

PPSC (Punjab Public Service Commission) - Assistant Written Test 2023

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. The Olympic Games are held every:

- (A) 2 years
- (B) 3 years
- ✓ (C) **4 years**
- (D) 5 years

Q2. Which country's leader, Sheikh Hasina, was ousted amid mass protests in 2024?

- ✓ (A) **Bangladesh**
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Nepal
- (D) Myanmar

Q3. Hajj is obligatory on an able Muslim how many times in life?

- ✓ (A) **Once**
- (B) Twice
- (C) Every year
- (D) Every five years

Q4. Ordinary incandescent bulbs are commonly filled with which gas?

- (A) Oxygen
- ✓ (B) **Argon**
- (C) Hydrogen
- (D) Chlorine

Q5. Which China-led regional cooperation organization includes countries like Russia, India, Pakistan and Central Asian states?

- ✓ (A) **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**
- (B) BRICS
- (C) ASEAN
- (D) OPEC

Q6. Which country is called the 'Land of Maple Leaf'?

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

Q7. The Shalimar Gardens of Lahore were built by:

- (A) Babur
- (B) Akbar
- ✓ (C) **Shah Jahan**
- (D) Aurangzeb

Q8. Which Surah of the Quran does not begin with Bismillah?

- (A) Al-Anfal
- ✓ (B) **At-Taubah**
- (C) Al-Nas
- (D) Al-Fath

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Q9. Which economic term combines stagnant growth with high inflation, a challenging policy scenario?

- ✓ (A) **Stagflation**
- (B) Recession
- (C) Deflation
- (D) Hyperinflation

Q10. Laylat-ul-Qadr is found in the last ten nights of:

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

Q11. The currency of China is the:

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

Q12. Which scientist discovered penicillin, the first widely used antibiotic?

- ✓ (A) **Alexander Fleming**
- (B) Louis Pasteur
- (C) Jonas Salk
- (D) Edward Jenner

Q13. Which US immigration facility, nicknamed 'Alligator Alcatraz', was toured by President Trump in mid-2025?

- ✓ (A) **A detention facility in the Florida Everglades**
- (B) A facility in Texas
- (C) A facility in California
- (D) A facility in Arizona

Q14. This is _____ university.

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

Q15. Which British wartime Prime Minister led the UK through most of World War II?

- ✓ (A) **Winston Churchill**
- (B) Neville Chamberlain
- (C) Clement Attlee
- (D) Margaret Thatcher

Q16. A shopkeeper sells an item for Rs. 920 at a 15% profit. The cost price was:

- (A) Rs. 780
- ✓ (B) **Rs. 800**
- (C) Rs. 820
- (D) Rs. 850

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Q17. Iron deficiency in blood causes:

- (A) Goitre
- ✓ (B) **Anemia**
- (C) Diabetes
- (D) Asthma

Q18. The tallest animal in the world is the:

- (A) Elephant
- ✓ (B) **Giraffe**
- (C) Camel
- (D) Horse

Q19. 1 KB (kilobyte) equals:

- (A) 100 bytes
- (B) 1000 bits
- ✓ (C) **1024 bytes**
- (D) 1024 bits

Q20. The first Ghazwa (battle in which the Prophet (PBUH) participated) was:

- (A) Badr
- ✓ (B) **Abwa (Waddan)**
- (C) Uhud
- (D) Khandaq

Q21. At what rate of simple interest will a sum of money triple itself in 25 years?

- (A) 6%
- ✓ (B) **8%**
- (C) 10%
- (D) 12%

Q22. The nuclear tests of 1998 were conducted in:

- (A) Kharan
- ✓ (B) **Chagai**
- (C) Gwadar
- (D) Khuzdar

Q23. What is the capital of Tanzania (official capital)?

- (A) Dar es Salaam
- ✓ (B) **Dodoma (official)**
- (C) Zanzibar City
- (D) Arusha

Q24. A completes a job in 10 days and B in 15 days. Working together they finish it in:

- (A) 5 days
- ✓ (B) **6 days**
- (C) 7.5 days
- (D) 8 days

Q25. Moore's Law relates to:

- (A) Internet speed
- ✓ (B) **Doubling of transistors on chips**
- (C) Battery life
- (D) Software bugs

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Q26. Which country's Prime Minister, Kristalina Georgieva, has led an important international financial institution rather than a national government (clarifying her actual role)?

