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**Entrance Examination for Admission to the P.G. Courses in the  
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**General Instructions**

1. The Question Paper is having 100 Objective Questions, each carrying one mark.
2. The answers are to be (✓) 'tick marked' **only** in the "**Response Sheet**" provided.
3. **Negative marking** : **0.25 marks** will be deducted for each wrong answer .

**Time : 2 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 100**

To be filled in by the Candidate									
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Choose appropriate answer from the options in the questions.

**(100 × 1 = 100 marks)**

1. Mahmoud Abbas Abu Mazen is related to
  - A. Palestinian Politics
  - B. Israel Politics
  - C. Iranian Politics
  - D. Egypt Politics

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2. Who is the Present Leader of Hamas?

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|------------------|-------------------|
| A. Mahmoud Zahar | B. Ismail Haniyeh |
| C. Khaled Mashal | D. Yahya Sinwar   |

3. Which family rules Oman?

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|---------------|---------------|
| A. Al-Habsi   | B. Al-Maawali |
| C. Al-Balushi | D. Al Said    |

4. Who wrote the book "*The Arabs : A History*"?
- A. Karen Armstrong                      B. Eugene Rogan  
C. Bernard Lewis                         D. David Fromkin
5. Who wrote the book "*Al-Shawkani and Reform in Islam : The Legacy of Muhammad Al-Shawkani*"?
- A. Bernard Haykel                         B. Seyyed Hossein Nasr  
C. Tariq Ramadan                         D. Fazlur Rahman
6. What does the term "Levant" mean?
- A. The East                                 B. The West  
C. The North                                D. The South
7. "*The Arab Awakening: The Story of the Arab National Movement*" was written by?
- A. Adeed Dawisha                         B. George Antonius  
C. Kenneth M. Pollack                     D. Benny Morris
8. Which among the following was written by Ali Shariati?
- A. On the Sociology of Islam  
B. Social Justice in Islam  
C. Religion versus Religion  
D. Muslim Society
9. Who wrote the book "*The Veil and the Male Elite : A Feminist interpretation of Women's Rights in Islam*"?
- A. Leila Ahmed                             B. Amina Wadud  
C. Lila Abu-Lughod                         D. Fatima Mernissi
10. "*Zin*" Malayalam fiction written by Haritha Savithry, discusses issues of
- A. Yazidis                                     B. Palestinians  
C. Kurds                                        D. Bedouins

11. The Sykes-Picot Agreement was signed in the year?  
A. 1916  
B. 1917  
C. 1941  
D. 1944
12. Which among the following nations do not share a border with Iran?  
A. Egypt  
B. Turkey  
C. Armenia  
D. Azerbaijan
13. Capital of Yemen?  
A. Baghdad  
B. Sana'a  
C. Beirut  
D. Amman
14. Who was the Iranian military commander killed in the US airstrike near Baghdad International Airport on January 3, 2020?  
A. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini  
B. Ayatollah Hossein-Ali  
C. Qasem Soleimani  
D. Mohammad Reza Shah
15. The Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt were signed on 17, September  
A. 1977  
B. 1978  
C. 1979  
D. 1980
16. Who is Majid Majidi?  
A. Iranian Film Director  
B. Israel Poet  
C. Palestine Poet  
D. Iraq Political Leader
17. Who got the Nobel Peace Prize in 2023?  
A. Tawakkol Karman  
B. Narges Mohammadi  
C. Mohamed ElBaradei  
D. Malala Yousafzai



25. Which country is known for its textile industry?
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|-----------------|-----------|
| A. Jordan       | B. Turkey |
| C. Saudi Arabia | D. Qatar  |
26. What's Israel's currency?
- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| A. Shekel | B. Lira  |
| C. Dinar  | D. Riyal |
27. What is Qatar's dominant source of income?
- |          |                |
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| A. Oil   | B. Agriculture |
| C. Trade | D. Natural Gas |
28. Mohammad Mossadegh was the Prime Minister of Iran during
- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| A. 1901-1911 | B. 1940-1945 |
| C. 1948-1951 | D. 1951-1953 |
29. Tudeh Party is connected with?
- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| A. Iraq   | B. Syria |
| C. Jordan | D. Iran  |
30. Where did the Dhofar Rebellion occur?
- |           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| A. Qatar  | B. Oman |
| C. Kuwait | D. UAE  |
31. Where is Tahrir Square located?
- |          |              |
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| A. Mecca | B. Medina    |
| C. Cairo | D. Jerusalem |

