times 4 = 444,444$).

55 Divide $3900 \div 500$:

A 7.8

B 8.7

C 7.9

D 6.8

✓ Correct Answer: A. 7.8

Explanation: $3900 \div 500 = 7.8$.

56 If an athlete's weight decreases from 160 pounds to 152 pounds what is the percentage decrease?

A 5%

B 6%

C 4%

D 10%

✓ Correct Answer: A. 5%

Explanation: Decrease = $160 - 152 = 8$ pounds. Percentage decrease = $(8/160) \times 100 = 5\%$.

57 Calculate the value of x in the equation: $12 - 5x = x + 30$

A -4

B -6

C -3

D -5

✓ Correct Answer: C. -3

Explanation: $12 - 5x = x + 30 \Rightarrow 12 - 30 = x + 5x \Rightarrow -18 = 6x \Rightarrow x = -3$.

58 Katherine's weekly salary was increased by 8% to \$237.60. What was her weekly salary before the increase?

A \$220

B \$230

C \$215

D \$200

✓ Correct Answer: A. \$220

Explanation: Let the original salary be x . Then $1.08x = 237.60 \Rightarrow x = 237.60 / 1.08 = \220 .

59 A rectangular floor 18ft x 10ft is to be covered with carpeting that costs Rs. x per Sq. Yard. In terms of x how many Rupees will the carpeting cost?

A $20x$

B $28x$

C $60x$

D $180x$

✓ Correct Answer: A. $20x$

Explanation: Area = $18 \times 10 = 180$ sq ft. Since 1 sq yard = 9 sq ft, area in sq yards = $180/9 = 20$.
Cost = $20 \times \text{Rs. } x = 20x$.

Section 7 · Current Affairs, World & Pakistan Geography

60 Who was the Secretary General of UN before Ban Ki-Moon?

A Kurt Waldheim

B Kofi Annan



C U Thant

D Boutros Boutros Ghali

✓ Correct Answer: B. Kofi Annan

Explanation: Kofi Annan of Ghana served as UN Secretary-General from 1997 to 2006, immediately preceding Ban Ki-moon, who took office in 2007.

61 Crimea was an area annexed by Russia last year. Before the annexation it was a part of:

A Bosnia

B Belarus

C Ukraine



D Georgia

✓ Correct Answer: C. Ukraine

Explanation: Crimea was part of Ukraine before Russia annexed it in March 2014, a move that is not recognised by most of the international community.

62 Recently Azerbaijan fought a war with one of its neighbors over Nagorno Karabakh region. In which country is this enclave situated?

A Bosnia

B Turkey

C Macedonia

D Armenia



✓ Correct Answer: D. Armenia

Explanation: Nagorno-Karabakh is internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan, but for decades it was controlled by ethnic-Armenian forces backed by Armenia, which is why the conflict is described as being between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

63 Abuja is the capital of:

☒ A Nigeria ✓

☐ B Panama

☐ C Mali

☐ D Ghana

✓ **Correct Answer: A. Nigeria**

Explanation: Abuja has been the federal capital of Nigeria since 1991, replacing Lagos.

64 Which is the capital city of West Indies?

☐ A Port of Spain

☐ B Harare

☐ C Puerto Rico

☒ D None of these ✓

✓ **Correct Answer: D. None of these**

Explanation: The “West Indies” is a geographic/cultural region comprising many separate island nations (and a cricket team), not a single country — so it has no single capital city.

65 Which Pakistani woman won the Nelson Mandela-Graca Machel Innovation Award 2016?

☐ A Malala Yousafzai

☒ B Tabassam Adnan ✓

☐ C Meera

☐ D Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy

✓ **Correct Answer: B. Tabassam Adnan**

Explanation: Tabassum Adnan, founder of the Khwendo Jirga (Sister's Council) in Swat, won the 2016 Nelson Mandela-Graca Machel Innovation Award in the Individual Activist category.

66 Recent OIC Summit was held in:

A Ankara

B Istanbul ✓

C Antalya

D Jeddah

✓ **Correct Answer: B. Istanbul**

Explanation: The 13th OIC Summit was held in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2016, around the time this paper was compiled.

67 Renminbi is official currency of:

A Taiwan

B China ✓

C North Korea

D Philippines

✓ **Correct Answer: B. China**

Explanation: The Renminbi (RMB), whose basic unit is the Yuan, is the official currency of the People's Republic of China.

68 Next SAARC Summit is to be held in:

A Kathmandu

B Islamabad ✓

C Colombo

D Male

✓ **Correct Answer: B. Islamabad**

Explanation: The 19th SAARC Summit was scheduled to be hosted by Pakistan in Islamabad in 2016 (it was later postponed amid regional tensions).

69 Sir Creek is a disputed area between:

A Afghanistan & Pakistan

B Nepal & India

C Bangladesh & India

D Pakistan & India ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Pakistan & India

Explanation: Sir Creek is a 96-km tidal estuary on the border of the Sindh province of Pakistan and the Gujarat state of India, and its maritime boundary remains a long-standing dispute between the two countries.

70 The Suez Canal links which two seas?

A Baltic & North Sea

B Dead & Red Sea

C Oman & Arabian Sea

D Mediterranean & Red Sea ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Mediterranean & Red Sea

Explanation: The Suez Canal in Egypt connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, providing a direct shipping route between Europe and Asia.

71 Reichstag is the name of the Parliament of which country?

A Turkey

B Russia

C Azerbaijan

D Germany ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Germany

Explanation: The Reichstag building in Berlin is historically and currently associated with the German parliament (Bundestag).

