

Q1. The difference between compound and simple interest on Rs. 1,000 at 10% for 2 years is:

- (A) Rs. 5
- ✓ (B) **Rs. 10**
- (C) Rs. 20
- (D) Rs. 100

Q2. A 'century' is a period of:

- (A) 10 years
- (B) 50 years
- ✓ (C) **100 years**
- (D) 1000 years

Q3. The Second Islamic Summit Conference (1974) was held in which Pakistani city?

- (A) Karachi
- (B) Islamabad
- ✓ (C) **Lahore**
- (D) Rawalpindi

Q4. Choose the antonym of 'Artificial':

- (A) Fake
- ✓ (B) **Natural**
- (C) Man-made
- (D) False

Q5. Who wrote 'Shikwa' and 'Jawab-e-Shikwa'?

- (A) Mir Taqi Mir
- (B) Ghalib
- ✓ (C) **Allama Iqbal**
- (D) Faiz

Q6. She is afraid _____ spiders.

- (A) from
- ✓ (B) **of**
- (C) with
- (D) at

Q7. The 1962 Constitution introduced which system of government?

- (A) Parliamentary
- ✓ (B) **Presidential**
- (C) Confederal
- (D) Unicameral parliamentary

Q8. Which pope, who led the Catholic Church until his death in April 2025, was the immediate predecessor of Pope Leo XIV?

- ✓ (A) **Pope Francis**
- (B) Pope Benedict XVI
- (C) Pope John Paul II
- (D) Pope John XXIII

Q9. The 'Roof of the World' refers to:

- (A) Alps
- (B) Andes
- ✓ (C) **Pamir Plateau**
- (D) Rockies

Q10. USB stands for:

- ✓ (A) **Universal Serial Bus**
- (B) United Serial Bus
- (C) Universal System Board
- (D) Unique Serial Base

Q11. Which 1991 conflict saw a US-led coalition respond to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait?

- ✓ (A) **Gulf War**
- (B) Iraq War (2003)
- (C) Vietnam War
- (D) Korean War

Q12. The national fruit of Pakistan is the:

- (A) Apple
- ✓ (B) **Mango**
- (C) Orange
- (D) Guava

Q13. The idiom 'crocodile tears' means:

- (A) Real grief
- ✓ (B) **False or pretended sympathy**
- (C) Great fear
- (D) Sudden anger

Q14. WHO stands for:

- ✓ (A) **World Health Organization**
- (B) World Human Organization
- (C) World Habitat Organization
- (D) World Help Organization

Q15. Which crisis in 1962 brought the US and Soviet Union close to nuclear conflict over missile placements in Cuba?

- ✓ (A) **Cuban Missile Crisis**
- (B) Berlin Crisis
- (C) Suez Crisis
- (D) Bay of Pigs Invasion

Q16. Which gas is most abundant in Earth's atmosphere?

- (A) Oxygen
- (B) Carbon dioxide
- ✓ (C) **Nitrogen**
- (D) Argon

Q17. The national language of Pakistan is:

- (A) Punjabi
- (B) English
- ✓ (C) Urdu
- (D) Sindhi

Q18. An earthquake is measured by a:

- (A) Barometer
- ✓ (B) Seismograph
- (C) Thermometer
- (D) Lactometer

Q19. Two trains moving towards each other at 60 km/h and 40 km/h have a relative speed of:

- (A) 20 km/h
- (B) 50 km/h
- ✓ (C) 100 km/h
- (D) 2,400 km/h

Q20. How many colors are there in a rainbow?

- (A) 5
- (B) 6
- ✓ (C) 7
- (D) 8

Q21. Which apartheid-era South African leader became the country's first Black president after apartheid ended?

- ✓ (A) Nelson Mandela
- (B) Desmond Tutu
- (C) F.W. de Klerk
- (D) Thabo Mbeki

Q22. No sooner had she entered _____ the phone rang.

- (A) when
- ✓ (B) than
- (C) then
- (D) that

Q23. Choose the synonym of 'Lucid':

- (A) Confusing
- ✓ (B) Clear
- (C) Dark
- (D) Loud

Q24. Which British monarch preceded King Charles III, reigning for over 70 years?

- ✓ (A) Queen Elizabeth II
- (B) Queen Victoria
- (C) King George VI
- (D) King Edward VIII

Q25. Which pass connects Pakistan with China?

- (A) Khyber Pass
- (B) Bolan Pass
- ✓ (C) **Khunjerab Pass**
- (D) Gomal Pass

Q26. Which multi-sport event, held every four years, features countries from across the Asian continent?