32. Under which category of agency does SAVAK fall?
- |             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| A. Military | B. Intelligence |
| C. Trade    | D. Political    |
33. Where did the White Revolution occur?
- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| A. Jordhan | B. Egypt |
| C. Qatar   | D. Iran  |
34. Who wrote the book "*Der Judenstaat*"?
- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| A. Chaim Weizmann   | B. Theodore Herzl   |
| C. Ze'ev Jabotinsky | D. David Ben-Gurion |
35. What is the term used to describe the immigration of Jews to the land of Israel?
- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| A. Aliyah | B. Hijarah  |
| C. Iajee  | D. al-hurub |
36. Who is the author of the autobiography "*Jeevithathinte Arangu*"?
- |                   |                    |
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| A. Kamala Surayya | B. Nilambur Ayisha |
| C. Shihab Ghanem  | D. Benyamin        |
37. What is the Arabic term for the job sponsorship system in GCC countries?
- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| A. Khafala     | B. Al-ubuudiyah          |
| C. Al-hadithah | D. An-nizam at-tanfeedhi |
38. Who is the author of the book "*Undocumented: Stories of Indian Migrants: Stories of Indian Migrants in the Arab Gulf*"?
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| A. Rejimon Kuttappan |
| B. Amanullah         |
| C. Paul Zacharia     |
| D. Benyamin          |





45. Which among the following is considered as the largest oil company in the world?
- A. Aramco  
B. ExxonMobil  
C. Royal Dutch Shel  
D. British Petroleum
46. Who is Helena Cobban?
- A. Writer  
B. Political Leader  
C. Economist  
D. UN Representative
47. Who wrote the book "*Inside Gender Jihad*"?
- A. Manal al-Sharif  
B. Mozn Hassan  
C. Amina Wadud  
D. Lina Abou-Habib
48. Where is the headquarters of the Khaleej Times?
- A. Dubai-UAE  
B. Doha-Quatar  
C. Jeddha-Saudi  
D. Kuwait City-Kuwait
49. Where is the headquarters of Al Jazeera News Network?
- A. Jerusalem-Israel  
B. Doha-Qatar  
C. Muscat-Oman  
D. Jerusalem-Palestine
50. Who is known popularly as "the Philosopher of the Arabs"?
- A. Al-Kindi  
B. Al-Farabi  
C. Avicenna (Ibn Sina)  
D. Averroes (Ibn Rushd)
51. When did the Egyptian revolution occur?
- A. 2011  
B. 2012  
C. 2013  
D. 2014

52. When was Saddam Hussein hanged to death?
- A. December 15, 2006                      B. December 15, 2007  
C. December 30, 2006                      D. December 30, 2007
53. Who wrote "*Culture and Imperialism*"?
- A. Rudyard Kipling                      B. Edward Said  
C. V.I. Lenin                      D. Pierre Loti
54. Who is the first president of the Palestinian Authority (PA)?
- A. Yasser Arafat                      B. Mahmoud Abbas  
C. Ismail Haniyeh                      D. Salam Fayyad
55. The Partition Plan for Palestine declaration followed by the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of Resolution 181 was on
- A. November 29, 1947                      B. May 14, 1948  
C. November 29, 1948                      D. May 14, 1949
56. Maronite Christians, are the politically powerful section in
- A. Lebanon                      B. Egypt  
C. Iran                      D. Iraq
57. Ijtihad Means
- A. Leader of the Community  
B. Independent Reasoning  
C. Words and Needs of the Prophet  
D. Charitable act or religious duty.
58. Hanan Ashrawi is a
- A. Palestinian Poet                      B. Israeli Writer  
C. Syrian Politician                      D. Iranian Religious Leader

59. Who founded the Muslim Brotherhood in 1928?
- A. Sayyid Qutb
  - B. Hassan al-Banna
  - C. Mohammed Badie
  - D. Mohammed Mahdi Akef
60. When did Saudi Arabia lift the ban on women driving?
- A. 2018
  - B. 2019
  - C. 2020
  - D. 2021
61. Who coined the slogan “My body is mine and not the source of anybody’s honor” in Tunisia?
- A. Lina Ben Mhenni
  - B. Amina Tyler
  - C. Amira Yahyaoui
  - D. Bochra Belhaj Hmida
62. Israel’s national intelligence agency is called
- A. Hamas
  - B. Mossad
  - C. Aman
  - D. Shin Beth
63. The holy book of Judaism is called
- A. The Torah
  - B. The Book of Mormon
  - C. The Didache
  - D. The Bible
64. A mystical branch of Islam focused on the inward search for God and spiritual growth is called:
- A. Wahabism
  - B. Sufism
  - C. Sunni Islam
  - D. Shia Islam
65. Who is the Amir of the state of Qatar?
- A. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani
  - B. Sheikh Ahmad bin Ali Al Thani
  - C. Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani
  - D. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani

