

SPSC (Sindh Public Service Commission) - Junior Clerk 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 body, distinct from the EU, promotes human rights and democracy standards among European countries?

- ✓ (A) Council of Europe
- (B) European Union
- (C) NATO
- (D) OSCE

Q2. Which country lies to the south of Pakistan?

- (A) China
- (B) Iran
- ✓ (C) Arabian Sea
- (D) Afghanistan

Q3. The Pakistani flag's green color represents:

- (A) Agriculture
- ✓ (B) The Muslim majority
- (C) Prosperity
- (D) The Army

Q4. The foster mother who nursed the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in childhood was:

- (A) Hazrat Khadija (RA)
- ✓ (B) Hazrat Haleema Sadia (RA)
- (C) Hazrat Amina (RA)
- (D) Hazrat Safia (RA)

Q5. Who developed the theory of general relativity?

- ✓ (A) Albert Einstein
- (B) Isaac Newton
- (C) Galileo Galilei
- (D) Niels Bohr

Q6. What special power do the five permanent UNSC members hold over resolutions?

- ✓ (A) Veto power
- (B) Sole voting rights
- (C) Budget control only
- (D) Judicial authority

Q7. Choose the synonym of 'Brave':

- (A) Cowardly
- (B) Fearful
- ✓ (C) Courageous
- (D) Weak

Q8. Which young Swedish activist became internationally known for climate change advocacy starting in the late 2010s?

- ✓ (A) Greta Thunberg
- (B) Malala Yousafzai
- (C) Emma Watson
- (D) Vanessa Nakate

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Q9. The LCM of 4 and 6 is:

- (A) 8
- (B) 10
- ✓ (C) **12**
- (D) 24

Q10. Tayammum is performed with:

- (A) Water
- ✓ (B) **Clean earth/dust**
- (C) Milk
- (D) Sand only from Makkah

Q11. What is the official currency of Nigeria?

- ✓ (A) **Naira**
- (B) Cedi
- (C) Rand
- (D) Shilling

Q12. The shortcut key to paste is:

- (A) Ctrl + C
- (B) Ctrl + X
- ✓ (C) **Ctrl + V**
- (D) Ctrl + Z

Q13. An electric transformer works on the principle of:

- (A) Static electricity
- ✓ (B) **Electromagnetic induction**
- (C) Thermal expansion
- (D) Photoelectric effect

Q14. Pope Francis, predecessor to Pope Leo XIV, passed away in which year?

- ✓ (A) **2025**
- (B) 2023
- (C) 2020
- (D) 2027

Q15. Which UN agency regulates international shipping and maritime safety standards?

- ✓ (A) **International Maritime Organization (IMO)**
- (B) ICAO
- (C) ITU
- (D) UPU

Q16. The sum of the interior angles of a pentagon is:

- (A) 360°
- (B) 450°
- ✓ (C) **540°**
- (D) 720°

Q17. The Liaquat-Nehru Pact concerning minorities was signed in:

- (A) 1948
- ✓ (B) **1950**
- (C) 1951
- (D) 1955

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

Q19. The centre of an atom is called the:

- (A) Electron
- (B) Shell
- ✓ (C) **Nucleus**
- (D) Molecule

Q20. Which international leader has served as Prime Minister of Israel for multiple terms across recent decades?

- ✓ (A) **Benjamin Netanyahu**
- (B) Ehud Barak
- (C) Ehud Olmert
- (D) Yitzhak Rabin

Q21. Which UK political leader preceded Keir Starmer as Prime Minister, serving from 2022 to 2024?

- ✓ (A) **Rishi Sunak**
- (B) Boris Johnson
- (C) Liz Truss
- (D) Theresa May

Q22. The shortcut key to undo is:

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

Q23. Which stock market index tracks the top 100 companies listed on the London Stock Exchange?

- ✓ (A) **FTSE 100**
- (B) DAX
- (C) CAC 40
- (D) Nikkei 225

Q24. The idiom 'to spill the beans' means:

- (A) To waste food
- ✓ (B) **To reveal a secret**
- (C) To make a mess
- (D) To start a quarrel

Q25. The 'Ship of the Desert' is the:

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

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Q26. The Faisal Mosque is located in:

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

Q27. Which gene-editing technology, developed in the 2010s, allows precise modification of DNA sequences?

