

FPSC (Federal Public Service Commission) - Assistant Private Secretary Written Test 2021

Model Paper (based on frequently asked questions) • 50 MCQs • Time: 60 minutes

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Q1. Venice, the Italian city built on a lagoon, is famous for its:

- (A) Deserts
- ✓ (B) **Canals**
- (C) Volcanoes
- (D) Skyscrapers

Q2. 'Who' is used for:

- (A) Things
- (B) Animals
- ✓ (C) **Persons**
- (D) Places

Q3. The capital of Afghanistan is:

- (A) Kandahar
- (B) Herat
- ✓ (C) **Kabul**
- (D) Jalalabad

Q4. What is the capital of the Philippines?

- (A) Cebu City
- ✓ (B) **Manila**
- (C) Davao City
- (D) Quezon City

Q5. 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

Q6. FATA was merged into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by the:

- (A) 18th Amendment
- (B) 21st Amendment
- ✓ (C) **25th Amendment**
- (D) 26th Amendment

Q7. Which country's political crisis in 2025-2026 involved Nicolas Maduro's disputed presidency and subsequent developments involving external military action?

- ✓ (A) **Venezuela**
- (B) Colombia
- (C) Brazil
- (D) Ecuador

Q8. The current capital of Pakistan is:

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

Q9. What is the capital of South Africa?

- (A) Cape Town (legislative)
- (B) Pretoria (administrative)
- ✓ (C) **Both Pretoria and Cape Town serve distinct capital functions**
- (D) Johannesburg

Q10. Which Soviet cosmonaut became the first woman in space in 1963?

- ✓ (A) **Valentina Tereshkova**
- (B) Amelia Earhart
- (C) Sally Ride
- (D) Yuri Gagarin (the first man, not woman, in space)

Q11. Which device is used to move the pointer on screen?

- (A) Keyboard
- ✓ (B) **Mouse**
- (C) Printer
- (D) Speaker

Q12. Which historic 2019 astronomical achievement produced the first-ever image of a black hole?

- ✓ (A) **The Event Horizon Telescope collaboration's black hole image**
- (B) The Hubble Deep Field image (a different achievement)
- (C) The James Webb Space Telescope's first images (a later achievement)
- (D) The Voyager 1 interstellar image (a different achievement)

Q13. Sound intensity is measured in:

- (A) Hertz
- ✓ (B) **Decibels**
- (C) Newtons
- (D) Joules

Q14. Laylat-ul-Qadr is found in the last ten nights of:

- (A) Muharram
- ✓ (B) **Ramadan**
- (C) Shawwal
- (D) Rajab

Q15. Which scientists are credited with discovering the double-helix structure of DNA?

- ✓ (A) **James Watson and Francis Crick**
- (B) Gregor Mendel and Charles Darwin
- (C) Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch
- (D) Rosalind Franklin alone

Q16. Which historic ship, deemed 'unsinkable', sank on its maiden voyage in 1912?

- ✓ (A) **RMS Titanic**
- (B) RMS Lusitania
- (C) USS Arizona
- (D) SS Andrea Doria

Q17. Which revolution led to the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949?

- ✓ (A) **Chinese Communist Revolution**
- (B) Cultural Revolution (a later, separate event)
- (C) Xinhai Revolution (1911, distinct earlier event)
- (D) Boxer Rebellion (distinct earlier event)

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Q18. One word for 'that which cannot be avoided':

- (A) Incredible
- ✓ (B) **Inevitable**
- (C) Invisible
- (D) Invincible

Q19. Which country's leader, Justin Trudeau, served as Prime Minister for a significant period in the 2010s-2020s before a change in leadership?

- ✓ (A) **Canada**
- (B) Australia
- (C) United Kingdom
- (D) New Zealand

Q20. Which German political leader became Chancellor in 2025, succeeding Olaf Scholz?

- ✓ (A) **Friedrich Merz**
- (B) Angela Merkel
- (C) Gerhard Schroder
- (D) Olaf Scholz remained in office

Q21. Which emerging computing paradigm uses quantum-mechanical phenomena to perform computations potentially far faster than classical computers for certain tasks?

- ✓ (A) **Quantum computing**
- (B) Cloud computing
- (C) Blockchain technology
- (D) Edge computing

Q22. 1 inch is equal to:

- (A) 2.14 cm
- ✓ (B) **2.54 cm**
- (C) 3.04 cm
- (D) 1.54 cm

Q23. The value of $5P_2$ (permutations of 5 items taken 2 at a time) is:

- (A) 10
- ✓ (B) **20**
- (C) 25
- (D) 120

Q24. What is the capital of Israel, per its own designation, though internationally contested?

