

SPSC (Sindh 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. Which Soviet leader led the USSR during World War II?

- ✓ (A) **Joseph Stalin**
- (B) Vladimir Lenin
- (C) Nikita Khrushchev
- (D) Mikhail Gorbachev

Q2. The longest land border in the world is between:

- (A) Russia and China
- ✓ (B) **USA and Canada**
- (C) India and China
- (D) Chile and Argentina

Q3. 10% of 550 is:

- (A) 45
- (B) 50
- ✓ (C) **55**
- (D) 65

Q4. Which international body's Director General, Rafael Grossi, was also a nominee for UN Secretary-General in 2026?

- ✓ (A) **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**
- (B) World Health Organization
- (C) World Trade Organization
- (D) World Bank

Q5. Which conflict-affected African region saw a temporary ceasefire coincide with Pope Leo XIV's 2026 visit to Cameroon?

- ✓ (A) **The Anglophone Crisis**
- (B) The Darfur conflict (a separate regional crisis)
- (C) The Tigray conflict (a separate regional crisis)
- (D) The Sahel insurgency (a separate regional crisis)

Q6. The upper house of Pakistan's Parliament is called the:

- (A) National Assembly
- ✓ (B) **Senate**
- (C) Shura
- (D) Cabinet

Q7. Which social media platform, founded by Mark Zuckerberg, became one of the world's largest?

- ✓ (A) **Facebook**
- (B) Twitter (now X)
- (C) Instagram (also owned by Meta)
- (D) LinkedIn

Q8. An angle greater than 90° but less than 180° is called:

- (A) Acute
- (B) Right
- ✓ (C) **Obtuse**
- (D) Reflex

Q9. Which contemporary astrophysicist hosted the reboot of 'Cosmos' and is known for popular science communication?

- ✓ (A) **Neil deGrasse Tyson**
- (B) Carl Sagan
- (C) Stephen Hawking
- (D) Brian Cox

Q10. The daughter of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) married to Hazrat Ali (RA) was:

- (A) Hazrat Zainab (RA)
- (B) Hazrat Ruqayyah (RA)
- ✓ (C) **Hazrat Fatima (RA)**
- (D) Hazrat Umm Kulthum (RA)

Q11. Who gave the name 'Pakistan' in the pamphlet 'Now or Never'?

- (A) Allama Iqbal
- ✓ (B) **Chaudhry Rehmat Ali**
- (C) Quaid-e-Azam
- (D) Sir Agha Khan

Q12. The value of $100 \div 45 + 5$ is:

- (A) 50
- (B) 55
- ✓ (C) **60**
- (D) 65

Q13. The fastest land animal is the:

- (A) Lion
- (B) Horse
- ✓ (C) **Cheetah**
- (D) Leopard

Q14. The famous painting 'Mona Lisa' was created by:

- (A) Michelangelo
- ✓ (B) **Leonardo da Vinci**
- (C) Picasso
- (D) Van Gogh

Q15. What is the capital of Argentina?

- (A) Cordoba
- ✓ (B) **Buenos Aires**
- (C) Rosario
- (D) Mendoza

Q16. A book published after its author's death is called:

- ✓ (A) **Posthumous**
- (B) Anonymous
- (C) Autobiography
- (D) Manuscript

Q17. The special congregational prayer offered on Friday is called:

- (A) Ishraq
- (B) Tahajjud
- ✓ (C) **Jumu'ah**
- (D) Witr

Q18. How many seconds are in one hour?

- (A) 360
- (B) 600
- ✓ (C) **3600**
- (D) 6000

Q19. Allama Iqbal delivered his famous Allahabad Address in:

- (A) 1928
- ✓ (B) **1930**
- (C) 1935
- (D) 1940

Q20. The coldest continent on Earth is:

- (A) Europe
- (B) North America
- ✓ (C) **Antarctica**
- (D) Asia

Q21. Which UN body is primarily responsible for addressing health emergencies globally?

- ✓ (A) **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- (B) UNESCO
- (C) UNICEF
- (D) UNHCR

Q22. Which Sri Lankan leader was elected President in 2024, following Ranil Wickremesinghe's tenure?

