

SPSC (Sindh Public Service Commission) - Junior Clerk Written Test 2024

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 humanitarian organization, founded in Switzerland, is known for its work in conflict zones and war victim protection?

- ✓ (A) **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**
- (B) UNICEF
- (C) WHO
- (D) UNHCR

Q2. In MS Excel, a file is called a:

- (A) Document
- ✓ (B) **Workbook**
- (C) Slide
- (D) Database

Q3. 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

Q4. Which international trade agreement did the UK negotiate with major partners including India, the EU, and the US during Keir Starmer's premiership?

- ✓ (A) **Multiple free trade agreements, including with India, the EU, and the US**
- (B) Only an agreement with India
- (C) Only an agreement with the EU
- (D) No trade agreements were concluded

Q5. HTML is a:

- (A) Programming language
- ✓ (B) **Markup language**
- (C) Database
- (D) Operating system

Q6. Which Australian political leader served as Prime Minister across the mid-2020s?

- ✓ (A) **Anthony Albanese, among various Australian PMs during this period**
- (B) Scott Morrison alone covers this entire period
- (C) Malcolm Turnbull alone covers this entire period
- (D) Julia Gillard alone covers this entire period

Q7. One who looks at the bright side of things is called:

- (A) Pessimist
- ✓ (B) **Optimist**
- (C) Realist
- (D) Egoist

Q8. 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

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Q9. The next number in the series 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, ... is:

- (A) 36
- (B) 40
- ✓ (C) 42
- (D) 44

Q10. The well of Zamzam is located in:

- (A) Madinah
- (B) Mina
- ✓ (C) Makkah
- (D) Arafat

Q11. 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

Q12. 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

Q13. Which orbiting research facility, a collaborative project among multiple countries, has hosted astronauts continuously for decades?

- ✓ (A) International Space Station (ISS)
- (B) Tiangong Space Station (China's separate station)
- (C) Mir Space Station (an earlier Soviet/Russian station)
- (D) Skylab (an earlier US station)

Q14. Which organ purifies the blood in the human body?

- (A) Heart
- (B) Lungs
- ✓ (C) Kidneys
- (D) Stomach

Q15. Which golf major championship is played annually at Augusta National Golf Club?

- ✓ (A) The Masters
- (B) The Open Championship
- (C) US Open (Golf)
- (D) PGA Championship

Q16. Which country's bicameral legislature includes the House of Commons and House of Lords?

- ✓ (A) United Kingdom
- (B) Canada (which has its own House of Commons and Senate)
- (C) Australia (which has its own House of Representatives and Senate)
- (D) New Zealand

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

Q18. 1/2 expressed as a percentage is:

- (A) 25%
- (B) 40%
- ✓ (C) **50%**
- (D) 75%

Q19. What is the capital of Norway?

- (A) Bergen
- ✓ (B) **Oslo**
- (C) Trondheim
- (D) Stavanger

Q20. The total length of Pakistan's coastline is about:

- (A) 700 km
- ✓ (B) **1,046 km**
- (C) 1,500 km
- (D) 2,000 km

Q21. 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)

Q22. The name 'Pakistan' was first proposed by:

- (A) Allama Iqbal
- ✓ (B) **Chaudhry Rehmat Ali**
- (C) Liaquat Ali Khan
- (D) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

Q23. Tarbela Dam is built on which river?

- (A) Jhelum
- (B) Chenab
- ✓ (C) **Indus**
- (D) Ravi

Q24. The idiom 'a Pyrrhic victory' means:

- (A) An easy win
- ✓ (B) **A victory won at too great a cost**
- (C) A stolen win
- (D) A moral victory

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Q25. Pakistan's currency is issued by the:

- (A) Ministry of Finance
- ✓ (B) **State Bank of Pakistan**
- (C) National Bank of Pakistan
- (D) FBR

Q26. Which is the largest lake in the world by surface area, sometimes classified as a sea?

- ✓ (A) **Caspian Sea**
- (B) Lake Superior
- (C) Lake Victoria
- (D) Lake Baikal

Q27. Which UN body coordinates economic and social work across UN agencies and specialized bodies?