- (A) Tel Aviv
- ✓ (B) **Jerusalem (as designated by Israel)**
- (C) Haifa
- (D) Eilat

Q25. The collection of the Prophet's (PBUH) sayings is called:

- (A) Fiqh
- ✓ (B) **Hadith**
- (C) Tafsir
- (D) Seerah

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Q26. The State Bank of Pakistan was inaugurated by Quaid-e-Azam in:

- (A) 1947
- ✓ (B) **1948**
- (C) 1949
- (D) 1950

Q27. Which colour reflects the most sunlight?

- (A) Black
- ✓ (B) **White**
- (C) Blue
- (D) Green

Q28. An even number is always divisible by:

- ✓ (A) **2**
- (B) 3
- (C) 5
- (D) 7

Q29. Which strait separates Asia from North America?

- (A) Malacca
- ✓ (B) **Bering**
- (C) Gibraltar
- (D) Bosphorus

Q30. What is the capital of South Korea?

- (A) Busan
- ✓ (B) **Seoul**
- (C) Incheon
- (D) Daegu

Q31. A dozen means:

- (A) 6
- (B) 10
- ✓ (C) **12**
- (D) 20

Q32. Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary-General, hails from which country?

- ✓ (A) **Portugal**
- (B) Spain
- (C) Brazil
- (D) Italy

Q33. Interpol's headquarters is in:

- (A) Paris
- ✓ (B) **Lyon**
- (C) London
- (D) Brussels

Q34. $15 \times 15 = ?$

- (A) 215
- ✓ (B) **225**
- (C) 235
- (D) 245

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Q35. Rs. 60 is divided between Ali and Bilal in the ratio 2:3. Ali receives:

- (A) Rs. 20
- ✓ (B) **Rs. 24**
- (C) Rs. 30
- (D) Rs. 36

Q36. The plural of 'Leaf' is:

- (A) Leafs
- ✓ (B) **Leaves**
- (C) Leafes
- (D) Leavies

Q37. Which UK political figure, a former Greater Manchester Mayor, emerged as the frontrunner to succeed Keir Starmer in 2026?

- ✓ (A) **Andy Burnham**
- (B) Rachel Reeves
- (C) David Lammy
- (D) Wes Streeting

Q38. The first Governor-General of Pakistan was:

- (A) Liaquat Ali Khan
- ✓ (B) **Quaid-e-Azam**
- (C) Khawaja Nazimuddin
- (D) Iskander Mirza

Q39. What is the capital of Yemen (recognized capital)?

- (A) Aden
- ✓ (B) **Sana'a**
- (C) Taiz
- (D) Hodeidah

Q40. Which organ pumps blood in the human body?

- (A) Lungs
- (B) Liver
- ✓ (C) **Heart**
- (D) Kidney

Q41. The next number in the series 2, 5, 8, 11, ... is:

- (A) 12
- (B) 13
- ✓ (C) **14**
- (D) 15

Q42. 20% of what number is 50?

- (A) 100
- (B) 200
- ✓ (C) **250**
- (D) 500

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Q43. The shortcut key to undo is:

- (A) Ctrl + U
- ✓ (B) **Ctrl + Z**
- (C) Ctrl + Y
- (D) Ctrl + N

Q44. Which climate-related concern did UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres highlight in June 2026 amid a European heatwave?

- ✓ (A) **The need for more ambitious action against fossil fuel emissions**
- (B) A call for new nuclear power investment exclusively
- (C) A call for halting all renewable energy projects
- (D) A dismissal of climate change concerns

Q45. Aisha is married _____ a doctor.

- (A) with
- (B) from
- ✓ (C) **to**
- (D) by

Q46. The number of diagonals in a hexagon is:

- (A) 6
- ✓ (B) **9**
- (C) 12
- (D) 15

Q47. The smallest unit of life is the:

- (A) Atom
- ✓ (B) **Cell**
- (C) Molecule
- (D) Tissue

Q48. If 40% of a number is 64, then 75% of that number is:

- (A) 100
- (B) 110
- ✓ (C) **120**
- (D) 140

Q49. Compound interest on Rs. 10,000 at 10% per year for 2 years is:

- (A) Rs. 2,000
- ✓ (B) **Rs. 2,100**
- (C) Rs. 2,200
- (D) Rs. 2,500

Q50. Normal human body temperature is about:

- (A) 35°C
- (B) 36°C
- ✓ (C) **37°C**
- (D) 39°C