66. How many decades did Muammar Gaddafi play a prominent role in Libyan and international politics?
- A. Three Decades    B. Four Decades  
C. Five Decades    D. Six Decades
67. What was Jamahiriya’s political ideology?
- A. A stateless society based on direct democracy  
B. Dictatorship Ruling Society  
C. Sharia law-based society  
D. None of the above answers
68. Which among the following nations follow Parliamentary democracy?
- A. Bahrain    B. Saudi Arabia  
C. UAE    D. Israel
69. Which nation has totally restricted the activities of political parties?
- A. Iraq    B. Israel  
C. Kuwait    D. Saudi Arabia
70. Which is the first Masjid in South India?
- A. Mecca Masjid, Hyderabad  
B. Jama Masjid, Chennai  
C. Cheraman Juma Masjid, Kerala  
D. Makkah Masjid, Mysore
71. Who is referred to as the “Father of Algebra”?
- A. Al-Khwarizmi    B. Ibn al-Haytham  
C. Ibn Sina     D. Al-Biruni
72. Who wrote *“Istanbul: Memories of a City”*?
- A. Elif Shafak    B. Abdullah Al-Qasemi  
C. Orhan Pamuk    D. Azar Nafisi

73. In which city, the Battle of Karbala, a significant event in Shia Islam history was fought?
- A. Iran  
B. Iraq  
C. Kuwait  
D. Israel
74. Where is the Prophet's Mosque (Masjid an-Nabawi) located?
- A. Mecca  
B. Medina  
C. Jeddah  
D. Taif
75. When did the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan took place?
- A. 1979  
B. 1989  
C. 1969  
D. 1990
76. Bernard Lewis is a \_\_\_\_\_ of West Asia.
- A. Geographer  
B. Economist  
C. Political Historian  
D. Journalist
77. Al-Azhar University is located at
- A. Cairo  
B. Doha  
C. Muscat  
D. Kuwait City
78. Which among the following nations are not directly connected to Mesopotamian Civilization?
- A. Iraq  
B. Syria  
C. Kuwait  
D. Saudi Arabia
79. Who wrote the book "*Prisoner of Love*"?
- A. Jean Genet  
B. David Tal  
C. John Wallach  
D. Barry Rubin

80. Who are the Bedouins?
- A. Minorities in Iraq
  - B. Persons living in the deserts of the Arabian Peninsula
  - C. Militants in Turkey
  - D. A Forum of Political Group
81. The Abu Musa Island Conflict is between
- A. Iran - Oman
  - B. Iran - Syria
  - C. Iran - UAE
  - D. Iran - Turkey
82. "*Inside the Middle East : Making Sense of the Most Dangerous and Complicated Region on Earth*" Written by
- A. Amos Oz
  - B. David Grossman
  - C. Yossi Klein Halevi
  - D. Avi Melamed
83. When did the Great Arab Revolt in Palestine take place?
- A. 1921 - 1923
  - B. 1936 - 1939
  - C. 1938 - 1940
  - D. 1931 - 1941
84. Where did the Tobacco Protest occur?
- A. Iran
  - B. Jordhan
  - C. Lebanon
  - D. Kuwait
85. Which nation was targeted by Operation Desert Storm?
- A. Iraq
  - B. Iran
  - C. Palestine
  - D. Kuwait
86. Which nation was the target of United Nations Security Council Resolution 660?
- A. Israel
  - B. Yemen
  - C. Syria
  - D. Iraq

87. Who wrote the letter, *“His Majesty’s Government view with Favor the establishment in Palestine of a notional home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country”*
- A. Balfour to Rothschild                      B. Balfour to Herbert Samuel  
C. Balfour to David Lloyd George        D. Balfour to Sir Mark Sykes
88. When was the Treaty of Lausanne signed?
- A. July 24, 1923                                  B. July 24, 1924  
C. July 24, 1925                                  D. July 24, 1926
89. Oslo I Accord, Signed on September 13, 1993, is a face-to-face agreement between
- A. Iran - Iraq                                      B. Kuwait - Iraq  
C. Israel - PLO                                    D. Saudi - Yemen
90. Wadi Araba Treaty was between
- A. Israel - Palestine                            B. Israel - Jordan  
C. Israel - UAE                                    D. Israel - Egypt
91. What is the focus of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action?
- A. Nuclear proliferation                      B. World Peace  
C. Military Collaboration                      D. Refugee Crisis
92. How many political parties are there in “The Joint List” in Israel?
- A. 4    B. 5  
C. 3    D. 7
93. The Haganah was a
- A. Paramilitary Group                        B. Trade alliance  
C. Literature Forum                            D. Peace committee