- ✓ (A) **Anura Kumara Dissanayake**
- (B) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- (C) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- (D) Maithripala Sirisena

Q23. Choose the antonym of 'Optimist':

- (A) Realist
- (B) Idealist
- ✓ (C) **Pessimist**
- (D) Activist

Q24. The sum of the first 20 natural numbers is:

- (A) 190
- (B) 200
- ✓ (C) **210**
- (D) 220

Q25. The first country to give women the right to vote was:

- (A) USA
- (B) UK
- ✓ (C) **New Zealand**
- (D) France

Q26. Which gas do humans need to breathe to survive?

(A) Carbon dioxide

(B) Nitrogen

✓ (C) **Oxygen**

(D) Hydrogen

Q27. The Senate of Pakistan has how many members?

✓ (A) **96**

(B) 100

(C) 104

(D) 110

Q28. Which broader group of major economies, including both developed and developing nations, meets to coordinate global economic policy?

✓ (A) **G20**

(B) G7

(C) BRICS

(D) OPEC

Q29. The capital of Sindh province is:

(A) Hyderabad

(B) Sukkur

(C) Larkana

✓ (D) **Karachi**

Q30. Who is the President of Ukraine, leading the country through the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war?

✓ (A) **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**

(B) Petro Poroshenko

(C) Viktor Yanukovych

(D) Leonid Kuchma

Q31. 15% of 400 is:

(A) 45

(B) 50

✓ (C) **60**

(D) 65

Q32. Which tennis Grand Slam tournament is played on clay courts in Paris?

✓ (A) **French Open (Roland Garros)**

(B) Wimbledon

(C) US Open

(D) Australian Open

Q33. Pakistan's national anthem was written by:

(A) Allama Iqbal

(B) Faiz Ahmed Faiz

✓ (C) **Hafeez Jalandhari**

(D) Ahmad Faraz

Q34. A person who abstains completely from alcoholic drinks is called a:

- (A) Vegetarian
- ✓ (B) Teetotaler
- (C) Puritan
- (D) Hermit

Q35. Which international cycling federation governs competitive cycling globally, including the Tour de France's oversight structure?

- ✓ (A) Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI)
- (B) World Athletics
- (C) FIFA
- (D) IOC

Q36. The speed of light is approximately:

- (A) 3,000 km/s
- (B) 30,000 km/s
- ✓ (C) 300,000 km/s
- (D) 3,000,000 km/s

Q37. What is the official currency of the United Arab Emirates?

- ✓ (A) Dirham
- (B) Riyal
- (C) Dinar
- (D) Rial

Q38. Which vitamin is essential for blood clotting?

- (A) Vitamin A
- (B) Vitamin C
- ✓ (C) Vitamin K
- (D) Vitamin E

Q39. The next number in the series 2, 5, 8, 11, ... is:

- (A) 12
- (B) 13
- ✓ (C) 14
- (D) 15

Q40. A car travels 240 km in 4 hours. Its average speed is:

- (A) 50 km/h
- (B) 55 km/h
- ✓ (C) 60 km/h
- (D) 65 km/h

Q41. Which is the holy city of Muslims?

- (A) Baghdad
- (B) Cairo
- ✓ (C) Makkah
- (D) Istanbul

Q42. The nuclear tests of 1998 were conducted in:

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

Q43. Blood pressure is measured by a:

- (A) Thermometer
- (B) Stethoscope
- ✓ **(C) Sphygmomanometer**
- (D) Barometer

Q44. 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

Q45. Choose the synonym of 'Rapid':

- (A) Slow
- ✓ **(B) Fast**
- (C) Late
- (D) Steady

Q46. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is headquartered in:

- (A) Geneva
- (B) Paris
- ✓ **(C) Rome**
- (D) Vienna

Q47. Makkah was conquered in:

- (A) 6 AH
- (B) 7 AH
- ✓ **(C) 8 AH**
- (D) 10 AH

Q48. Which regional organization was formed to promote cooperation among South Asian countries?

- ✓ **(A) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**
- (B) ASEAN
- (C) African Union
- (D) European Union

Q49. Which country has the largest natural gas reserves?

- (A) Saudi Arabia
- (B) USA
- ✓ **(C) Russia**
- (D) Qatar

Q50. Which space telescope, launched in 2021, is designed to observe the universe primarily in infrared light?

- ✓ **(A) James Webb Space Telescope**
- (B) Hubble Space Telescope (an earlier telescope)
- (C) Kepler Space Telescope (a different mission)
- (D) Spitzer Space Telescope (a different mission)