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About This Guide

This is a fully re-solved and fact-checked edition of the Assistant (BS-16), Planning & Development Department (2019) MCQ paper, originally published in the *Advanced PPSC MCQs Model Papers* series. Every one of the 90 questions has been independently re-verified; several answers that were incorrectly marked in the original source have been corrected here. Each question is presented on its own page with the correct option clearly highlighted and ticked, followed by a concise explanation.

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- Each of the following 90 pages carries exactly one MCQ.
- The verified correct option is shaded green with a check mark (✓).
- A short explanation beneath every question clarifies why that answer is correct.
- Questions are numbered 1-90, matching the original paper's sequence.

A note on accuracy: The original scanned paper contained a number of printing and answering errors. Every question in this edition was independently re-checked against verified facts before being marked, so you can revise with confidence.

QUESTION 1 / 90

HISTORY

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

A Sahiwal ✓ Correct Answer

B Multan

C Narowal

D Makran

EXPLANATION

Harappa, one of the principal sites of the Indus Valley Civilization, lies in Sahiwal District, Punjab, roughly 24 km southwest of Sahiwal city, near the Ravi River.

QUESTION 2 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A Canada

B Brazil

C Mexico ✓ Correct Answer

D Indonesia

EXPLANATION

Archaeologists in Mexico connected the Sac Actun and Dos Ojos cave systems on the Yucatan Peninsula, forming the world's largest known flooded cave.

QUESTION 3 / 90

SPORTS

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

A Sana Mir ✓ Correct Answer

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 One Day Internationals.

QUESTION 4 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Which is a volatile memory?

A ROM

B BIOS

C PROM

D RAM ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

RAM (Random Access Memory) is volatile — it loses all stored data the moment power is switched off, unlike ROM, BIOS, and PROM.

QUESTION 5 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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

A 1999 ✓ Correct Answer

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, aiming to ease tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

QUESTION 6 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

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

A Kiwi

B Ostrich ✓ Correct Answer

C Emu

D Horse

EXPLANATION

The ostrich has the largest eye of any land animal — roughly 5 cm in diameter — which is in fact larger than its own brain.

QUESTION 7 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

Which surah is called 'Bab-ul-Quran'?

A Surah Kausar

B Surah Ikhlas

C Surah Fatiha ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Surah Al-Fatiha, being the opening chapter, is known by several titles including 'Umm-ul-Kitab' and 'Bab-ul-Quran' (the Gateway/Door of the Quran).

QUESTION 8 / 90

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

A 4th January, 2018 ✓ Correct Answer

B 5th January, 2018

C 20th January, 2018

D 25th January, 2018

EXPLANATION

Zubaida Tariq (Zubaida Apa), Pakistan's pioneering celebrity chef, passed away in Karachi on 4 January 2018 after a long illness.

QUESTION 9 / 90

ENGLISH

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

A Subject complement ✓ Correct Answer

B Object complement

C Attributive adjective

D None of these

EXPLANATION

An adjective that follows a linking verb and describes the subject (e.g., 'She is happy') functions as a subject complement, also called a predicate adjective.

QUESTION 10 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Mohsin Hamid is famous in which field?**A English Fiction Writing ✓ Correct Answer****B** Weight Lifting**C** Athletics**D** Cricket**EXPLANATION**

Mohsin Hamid is an acclaimed Pakistani English-fiction writer, known for novels such as 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist' and 'Exit West'.

QUESTION 11 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The location of 'Vatican City' is in:

A Germany

B Italy ✓ Correct Answer

C France

D Ireland

EXPLANATION

Vatican City, the world's smallest sovereign state, is an enclave surrounded entirely by Rome, Italy.

QUESTION 12 / 90

SPORTS

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

A 21 May 1904 ✓ Correct Answer

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 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

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

A Phosphorus

B Bromine ✓ Correct Answer

C Chlorine

D Helium

EXPLANATION

Bromine is the only non-metallic element that exists as a liquid at ordinary room temperature; mercury is the only liquid metal.

QUESTION 14 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

The Diamir-Bhasha Dam will be constructed on:

A Kabul

B Jhelum

C Ravi

D Indus ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The Diamer-Bhasha Dam is being built on the Indus River, between Kohistan (KP) and Diamer (Gilgit-Baltistan).

QUESTION 15 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

'Friends Not Masters' was written by:

- A** Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto
- B** I.H. Qureshi
- C** Ayub Khan ✓ Correct Answer
- D** Dr. Parvaiz Iqbal Cheema

EXPLANATION

'Friends Not Masters: A Political Autobiography' was written by Field Marshal Ayub Khan, published in 1967.

