

PPSC (Punjab Public Service Commission) - Assistant Written Test 2020

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

The correct option for every question is bolded and marked with a check.

Q1. A shopkeeper buys an item for Rs. 800 and sells it for Rs. 920. His profit percentage is:

- (A) 12%
- ✓ (B) **15%**
- (C) 18%
- (D) 20%

Q2. The plural of 'Leaf' is:

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

Q3. The compound interest on Rs. 8,000 at 5% for 2 years is:

- (A) Rs. 800
- (B) Rs. 810
- ✓ (C) **Rs. 820**
- (D) Rs. 840

Q4. Which combat sports organization is widely regarded as the premier promotion for mixed martial arts (MMA) globally?

- ✓ (A) **Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)**
- (B) WWE (professional wrestling, distinct from MMA)
- (C) Bellator (a competing promotion)
- (D) ONE Championship (a competing promotion)

Q5. Who is the current President of China?

- ✓ (A) **Xi Jinping**
- (B) Li Qiang
- (C) Hu Jintao
- (D) Jiang Zemin

Q6. The gas used in soft (fizzy) drinks is:

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

Q7. 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

Q8. A person who is new to a profession or skill is a:

- (A) Veteran
- (B) Expert
- ✓ (C) **Novice**
- (D) Mentor

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Q9. The smallest unit of data in a computer is the:

- (A) Byte
- ✓ (B) **Bit**
- (C) Nibble
- (D) Word

Q10. Which company, founded by Jeff Bezos, is a major aerospace company alongside its e-commerce origins?

- ✓ (A) **Blue Origin (Bezos's aerospace venture)**
- (B) SpaceX
- (C) Virgin Galactic
- (D) Boeing

Q11. The verse of the Quran revealed last, per most scholars, concerned:

- (A) Fasting
- ✓ (B) **Completion of religion**
- (C) Interest (Riba)
- (D) Hajj

Q12. The fourth Caliph of Islam was:

- ✓ (A) **Hazrat Ali (RA)**
- (B) Hazrat Muawiya (RA)
- (C) Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)
- (D) Hazrat Talha (RA)

Q13. Which international humanitarian award, associated with the Nobel Committee, recognizes contributions to peace globally?

- ✓ (A) **Nobel Peace Prize**
- (B) World Food Prize
- (C) Templeton Prize
- (D) Pulitzer Prize

Q14. How many member states does the United Nations have?

- (A) 143
- (B) 173
- ✓ (C) **193**
- (D) 213

Q15. The farewell sermon (Khutba Hajjatul Wida) was delivered in:

- (A) 8 AH
- (B) 9 AH
- ✓ (C) **10 AH**
- (D) 11 AH

Q16. Which broad wave of pro-democracy uprisings swept parts of the Arab world beginning in late 2010?

- ✓ (A) **Arab Spring**
- (B) Prague Spring
- (C) Velvet Revolution
- (D) Rose Revolution

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Q17. Which vitamin does the human body produce in sunlight?

- (A) Vitamin A
- (B) Vitamin B
- (C) Vitamin C

✓ (D) **Vitamin D**

Q18. Which explorer's voyages established a sea route from Europe to India around Africa?

✓ (A) **Vasco da Gama**

- (B) Christopher Columbus
- (C) Ferdinand Magellan
- (D) Marco Polo

Q19. The Treaty of Hudaibiya was signed in:

- (A) 4 AH

✓ (B) **6 AH**

- (C) 8 AH
- (D) 10 AH

Q20. What is the shared currency used by many European Union member states called?

✓ (A) **Euro**

- (B) Franc
- (C) Mark
- (D) Lira

Q21. Dr. Abdus Salam won the Nobel Prize in which field?

- (A) Chemistry
- (B) Peace

✓ (C) **Physics**

- (D) Medicine

Q22. Which company developed the widely used Android mobile operating system?

✓ (A) **Google**

- (B) Apple
- (C) Microsoft
- (D) Samsung

Q23. Vitamin C is found abundantly in:

- (A) Meat

✓ (B) **Citrus fruits**

- (C) Rice
- (D) Milk

Q24. Which company operates the world's most widely used internet search engine?