- ✓ **(A) Georgieva leads the IMF as Managing Director, not a national government**
- (B) Bulgaria's Prime Minister
- (C) Romania's Prime Minister
- (D) Greece's Prime Minister

Q27. Aslam bought a bike for Rs. 50,000 and sold it for Rs. 55,000. His profit is:

- (A) 5%
- ✓ **(B) 10%**
- (C) 15%
- (D) 20%

Q28. The perimeter of a rectangle with length 8 cm and width 4 cm is:

- (A) 12 cm
- ✓ **(B) 24 cm**
- (C) 32 cm
- (D) 48 cm

Q29. Which historic 1948-1949 event saw the Western Allies airlift supplies into a blockaded city in Germany?

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

Q30. How many players does a cricket team have on the field?

- (A) 9
- (B) 10
- ✓ **(C) 11**
- (D) 12

Q31. The Indus Waters Treaty (1960) between Pakistan and India was brokered by:

- (A) The United Nations
- ✓ **(B) The World Bank**
- (C) The USA
- (D) The Commonwealth

Q32. The capital of Bangladesh is:

- (A) Chittagong
- (B) Khulna
- ✓ **(C) Dhaka**
- (D) Sylhet

Q33. Sound intensity is measured in:

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

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Q34. Separate electorates for Muslims were first granted under the:

- (A) Government of India Act 1935
- ✓ (B) **Minto-Morley Reforms 1909**
- (C) Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms 1919
- (D) Lucknow Pact 1916

Q35. Which Japanese stock market index tracks major companies listed in Tokyo?

- ✓ (A) **Nikkei 225**
- (B) Hang Seng Index
- (C) Shanghai Composite
- (D) KOSPI

Q36. Under the 3rd June 1947 Plan, the referendum to join Pakistan was held in:

- (A) Balochistan
- ✓ (B) **NWFP (KP) and Sylhet**
- (C) Punjab
- (D) Kashmir

Q37. The national language of Pakistan is:

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

Q38. The Khilafat Movement formally began in:

- (A) 1918
- ✓ (B) **1919**
- (C) 1920
- (D) 1922

Q39. The Islamic month of fasting is:

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

Q40. How many obligatory (Farz) prayers are offered daily?

- (A) 3
- (B) 4
- ✓ (C) **5**
- (D) 6

Q41. Which China-led multilateral development bank was established in 2016, with Pakistan among its founding members?

- ✓ (A) **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**
- (B) World Bank
- (C) IMF
- (D) Asian Development Bank (a separate, older institution)

Q42. Which is the second-largest country in the world by land area?

- ✓ (A) **Canada**
- (B) China
- (C) United States
- (D) Brazil

Q43. The Legal Framework Order (LFO) of 1970 was issued by:

- (A) Ayub Khan
- ✓ (B) **Yahya Khan**
- (C) Z.A. Bhutto
- (D) Zia-ul-Haq

Q44. The function key to refresh a page in Windows browsers is:

- (A) F1
- (B) F2
- ✓ (C) **F5**
- (D) F12

Q45. The area of a rectangle with length 8 and width 5 is:

- (A) 13
- (B) 26
- ✓ (C) **40**
- (D) 80

Q46. The smallest country in the world is:

- (A) Monaco
- (B) Malta
- ✓ (C) **Vatican City**
- (D) San Marino

Q47. Wind is caused by:

- (A) Earth's rotation only
- ✓ (B) **Differences in air pressure**
- (C) Ocean waves
- (D) The moon

Q48. A light-year is a unit of:

- (A) Time
- (B) Speed
- ✓ (C) **Distance**
- (D) Brightness

Q49. The brain of the computer is the:

- (A) Monitor
- ✓ (B) **CPU**
- (C) Keyboard
- (D) Mouse

Q50. The national animal of Pakistan is:

- (A) Lion
- (B) Snow Leopard
- ✓ (C) **Markhor**
- (D) Deer