94. The Port of Haifa is located in  
A. Palestine  
B. Israel  
C. UAE  
D. Syria
95. When did the Syrian Civil War Start?  
A. 2011  
B. 2012  
C. 2013  
D. 2014
96. Which among the following places didn't have a direct connection with West Asia?  
A. Kodungallur  
B. Kozhikodu  
C. Kochi  
D. Idukki
97. When was the West Asian Football Federation founded?  
A. 2000  
B. 2001  
C. 2002  
D. 2003
98. Capital of Iran  
A. Beirut  
B. Tehran  
C. Isfahan  
D. Persepolis
99. Who founded the Ottoman Empire?  
A. Osman I  
B. Selim I  
C. Suleiman the Magnificent  
D. Abdulhamid II
100. Who is the current king of Saudi Arabia?  
A. King Abdulaziz Al Saud  
B. King Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud  
C. King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud  
D. Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud



## ANSWER SHEET

1	A	B	C	D	E	26	A	B	C	D	E	51	A	B	C	D	E	76	A	B	C	D	E
2	A	B	C	D	E	27	A	B	C	D	E	52	A	B	C	D	E	77	A	B	C	D	E
3	A	B	C	D	E	28	A	B	C	D	E	53	A	B	C	D	E	78	A	B	C	D	E
4	A	B	C	D	E	29	A	B	C	D	E	54	A	B	C	D	E	79	A	B	C	D	E
5	A	B	C	D	E	30	A	B	C	D	E	55	A	B	C	D	E	80	A	B	C	D	E
6	A	B	C	D	E	31	A	B	C	D	E	56	A	B	C	D	E	81	A	B	C	D	E
7	A	B	C	D	E	32	A	B	C	D	E	57	A	B	C	D	E	82	A	B	C	D	E
8	A	B	C	D	E	33	A	B	C	D	E	58	A	B	C	D	E	83	A	B	C	D	E
9	A	B	C	D	E	34	A	B	C	D	E	59	A	B	C	D	E	84	A	B	C	D	E
10	A	B	C	D	E	35	A	B	C	D	E	60	A	B	C	D	E	85	A	B	C	D	E
11	A	B	C	D	E	36	A	B	C	D	E	61	A	B	C	D	E	86	A	B	C	D	E
12	A	B	C	D	E	37	A	B	C	D	E	62	A	B	C	D	E	87	A	B	C	D	E
13	A	B	C	D	E	38	A	B	C	D	E	63	A	B	C	D	E	88	A	B	C	D	E
14	A	B	C	D	E	39	A	B	C	D	E	64	A	B	C	D	E	89	A	B	C	D	E
15	A	B	C	D	E	40	A	B	C	D	E	65	A	B	C	D	E	90	A	B	C	D	E
16	A	B	C	D	E	41	A	B	C	D	E	66	A	B	C	D	E	91	A	B	C	D	E
17	A	B	C	D	E	42	A	B	C	D	E	67	A	B	C	D	E	92	A	B	C	D	E
18	A	B	C	D	E	43	A	B	C	D	E	68	A	B	C	D	E	93	A	B	C	D	E
19	A	B	C	D	E	44	A	B	C	D	E	69	A	B	C	D	E	94	A	B	C	D	E
20	A	B	C	D	E	45	A	B	C	D	E	70	A	B	C	D	E	95	A	B	C	D	E
21	A	B	C	D	E	46	A	B	C	D	E	71	A	B	C	D	E	96	A	B	C	D	E
22	A	B	C	D	E	47	A	B	C	D	E	72	A	B	C	D	E	97	A	B	C	D	E
23	A	B	C	D	E	48	A	B	C	D	E	73	A	B	C	D	E	98	A	B	C	D	E
24	A	B	C	D	E	49	A	B	C	D	E	74	A	B	C	D	E	99	A	B	C	D	E
25	A	B	C	D	E	50	A	B	C	D	E	75	A	B	C	D	E	100	A	B	C	D	E

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