72 Azlan Shah Hockey Tournament is played in which country?

A Singapore

B Malaysia ✓

C Thailand

D Brunei

✓ Correct Answer: B. Malaysia

Explanation: The Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is an annual international field hockey tournament held in Ipoh, Malaysia.

73 Garuda is the National Airline of which country?

A Philippines

B Brunei

C Thailand

D Indonesia ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Indonesia

Explanation: Garuda Indonesia is the flag carrier and national airline of Indonesia, named after the mythical bird Garuda.

74 Which is the most populated city of China?

A Shanghai ✓

B Beijing

C Shenzhen

D Wuhan

✓ Correct Answer: A. Shanghai

Explanation: Shanghai is China's most populous city, and one of the largest cities in the world by population.

75 Minsk is the capital of which European country?

A Hungary

B Macedonia

C Belarus ✓

D Bosnia

✓ **Correct Answer: C. Belarus**

Explanation: Minsk is the capital and largest city of Belarus.

76 In which country's embassy in London is Julian Assange the founder of WikiLeaks hiding?

A Ecuador ✓

B Mexico

C Peru

D India

✓ **Correct Answer: A. Ecuador**

Explanation: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange took refuge in the Embassy of Ecuador in London in 2012 and remained there for years under diplomatic asylum.

77 The capital city of New Zealand is:

A Wellington ✓

B Christchurch

C Adelaide

D Auckland

✓ **Correct Answer: A. Wellington**

Explanation: Wellington is the capital of New Zealand, while Auckland is its largest city (not the capital).

78 Pakistan Cricket Team will next tour which country?

A Australia

B England

C South Africa ✓

D New Zealand

✓ **Correct Answer: C. South Africa**

Explanation: This was a current-affairs question tied to the cricket touring schedule at the time the paper was set (Pakistan toured South Africa for a Test/ODI series shortly after this period). As a time-bound current-affairs item, the correct choice depends on the exact date of the exam and the touring calendar in force at that time.

79 Who was the first man to go into space?

A Neil Armstrong

B Yuri Gagarin ✓

C Buzz Aldrin

D Allen Slaine

✓ **Correct Answer: B. Yuri Gagarin**

Explanation: Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to travel into outer space, orbiting Earth aboard Vostok 1 on 12 April 1961. (Neil Armstrong was later the first man to walk on the Moon.)

80 Thomas Cup is the world's biggest tournament of:

A Golf

B Badminton ✓

C Snooker

D Squash

✓ **Correct Answer: B. Badminton**

Explanation: The Thomas Cup is the premier international men's team badminton championship, organised by the Badminton World Federation.

81 Who is a polymath?

A Star Gazer

B Mathematician

C Philosopher

D Expert of many Subjects ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Expert of many Subjects

Explanation: A polymath is a person whose expertise spans a significant number of different subject areas, drawing on complex bodies of knowledge to solve specific problems.

82 Xian is a famous city of:

A North Korea

B South Korea

C Japan

D China ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. China

Explanation: Xi'an is a major historic city in China, famous as the eastern terminus of the Silk Road and home to the Terracotta Army.

83 Persian poets Hafiz and Saadi are buried in:

A Herat

B Shiraz ✓

C Isfahan

D Kabul

✓ Correct Answer: B. Shiraz

Explanation: Both classical Persian poets Hafez and Saadi were born in, and are buried in, the city of Shiraz, Iran, which houses their respective mausoleums (Hafezieh and Saadieh).

84 Baltoro is a famous ___ of Pakistan?

A Mountain Peak

B Mountain Lake

C River

D Glacier ✓

✓ Correct Answer: D. Glacier

Explanation: The Baltoro Glacier in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan, is one of the longest glaciers outside the polar regions and provides access to peaks like K2 and the Gasherbrums.

85 Diamer-Bhasha hydro project is being built on ___ river:

A Hunza

B Jhelum

C Indus ✓

D Kabul

✓ Correct Answer: C. Indus

Explanation: The Diamer-Bhasha Dam is a mega hydropower project being constructed on the Indus River in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.

86 Awaran District is located in ___?

A Baluchistan ✓

B Khyber Pukhtunkhwa

C Sindh

D Gilgit Baltistan

✓ Correct Answer: A. Baluchistan

Explanation: Awaran is a district in the Balochistan province of Pakistan.

87 Uch Sharif's most famous monument is the mausoleum of:

A Shams Tabrez

B Maulvi Barkhordar

C Bibi Jawindi

D Nawab Salahuddin Abbasi

✓ Correct Answer: C. Bibi Jawindi

Explanation: Uch Sharif in Punjab, Pakistan, is renowned for the Tomb of Bibi Jawindi, a UNESCO-listed 15th-century Sufi shrine famous for its blue-glazed tile work.

88 Khunjerab is the border pass between Pakistan and:

A Afghanistan

B Tajikistan

C Iran

D China

✓ Correct Answer: D. China

Explanation: The Khunjerab Pass, located in Gilgit-Baltistan, is the highest paved international border crossing in the world, connecting Pakistan with China via the Karakoram Highway.

89 Archeological finds of Harappa are located in which District?

A Sheikhpura

B Okara

C Vehari

D Sahiwal

✓ Correct Answer: D. Sahiwal

Explanation: The ancient Indus Valley Civilization site of Harappa is located in Sahiwal District, Punjab, Pakistan.

90 Keenjhar Lake is located in which province?

A Baluchistan

B Khyber-Pukhtunkhwa

C Sindh



D Punjab

✓ Correct Answer: C. Sindh

Explanation: Keenjhar (Kalri) Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Pakistan, is located in Thatta District, Sindh province.