- ✓ (A) **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**
- (B) Security Council
- (C) General Assembly
- (D) Secretariat

Q28. Which historic trade route connected China with the Mediterranean world for centuries?

- ✓ (A) **Silk Road**
- (B) Amber Road
- (C) Incense Route
- (D) Spice Route (as a broader Indian Ocean network)

Q29. Which long-serving German Chancellor led the country from 2005 to 2021?

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

Q30. The Eiffel Tower is in:

- (A) London
- (B) Rome
- ✓ (C) **Paris**
- (D) Berlin

Q31. If $3x = 27$, then $x = ?$

- (A) 3
- (B) 6
- ✓ (C) **9**
- (D) 12

Q32. In which year did American colonies declare independence from Britain?

- ✓ (A) **1776**
- (B) 1789
- (C) 1812
- (D) 1865

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Q33. The Indian Independence Act was passed by the British Parliament in:

- (A) June 1947
- ✓ (B) **July 1947**
- (C) August 1947
- (D) March 1947

Q34. LAN stands for:

- (A) Long Area Network
- ✓ (B) **Local Area Network**
- (C) Linked Access Node
- (D) Local Access Number

Q35. The idiom 'to let the cat out of the bag' means:

- (A) To lose something
- ✓ (B) **To reveal a secret**
- (C) To create trouble
- (D) To run away

Q36. Which crisis emerged following regional tensions in 2026, affecting shipping and fuel supplies through a key maritime chokepoint?

- ✓ (A) **The 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis**
- (B) The Suez Canal blockage (a separate, earlier event)
- (C) The Panama Canal drought crisis (a separate, earlier event)
- (D) The Bosphorus Strait crisis (not the primary chokepoint involved)

Q37. East Pakistan separated and became Bangladesh in:

- (A) 1965
- (B) 1970
- ✓ (C) **1971**
- (D) 1973

Q38. Which candidate, a former President of Chile, was a leading nominee in the 2026 UN Secretary-General selection process?

- ✓ (A) **Michelle Bachelet**
- (B) Rebeca Grynspan
- (C) Maria Fernanda Espinosa
- (D) Macky Sall

Q39. Which political and military alliance, formed in 1949, unites many Western countries?

- ✓ (A) **NATO**
- (B) Warsaw Pact
- (C) European Union
- (D) United Nations

Q40. The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established in:

- (A) 1990
- ✓ (B) **1995**
- (C) 2000
- (D) 1985

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- (A) Toronto
- ✓ (B) **Ottawa**
- (C) Vancouver
- (D) Montreal

Q42. Which company, led by Elon Musk, is a major player in electric vehicles?

- ✓ (A) **Tesla**
- (B) Ford
- (C) General Motors
- (D) Toyota

Q43. The HCF of 12 and 18 is:

- (A) 2
- (B) 3
- ✓ (C) **6**
- (D) 9

Q44. Which African American civil rights figure famously refused to give up her bus seat in 1955, sparking a major boycott?

- ✓ (A) **Rosa Parks**
- (B) Coretta Scott King
- (C) Angela Davis
- (D) Harriet Tubman

Q45. Radio was invented by:

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

Q46. Which company operates the world's most widely used internet search engine?

- ✓ (A) **Google**
- (B) Microsoft (Bing)
- (C) Yahoo
- (D) Apple

Q47. K2, the highest peak of Pakistan, has a height of:

- (A) 8,126 m
- ✓ (B) **8,611 m**
- (C) 8,848 m
- (D) 7,690 m

Q48. Which US President served two terms from 2009 to 2017, becoming the first African American president?

- ✓ (A) **Barack Obama**
- (B) George W. Bush
- (C) Bill Clinton
- (D) Joe Biden

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- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- ✓ **(B) Indira Gandhi**
- (C) Morarji Desai
- (D) Rajiv Gandhi

Q50. Allama Iqbal was born in:

- (A) Lahore
- (B) Karachi
- ✓ **(C) Sialkot**
- (D) Multan