QUESTION 16 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

The Holy Book 'Zaboor' was revealed on which Prophet of Allah?

- A** Hazrat Moosa (A.S)
- B** Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S)
- C** Hazrat Daud (A.S) ✓ Correct Answer
- D** Hazrat Ishaq (A.S)

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 17 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A 21

B 22

C 23

D 24 ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The UN Charter came into force on 24 October 1945, a date now commemorated annually as United Nations Day.

QUESTION 18 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

Which gas is filled in balloons that fly?

A Oxygen

B Nitrogen

C Methane

D Helium ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Helium is used because it is lighter than air and, unlike hydrogen, is non-flammable, making it safe for balloons.

QUESTION 19 / 90

SPORTS

The length of football penalty area is:

A 16.5 m ✓ Correct Answer

B 16.80 m

C 10 m

D 16.30 m

EXPLANATION

The penalty area extends 16.5 metres (18 yards) from the goal line and posts on either side, as per official FIFA laws of the game.

QUESTION 20 / 90

ENGLISH

Antonym of 'Jocular' is:**A** Wily**B** Facetious**C** Amusing**D** Solemn ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

'Jocular' means playful or humorous; its opposite is 'Solemn', meaning serious and grave. ('Facetious' and 'Amusing' are close synonyms of jocular, not antonyms.)

QUESTION 21 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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

A Child Labour

B Environment Pollution

C Kashmir Problem ✓ Correct Answer

D Repayment of Loans

EXPLANATION

At the 12th NAM Summit held in Durban, South Africa in 1998, the Kashmir dispute concerning Pakistan and India was among the key issues raised.

QUESTION 22 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The International Monetary Fund works to foster:

- A** Economy of the ruling classes
- B** Money Laundering
- C** Sustainable Economic Growth ✓ Correct Answer
- D** Illegal Trade

EXPLANATION

The IMF's stated mission is to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, and promote sustainable economic growth.

QUESTION 23 / 90

SPORTS

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

A Muhammad Yousaf ✓ Correct Answer

B Muhammad Asif

C Hamza Akbar

D Shoukat Ali

EXPLANATION

Muhammad Yousaf won the IBSF World Amateur Snooker Championship in 1994, also known as the World Snooker Championship (amateur category) in Pakistani exam sources.

QUESTION 24 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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 Answer

B

Press ALT + A

C

CTRL + ALT + H

D

ALT + END

EXPLANATION

Holding Shift and repeatedly pressing an arrow key extends the current selection cell-by-cell across a Word table.

QUESTION 25 / 90

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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 Answer**

D Mauritania

EXPLANATION

In 2017, under newly elected President Adama Barrow, The Gambia reverted from 'Islamic Republic of The Gambia' back to 'Republic of The Gambia'.

QUESTION 26 / 90

ENGLISH

Fill in the blank: I _____ upon his privacy.

A intruded ✓ Correct Answer

B approached

C violated

D counted

EXPLANATION

The correct preposition pairing is 'intruded upon' — meaning to disturb or encroach on someone's privacy or space.

QUESTION 27 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

All weathers are mainly caused by:

- A** Movement of the Earth
- B** Moon light
- C** Heating from the Sun ✓ Correct Answer
- D** Ocean waves

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 28 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

ALU is a component of processor, which consists of:

- A** AU (Arithmetic Unit)
- B** LU (Logic Unit)
- C** Both A and B ✓ Correct Answer
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

ALU stands for Arithmetic Logic Unit, which combines both an Arithmetic Unit and a Logic Unit within the processor.

QUESTION 29 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Identify the world's largest 'Peninsula':

A Alaska

B Scandinavia

C Arabian ✓ Correct Answer

D Labrador

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 30 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

International Literacy Day is celebrated every year on:

A 1 October

B 6 September

C 10 September

D 8 September ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 31 / 90

ENGLISH

Select the Antonym of the word: Tranquil**A** Serene**B** Turbulent ✓ Correct Answer**C** Soft**D** Hard**EXPLANATION**

'Tranquil' means calm and peaceful; its antonym is 'Turbulent', meaning disturbed or chaotic. ('Serene' and 'Soft' are synonyms, not opposites.)

QUESTION 32 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

One Mega Byte is equal to:

A 1024 Bytes

B 1024 Kilo Bytes ✓ Correct Answer

C 1024 Giga Bits

D 1024 Bits

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 33 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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

- A** Malik Feroz Khan Noon
- B** Muhammad Ali Bogra
- C** **Muhammad Ali ✓ Correct Answer**
- D** Ayub Khan

EXPLANATION

Pakistan's first Constitution was passed by the Constituent Assembly on 29 February 1956 and enforced on 23 March 1956, during the premiership of Chaudhry Muhammad Ali.