✓ (A) **Google**

- (B) Microsoft (Bing)
- (C) Yahoo
- (D) Apple

Q25. Which country is known as the 'Land of the Rising Sun'?

- (A) China

✓ (B) **Japan**

- (C) South Korea
- (D) Thailand

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Q26. Which physicist developed the theory of relativity and won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921?

✓ (A) **Albert Einstein**

(B) Isaac Newton

(C) Niels Bohr

(D) Max Planck

Q27. Choose the correct sentence:

(A) I am agree with you.

✓ (B) **I agree with you.**

(C) I am agreeing to you.

(D) I agreed you.

Q28. What is the capital of Vietnam?

(A) Ho Chi Minh City

✓ (B) **Hanoi**

(C) Da Nang

(D) Hue

Q29. Neither Ali _____ Ahmed was present.

(A) or

✓ (B) **nor**

(C) and

(D) but

Q30. Zakat is obligatory on a Muslim who owns wealth above the:

(A) Fitrana

✓ (B) **Nisab**

(C) Khums

(D) Ushr

Q31. The largest ocean in the world is the:

(A) Atlantic Ocean

(B) Indian Ocean

✓ (C) **Pacific Ocean**

(D) Arctic Ocean

Q32. He studies at _____ university in Lahore.

(A) an

✓ (B) **a**

(C) the

(D) no article

Q33. The Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD) was established in 1964 between:

✓ (A) **Pakistan, Iran, Turkey**

(B) Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan

(C) Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia

(D) Pakistan, Iran, Iraq

Q34. What comes next: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...?

(A) 11

(B) 12

✓ (C) **13**

(D) 15

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Q35. Which term describes investment made by a foreign entity into productive assets of another country?

- ✓ (A) **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)**
- (B) Balance of Trade
- (C) GDP
- (D) CPI

Q36. The Cabinet Mission Plan was presented in:

- (A) 1944
- (B) 1945
- ✓ (C) **1946**
- (D) 1947

Q37. A clock shows 3:15. The angle between the hands is:

- (A) 0°
- ✓ (B) **7.5°**
- (C) 15°
- (D) 30°

Q38. What is the official currency shared by most European Union member states?

- ✓ (A) **Euro**
- (B) Pound Sterling
- (C) Franc
- (D) Mark

Q39. The first Prime Minister to visit China from Pakistan was:

- (A) Liaquat Ali Khan
- ✓ (B) **Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy**
- (C) Z.A. Bhutto
- (D) Muhammad Ali Bogra

Q40. Which Spanish royal figures did Pope Leo XIV meet during his June 2026 visit to Spain?

- ✓ (A) **King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia**
- (B) King Charles III and Queen Camilla
- (C) King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima
- (D) King Philippe and Queen Mathilde

Q41. Which interim leader took charge of Bangladesh's caretaker government following the 2024 upheaval?

- ✓ (A) **Muhammad Yunus**
- (B) Sheikh Hasina
- (C) Khaleda Zia
- (D) Ziaur Rahman

Q42. Radio was invented by:

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

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Q43. The blinking symbol on the screen that shows where typed text will appear is the:

- (A) Icon
- ✓ **(B) Cursor**
- (C) Pointer trail
- (D) Scroll bar

Q44. What is the capital of France?

- (A) Marseille
- ✓ **(B) Paris**
- (C) Lyon
- (D) Nice

Q45. 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

Q46. Which device produces a hard copy (printout) of a document?

- (A) Monitor
- (B) Scanner
- ✓ **(C) Printer**
- (D) Projector

Q47. The largest island in the world is:

- (A) Australia
- ✓ **(B) Greenland**
- (C) Madagascar
- (D) Borneo

Q48. The largest organ of the human body is the:

- (A) Liver
- (B) Brain
- ✓ **(C) Skin**
- (D) Heart

Q49. The 'Great Barrier Reef' is located near:

- (A) Brazil
- ✓ **(B) Australia**
- (C) Indonesia
- (D) South Africa

Q50. What is the capital of Denmark?

- (A) Aarhus
- ✓ **(B) Copenhagen**
- (C) Odense
- (D) Aalborg