

SPSC (Sindh Public Service Commission) - Lecturer 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. Which is the largest desert in the world overall, including cold deserts?

- ✓ (A) **Antarctic Desert**
- (B) Sahara Desert
- (C) Gobi Desert
- (D) Arabian Desert

Q2. The value of $\log_{10} 1000$ is:

- (A) 2
- ✓ (B) **3**
- (C) 10
- (D) 100

Q3. My brother is older _____ me.

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

Q4. A file with the extension .xlsx belongs to:

- (A) MS Word
- (B) MS Access
- ✓ (C) **MS Excel**
- (D) Paint

Q5. The conquest of Makkah took place in:

- (A) 6 AH
- (B) 7 AH
- ✓ (C) **8 AH**
- (D) 9 AH

Q6. 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)

Q7. Who accepted Islam first among men?

- (A) Hazrat Umar (RA)
- ✓ (B) **Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)**
- (C) Hazrat Ali (RA)
- (D) Hazrat Usman (RA)

Q8. 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)

Q9. The running between Safa and Marwah during Hajj/Umrah is called:

- (A) Tawaf
- ✓ (B) Sa'i
- (C) Rami
- (D) Ihram

Q10. The Lahore (Pakistan) Resolution of 1940 was moved by:

- (A) Liaquat Ali Khan
- ✓ (B) A.K. Fazlul Haq
- (C) Sardar Aurangzeb
- (D) Khawaja Nazimuddin

Q11. Which set of treaties, established after WWII, govern the humane treatment of individuals in armed conflict?

- ✓ (A) Geneva Conventions
- (B) Treaty of Versailles
- (C) UN Charter
- (D) Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Q12. An angle greater than 90° but less than 180° is called:

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

Q13. The brain of the computer is the:

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

Q14. The main source of energy for the Earth is the:

- (A) Moon
- (B) Wind
- ✓ (C) Sun
- (D) Ocean

Q15. The first revelation came to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in:

- (A) Cave Thaur
- ✓ (B) Cave Hira
- (C) Masjid-e-Nabwi
- (D) Mina

Q16. Which international organization coordinates policy responses among European Union member states' governments?

- ✓ (A) European Council, among EU institutions
- (B) Only NATO
- (C) Only the UN
- (D) Only the OSCE

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- ✓ (A) **Muhammad Ali**
- (B) Mike Tyson
- (C) Floyd Mayweather
- (D) George Foreman

Q18. The title 'Ghani' is associated with:

- ✓ (A) **Hazrat Usman (RA)**
- (B) Hazrat Ali (RA)
- (C) Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)
- (D) Hazrat Saad (RA)

Q19. Which country has historically dominated Test cricket rankings and produced legendary players like Sachin Tendulkar?

- ✓ (A) **India, among other historically strong cricket nations**
- (B) Only Australia
- (C) Only England
- (D) Only South Africa

Q20. Which wall, symbolizing the Cold War divide, fell in 1989?

- ✓ (A) **Berlin Wall**
- (B) Great Wall of China
- (C) Hadrian's Wall
- (D) Western Wall

Q21. Which Surah is called 'Aroos-ul-Quran' (the Bride of the Quran)?

- (A) Surah Ya-Sin
- ✓ (B) **Surah Ar-Rahman**
- (C) Surah Al-Waqiah
- (D) Surah Al-Mulk

Q22. Choose the antonym of 'Expand':

- (A) Extend
- (B) Enlarge
- ✓ (C) **Contract**
- (D) Spread

Q23. Which of these is a search engine?

- (A) Facebook
- ✓ (B) **Google**
- (C) WhatsApp
- (D) Windows

Q24. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations located?

- ✓ (A) **New York City**
- (B) Geneva
- (C) Vienna
- (D) Brussels

Q25. Which prayer is offered without any Azan or Iqamah?

- (A) Fajr prayer
- (B) Jumu'ah prayer
- ✓ (C) **Funeral (Janazah) prayer**
- (D) Isha prayer

Q26. Sahih Bukhari was compiled by:

- (A) Imam Muslim
- ✓ (B) **Imam Bukhari**
- (C) Imam Tirmizi
- (D) Imam Malik

Q27. What is the official currency of the United Arab Emirates?

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

Q28. Dengue fever is spread by:

- (A) Water
- ✓ (B) **Mosquitoes**
- (C) Air
- (D) Food

Q29. What is the official currency of the United States?

- ✓ (A) **US Dollar**
- (B) Euro
- (C) Pound Sterling
- (D) Yen

Q30. IP address is used to:

- (A) Print documents
- ✓ (B) **Identify a device on a network**
- (C) Store passwords
- (D) Scan viruses

Q31. Which travels faster?

- (A) Sound
- ✓ (B) **Light**
- (C) Both equal
- (D) Neither moves

Q32. The 'Land of Pure' refers to:

- (A) Iran
- ✓ (B) **Pakistan**
- (C) Saudi Arabia
- (D) Turkey

Q33. The Bolan Pass is located in:

- (A) Punjab
- (B) KP
- (C) Sindh
- ✓ (D) **Balochistan**

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- (A) Modern
- (B) New
- ✓ (C) **Old**
- (D) Recent

Q35. Which desert is the largest hot desert in the world?

- ✓ (A) **Sahara Desert**
- (B) Gobi Desert
- (C) Thar Desert
- (D) Kalahari Desert

Q36. Which international body organizes the Rugby World Cup?

- ✓ (A) **World Rugby**
- (B) FIFA
- (C) IOC
- (D) ICC

Q37. Which country's Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, announced his resignation in June 2026 amid declining approval and electoral setbacks?

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

Q38. What is the capital of Egypt?

- (A) Alexandria
- ✓ (B) **Cairo**
- (C) Giza
- (D) Luxor

Q39. What is the capital of Venezuela?

- (A) Maracaibo
- ✓ (B) **Caracas**
- (C) Valencia
- (D) Barquisimeto

Q40. Which river is called the 'Lifeline of Pakistan'?

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

Q41. The third Caliph of Islam was:

- (A) Hazrat Ali (RA)
- (B) Hazrat Umar (RA)
- ✓ (C) **Hazrat Usman (RA)**
- (D) Hazrat Hamza (RA)

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- (A) Barcelona
- ✓ (B) **Madrid**
- (C) Seville
- (D) Valencia

Q43. The well of Zamzam is located in:

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

Q44. 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)

Q45. The largest country in the world by area is:

- (A) China
- (B) USA
- (C) Canada
- ✓ (D) **Russia**

Q46. Which of the following countries operates under a presidential system where the president is both head of state and head of government?

- ✓ (A) **United States**
- (B) United Kingdom
- (C) Germany
- (D) India

Q47. The largest archipelago in the world is:

- (A) Philippines
- (B) Japan
- ✓ (C) **Indonesia**
- (D) Maldives

Q48. Gwadar deep-sea port has been developed mainly with the assistance of:

- (A) Saudi Arabia
- (B) Turkey
- ✓ (C) **China**
- (D) UAE

Q49. Which failed 1961 US-backed invasion attempted to overthrow Fidel Castro's government in Cuba?

- ✓ (A) **Bay of Pigs Invasion**
- (B) Cuban Missile Crisis (a separate, later event)
- (C) Suez Crisis
- (D) Berlin Airlift

Q50. 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