QUESTION 34 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Pakistan Steel Mills was established on:**A** 1971**B** 1972**C** 1973 ✓ Correct Answer**D** 1974**EXPLANATION**

The foundation stone of Pakistan Steel Mills, Karachi, was laid in 1973, with Soviet assistance, and production began in 1985.

QUESTION 35 / 90

MATHEMATICS

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 3 hours

B 5 hours ✓ Correct Answer

C 6 hours

D 4 hours

EXPLANATION

One person takes 20 hours, so total work = 20 person-hours. With 4 people sharing the task equally, time taken = $20 / 4 = 5$ hours.

QUESTION 36 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A Ibiza

B Phuket ✓ Correct Answer

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 genuine Mediterranean islands.

QUESTION 37 / 90

MATHEMATICS

Which one of the following is not a prime number?

A 11

B 61

C 91 ✓ Correct Answer

D 31

EXPLANATION

$91 = 7 \times 13$, so it has divisors other than 1 and itself, making it a composite number. 11, 31, and 61 are all prime.

QUESTION 38 / 90

ENGLISH

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

A A true story

B A foolish and concocted story ✓ Correct Answer

C A story of animals

D A story of mammals

EXPLANATION

'A cock and bull story' idiomatically means an absurd, foolish, or implausible tale invented to mislead someone.

QUESTION 39 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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

A Lahore

B Multan

C Kasur

D Karachi ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 40 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A H.G. Wells

B Jonathan Swift

C Arthur Conan Doyle ✓ Correct Answer

D Mark Twain

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 41 / 90

MATHEMATICS

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

A 2

B 4

C 1 ✓ Correct Answer

D 3

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 42 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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

A Header

B Both A and B ✓ Correct Answer

C Footer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Page numbers can be inserted in either the Header or the Footer of a Word document via Insert > Page Number, so 'Both A and B' is correct.

QUESTION 43 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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 Answer
- C** Gateway
- D** Flow Control

EXPLANATION

A firewall monitors and filters incoming/outgoing network traffic, protecting a server from unauthorized access and damage.

QUESTION 44 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

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

A Jihad Movement ✓ Correct Answer

B Nijaat Movement

C Jalal Movement

D Jazba Movement

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 45 / 90

ENGLISH

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 Answer
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

The active sentence is in future perfect tense ('will have finished'); its passive equivalent correctly keeps the future perfect form: 'will have been finished'.

QUESTION 46 / 90

ANALYTICAL REASONING

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

- A** West-South
- B** West-North
- C** North-East
- D** South ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

East -> turn right -> South -> turn right again -> West -> turn left -> South. So you end up facing South.

QUESTION 47 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

Name the first person to whom Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) informed about the first wahi (revelation)?

- A** Hazrat Abu Talib
- B** Hazrat Khadija (R.A) ✓ Correct Answer
- C** Hazrat Warqa-ibn-e-Nofal
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

After receiving the first revelation in the Cave of Hira, the Prophet (PBUH) returned home and shared the experience first with his wife, Hazrat Khadija (R.A).

QUESTION 48 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

Total number of Ghazwas are?**A** 13**B** 23**C** 27 ✓ Correct Answer**D** 29**EXPLANATION**

Twenty-seven Ghazwas — military expeditions in which the Prophet (PBUH) personally participated — are recorded in the Seerah.

QUESTION 49 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Pakistan bought Gwadar from Oman in:

A 1958 ✓ Correct Answer

B 1960

C 1950

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Pakistan purchased Gwadar from the Sultanate of Oman in September 1958 for about Rs. 5.5 crore (approx. \$3 million).

QUESTION 50 / 90

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The French 'Legion d'honneur' received in 2001 was returned in April 2018, by:

- A** Muhammad-bin-Salman-al-Saud
- B** Hamad-bin-Jassim
- C** Bashar-al-Assad ✓ Correct Answer
- D** Sabah-al-Ahmad-al-Jabar-al-Sabah

EXPLANATION

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who secretly received the Grand Cross of the Legion d'Honneur from France in 2001, had it returned to France in April 2018 amid the Syrian civil war and French moves to strip the honour.

QUESTION 51 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

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

- A** Hazrat Musa (A.S)
- B** Hazrat Idrees (A.S)
- C** Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S) ✓ Correct Answer
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S) is honoured with the title 'Khalilullah' (Friend of Allah).