- ✓ (A) **CRISPR**
- (B) PCR (a different, older technique)
- (C) RNA interference (a related but distinct technique)
- (D) Gene sequencing (a broader related field)

Q28. Which physicist, working at Los Alamos, is often referred to as the 'father of the atomic bomb'?

- ✓ (A) **J. Robert Oppenheimer**
- (B) Albert Einstein
- (C) Enrico Fermi
- (D) Niels Bohr

Q29. The All-India Muslim League was founded in:

- (A) 1885
- ✓ (B) **1906**
- (C) 1916
- (D) 1930

Q30. The national tree of Pakistan is the:

- (A) Neem
- ✓ (B) **Deodar**
- (C) Banyan
- (D) Pine

Q31. A 'decade' is a period of:

- (A) 5 years
- ✓ (B) **10 years**
- (C) 50 years
- (D) 100 years

Q32. Which Surah is called the 'Heart of the Quran'?

- (A) Al-Fatiha
- ✓ (B) **Ya-Seen**
- (C) Al-Rahman
- (D) Al-Ikhlās

Q33. The plural of 'mouse' is:

- (A) Mouses
- ✓ (B) **Mice**
- (C) Mouse
- (D) Mices

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Q34. We congratulated him _____ his success.

- (A) for
- (B) at
- ✓ (C) on
- (D) with

Q35. The Statue of Liberty is located in which city?

- (A) Washington D.C.
- (B) Los Angeles
- ✓ (C) New York
- (D) Chicago

Q36. The Khyber Pass connects Pakistan with:

- (A) Iran
- (B) China
- ✓ (C) Afghanistan
- (D) India

Q37. Which regional security and cooperation organization includes countries across Europe, North America and Central Asia, focused on conflict prevention?

- ✓ (A) Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- (B) NATO
- (C) European Union
- (D) Council of Europe

Q38. 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

Q39. Hazrat Usman (RA) is known by the title:

- (A) Al-Farooq
- ✓ (B) Zun-Noorain
- (C) Siddiq
- (D) Saifullah

Q40. The coldest continent on Earth is:

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

Q41. MS Excel is used mainly for:

- (A) Documents
- (B) Presentations
- ✓ (C) Spreadsheets & calculations
- (D) Drawing

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Q42. Which Indian-American became the first person of Indian origin to travel to space, aboard a Soviet mission in 1984?

- ✓ (A) **Rakesh Sharma**
- (B) Kalpana Chawla
- (C) Sunita Williams
- (D) Sirisha Bandla

Q43. Deficiency of Vitamin D causes:

- (A) Scurvy
- ✓ (B) **Rickets**
- (C) Beri-beri
- (D) Goitre

Q44. What is the capital of Russia?

- (A) Saint Petersburg
- ✓ (B) **Moscow**
- (C) Novosibirsk
- (D) Kazan

Q45. My brother is older _____ me.

- (A) then
- ✓ (B) **than**
- (C) from
- (D) to

Q46. Which South African leader spent 27 years in prison before becoming the country's first Black president?

- ✓ (A) **Nelson Mandela**
- (B) Desmond Tutu
- (C) F.W. de Klerk
- (D) Steve Biko

Q47. Which country's government structure includes both a President and a Prime Minister, exemplifying a semi-presidential system?

- ✓ (A) **France**
- (B) United Kingdom
- (C) Germany (mostly ceremonial presidency)
- (D) United States

Q48. Choose the antonym of 'Transparent':

- (A) Clear
- ✓ (B) **Opaque**
- (C) Bright
- (D) Thin

Q49. What is the capital of Nepal?

- (A) Pokhara
- ✓ (B) **Kathmandu**
- (C) Lalitpur
- (D) Bhaktapur

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Q50. The standardized copies of the Quran were distributed by Hazrat Usman (RA) in about:

- (A) 15 AH
- (B) 25 AH
- ✓ **(C) 30 AH**
- (D) 40 AH