- ✓ (A) **Asian Games**
- (B) Commonwealth Games
- (C) Pan American Games
- (D) African Games

Q27. A car travels to a city at 60 km/h and returns at 40 km/h. Its average speed for the whole journey is:

- (A) 50 km/h
- ✓ (B) **48 km/h**
- (C) 45 km/h
- (D) 52 km/h

Q28. Which trade agreement, effective from 2020, replaced NAFTA among the US, Mexico, and Canada?

- ✓ (A) **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**
- (B) CPTPP
- (C) RCEP
- (D) ASEAN Free Trade Area

Q29. Quaid-e-Azam was born on:

- ✓ (A) **25 December 1876**
- (B) 9 November 1877
- (C) 14 August 1876
- (D) 23 March 1876

Q30. Which gas do plants absorb for photosynthesis?

- (A) Oxygen
- (B) Nitrogen
- ✓ (C) **Carbon dioxide**
- (D) Hydrogen

Q31. The aeroplane was invented by:

- ✓ (A) **Wright Brothers**
- (B) Marconi
- (C) Edison
- (D) Ford

Q32. He studies at _____ university in Lahore.

- (A) an
- ✓ (B) **a**
- (C) the
- (D) no article

Q33. Which UN agency coordinates responses to environmental challenges globally?

- ✓ (A) **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**
- (B) WHO
- (C) UNESCO
- (D) UNICEF

Q34. Which major regional conflict escalated in early 2026 involving US and Israeli strikes on Iranian targets, including the reported death of a senior Iranian leader?

- ✓ (A) **The 2026 Iran conflict**
- (B) The Syrian Civil War
- (C) The Yemeni Civil War
- (D) The Libyan Civil War

Q35. Who was the first person to win Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields?

- ✓ (A) **Marie Curie**
- (B) Albert Einstein
- (C) Linus Pauling
- (D) Frederick Sanger

Q36. A shopkeeper had 250 eggs; 50 broke. What percentage broke?

- (A) 15%
- ✓ (B) **20%**
- (C) 25%
- (D) 30%

Q37. Choose the synonym of 'Reply':

- (A) Question
- ✓ (B) **Answer**
- (C) Request
- (D) Ask

Q38. Choose the antonym of 'Zenith':

- (A) Peak
- (B) Summit
- ✓ (C) **Nadir**
- (D) Apex

Q39. Which 2025 diplomatic summit addressed peace and reconstruction planning for Gaza, with several world leaders attending?

- ✓ (A) **The Gaza Peace Summit**
- (B) The G7 Summit (a separate, broader forum)
- (C) The G20 Summit (a separate, broader forum)
- (D) The Davos Forum (a separate, broader forum)

Q40. The teacher is proud _____ her students.

- (A) from
- (B) at
- ✓ (C) **of**
- (D) with

Q41. Which stock market index is heavily weighted toward technology companies in the United States?

- ✓ (A) **NASDAQ Composite**
- (B) Dow Jones Industrial Average
- (C) FTSE 100
- (D) DAX

Q42. Which country has the second-largest economy in the world by nominal GDP in recent years?

- ✓ (A) **China**
- (B) Japan
- (C) Germany
- (D) India

Q43. 0.25 written as a fraction is:

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{3}$
- ✓ (C) **$\frac{1}{4}$**
- (D) $\frac{2}{5}$

Q44. What is the official currency of China?

- ✓ (A) **Renminbi (Yuan)**
- (B) Yen
- (C) Won
- (D) Ringgit

Q45. Which historic aviator became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?

- ✓ (A) **Amelia Earhart**
- (B) Bessie Coleman
- (C) Harriet Quimby
- (D) Valentina Tereshkova

Q46. Which Surah is called 'Aroos-ul-Quran' (the Bride of the Quran)?

- (A) Surah Ya-Sin
- ✓ (B) **Surah Ar-Rahman**
- (C) Surah Al-Waqiah
- (D) Surah Al-Mulk

Q47. Mohenjo-Daro is located in which province?

- (A) Punjab
- ✓ (B) **Sindh**
- (C) Balochistan
- (D) KP

Q48. Ayub Khan imposed the first martial law in:

- (A) 1956
- ✓ (B) **1958**
- (C) 1962
- (D) 1965

Q49. The idiom 'to throw down the gauntlet' means:

- (A) To give up
- ✓ (B) **To issue a challenge**
- (C) To show mercy
- (D) To act carelessly

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Q50. $15 + 15 \div 3 = ?$

(A) 10

(B) 15

✓ (C) 20

(D) 30