QUESTION 52 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

- A** Maldives
- B** Bhutan
- C** Myanmar ✓ **Correct Answer**
- D** Sri Lanka

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 53 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Strait of Malacca separates _____.

- A** Malaysia and China
- B** Malaysia and Indonesia ✓ Correct Answer
- C** Malaysia and Sri Lanka
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

The Strait of Malacca lies between the Malay Peninsula (Malaysia) and the Indonesian island of Sumatra, forming a major shipping route.

QUESTION 54 / 90

ENGLISH

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

A

To benefit from other people's troubles ✓ Correct Answer

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 / 90

HISTORY

Radcliffe unjustly included _____ tehsils of Punjab in India.

- A** Kartarpur, Shakargarh, Narowal
- B** Chunian, Pakpattan, Okara
- C** Ferozepur, Kasur, Ajnala
- D** Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Batala ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Despite Gurdaspur being a Muslim-majority district, the Radcliffe Award unjustly assigned its Gurdaspur, Pathankot, and Batala tehsils to India, giving India land access to Kashmir.

QUESTION 56 / 90

MATHEMATICS

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

A 3

B 0 ✓ Correct Answer

C 1

D 9

EXPLANATION

The digit 0 appears three times in the data set, more often than any other value, making it the mode.

QUESTION 57 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

A place where leather is tanned is called a:

A Tannery ✓ Correct Answer

B Casino

C Brewery

D Workshop

EXPLANATION

A tannery is a facility where animal hides are processed and tanned into leather.

QUESTION 58 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

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

- A** He died in a battlefield
- B** He was martyred by rebels ✓ Correct Answer
- C** He died a natural death
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Hazrat Usman ibn Affan (R.A), the third Caliph, was martyred in 656 CE when rebels stormed his house in Madinah.

QUESTION 59 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A 12

B 15

C 16

D 17 ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 60 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A Haiti ✓ Correct Answer

B Venezuela

C Mexico

D None of these

EXPLANATION

Toussaint Louverture led the Haitian Revolution, which ultimately ended slavery and colonial rule and established Haiti's independence.

QUESTION 61 / 90

SPORTS

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 Answer

EXPLANATION

Zimbabwe's men's cricket team is nicknamed 'The Chevrons', after the V-shaped chevron patterns found at the Great Zimbabwe ruins.

QUESTION 62 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Who is considered the Father of Psychoanalysis?

A TB Watson

B Albert Hills

C Adler

D Sigmund Freud ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Sigmund Freud, the Austrian neurologist, founded psychoanalysis and is widely regarded as its father.

QUESTION 63 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Rann of Kutch is situated in:**A** North of Gilgit**B** South of Tharparkar ✓ Correct Answer**C** East of Turbat**D** South of Wana**EXPLANATION**

The Rann of Kutch, a salt marsh region, lies south of the Tharparkar district of Sindh, along the Pakistan-India border.

QUESTION 64 / 90

HISTORY

Who was the first Emperor of the Tughlaq Dynasty in the Indian Subcontinent?

- A** Muhammad Bin Tughlaq
- B** Feroz Shah Tughlaq
- C** Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq ✓ Correct Answer
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq founded the Tughlaq Dynasty in Delhi in 1320 CE, and was succeeded by his son Muhammad bin Tughlaq.

QUESTION 65 / 90

ENGLISH

The Synonym of 'Deficit' is:**A** Minimize**B** Shortfall ✓ Correct Answer**C** Useless**D** Surplus**EXPLANATION**

'Deficit' means a shortage or shortfall, typically of funds; 'Surplus' is its opposite, not a synonym.

QUESTION 66 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

Organisms encode their genes in long strands of:

A Chromosomes

B CNA

C DNA ✓ Correct Answer

D Carbohydrates

EXPLANATION

Genetic information is encoded in long strands of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), organized into chromosomes within the cell.

QUESTION 67 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The currency of Nigeria is called:

A Rand

B Dollar

C Naira ✓ Correct Answer

D Pound

EXPLANATION

The official currency of Nigeria is the Naira (NGN).

QUESTION 68 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Which leader is famous with reference to his six points?

A Ayub Khan

B Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

C Sheikh Mujeeb-ur-Rehman ✓ Correct Answer

D Muhammad Khan Jonejo

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 69 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

What does PSDP stand for?

- A** Pakistan's Strategic Development Programme
- B** Pakistan-Sweden Development Pact
- C** **Public Sector Development Programme ✓**
Correct Answer
- D** Pakistan's Sustainable Development Programme

EXPLANATION

PSDP stands for the Public Sector Development Programme, Pakistan's mechanism for funding public development projects.

QUESTION 70 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

In which direction does the Earth rotate around its axis?

A North to South

B East to West

C West to East ✓ Correct Answer

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 / 90

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Which of the following personalities was the Secretary General of SAARC (2019)?

- A** Arjun Bahadur Thapa (Nepal)
- B** Ahmad Saleem (Maldives)
- C** **Amjad Hussain Sial (Pakistan) ✓ Correct Answer**
- D** None of these

EXPLANATION

Amjad Hussain B. Sial of Pakistan served as the 13th SAARC Secretary General from March 2017 to February 2020, covering the period of this exam.

QUESTION 72 / 90

ENGLISH

Synonym of 'Exorbitant' is:**A** Moderate**B** Reasonable**C** Temperate**D** Extortionate ✓ Correct Answer**EXPLANATION**

'Exorbitant' means unreasonably or excessively high (e.g., in price);
'Extortionate' carries the same meaning.

QUESTION 73 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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

A F2

B F5

C F7 ✓ **Correct Answer**

D None of these

EXPLANATION

F7 launches the Spelling & Grammar check tool in Microsoft Word.

QUESTION 74 / 90

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Which shortcut keys are used to open the 'Start Menu'?

A CTRL + ESC ✓ Correct Answer

B CTRL + ALT

C CTRL + F

D CTRL + TAB

EXPLANATION

Pressing CTRL + ESC opens the Windows Start Menu, functioning like the Windows key.

QUESTION 75 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

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

A 21 Ramzan A.H ✓ Correct Answer

B 24 Ramzan A.H

C 21 Zilhaj 40 A.H

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 a few days earlier.

QUESTION 76 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

The last Census of Pakistan (before this exam) was held in:

A 2001

B 1999

C 1998

D 2017 ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

The 6th Population and Housing Census of Pakistan was conducted in 2017, the first since 1998.

QUESTION 77 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

A Georgia ✓ Correct Answer

B Hungary

C Slovakia

D Greece

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 78 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Who invented the telephone?

A **Graham Bell** ✓ Correct Answer

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 / 90

MATHEMATICS

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 31 Kg ✓ Correct Answer

D None of these

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 80 / 90

ENGLISH

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 Answer

C He asked me had I seen that car

D He told me if I had seen that car

EXPLANATION

Direct yes/no questions are converted using 'if/whether' with the subject-verb order restored, and the tense shifted back: 'He asked me if I had seen that car.'

QUESTION 81 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Of the neighbouring districts, the one closest to Lahore city is:

A Gujranwala

B Faisalabad

C Okara

D Sheikhpura ✓ Correct Answer

EXPLANATION

Sheikhpura, roughly 35 km from Lahore, is the closest neighbouring district — nearer than Gujranwala, Okara, or Faisalabad.

QUESTION 82 / 90

MATHEMATICS

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 Answer****C**

5

D

7

EXPLANATION

Mansoor = 2, Laila = 8 initially. After 4 years: Mansoor = 6, Laila = 12 — at this point Mansoor's age (6) is exactly half of Laila's age (12).

QUESTION 83 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

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 Answer

EXPLANATION

Quarks are elementary particles and the smallest known building blocks of matter — protons and neutrons are themselves made up of quarks.

QUESTION 84 / 90

HISTORY

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

A Dhaka ✓ Correct Answer

B Patodi

C Bhopal

D Chittagong

EXPLANATION

Nawab Salimullah Khan of Dhaka hosted and co-founded the All India Muslim League at Dhaka in 1906.

QUESTION 85 / 90

GENERAL SCIENCE

'Richter Scale' is used for measuring:

- A** Sound waves
- B** Pollution in atmosphere
- C** Strength of an earthquake ✓ Correct Answer
- D** Growth of a part

EXPLANATION

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

QUESTION 86 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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 Answer

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 Yahya Khan.

QUESTION 87 / 90

ISLAMIYAT

Which is the third source of Islamic Jurisprudence?

A Quran

B Ijma ✓ Correct Answer

C Qiyas

D Hadith

EXPLANATION

The recognised order of sources of Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) is: Quran, Hadith/Sunnah, Ijma (consensus), and Qiyas (analogical reasoning) — making Ijma the third source.

QUESTION 88 / 90

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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 Answer

B Article 270

C Article 243

D Article 200

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 / 90

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Taj Mahal at Agra stands on the bank of river:

A Ganga

B Jamuna ✓ Correct Answer

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 / 90

MATHEMATICS

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

A 208

B 1944 ✓ Correct Answer

C 2008

D 1054

EXPLANATION

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

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