



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2023 FOR  
RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT

Roll Number

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II (CURRENT AFFAIRS)**

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| TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS<br>PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30<br>MINUTES   | (PART-I MCQs) MAXIMUM MARKS: 20<br>(PART-II) MAXIMUM MARKS: 80 |
| NOTE: (i) First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes along with the Question Paper.<br>(ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit.<br>(iii) There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted. |  |

**PART-I (MCQs)(COMPULSORY)**

Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the OMR Answer Sheet.(20x1=20)  
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.

- Which country recently removed British monarchy from its banknotes?  
(A) New Zealand (B) United Kingdom (C) South Africa (D) None of these
- When did Indian spacecraft mission Chandrayaan-3 landed on the moon?  
(A) 23 August 2023 (B) 25 August 2023 (C) 27 August 2023 (D) None of these
- Which country won FIFA Women's World Cup 2023?  
(A) Germany (B) North Korea (C) Spain (D) None of these
- The Biden administration released 'National Cyber Security Strategy' on:  
(A) 2 March 2023 (B) 3 March 2023 (C) 4 March 2023 (D) None of these
- What is the theme for Earth Day 2023?  
(A) Protect leaves (B) Invest in humans (C) Invest in our planet (D) None of these
- Australia banned Tik-Tok in:  
(A) May 2023 (B) July 2023 (C) August 2023 (D) None of these
- In July 2023, China replaced its foreign minister Qin Yang with:  
(A) Yin kou (B) Sush Tai (C) Wang Yi (D) None of these
- The war between Ukraine and Russia began on:  
(A) 22 Feb 2022 (B) 24 Feb 2022 (C) 22 March 2022 (D) None of these
- According to SIPRI's data on global military spending in 2022, which country is the world's largest military spender?  
(A) China (B) India (C) Russia (D) None of these
- Global Convention on Higher Education UNESCO entered into force on:  
(A) 4 March 2023 (B) 5 March 2023 (C) 6 March 2023 (D) None of these
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on May 12-13, 2023.  
(A) 5<sup>th</sup> (B) 6<sup>th</sup> (C) 7<sup>th</sup> (D) None of these
- World Development Report is released by?  
(A) IMF (B) World Bank (C) UN (D) None of these
- Who became the Prime Minister of France in May 2022?  
(A) Élisabeth Borne (B) Ubiles Tauza (C) Élisabeth Bric (D) None of these
- 15th BRICS summit was held in August 2023 in:  
(A) Moscow (B) Delhi (C) Beijing (D) None of these
- The 5th June 2023 'World Environment Day' focused on:  
(A) Thermal Pollution (B) Plastic Pollution (C) Noise Pollution (D) None of these
- When did the Taliban, took over control of Kabul?  
(A) July 2021 (B) August 2021 (C) September 2021 (D) None of these
- Pakistan was officially removed from the FATF 'Grey List' on:  
(A) August 21, 2021 (B) September 21, 2022 (C) October 21, 2022 (D) None of these
- Which footballer won the 'Best FIFA Men's Player Award' in 2023?  
(A) Kylian Mbappe Cristiano (B) Ronaldo (C) Lionel Messi (D) None of these
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recently suspended the membership of which country?  
(A) Ukraine (B) Russia (C) Afghanistan (D) None of these
- Israel signed in October 2022 a US-mediated sea border deal with:  
(A) Turkey (B) Lebanon (C) Egypt (D) None of these

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**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II (CURRENT AFFAIRS)**

**PART-II**

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| <b>TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS</b>   | <b>PART-I (MCQS) MAXIMUM MARKS = 20</b> |
| <b>PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES</b>  | <b>PART-II MAXIMUM MARKS = 80</b>       |
| <b>NOTE: (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.</b><br><b>(ii) Attempt ONLY FOUR questions from PART-II. ALL questions carry EQUAL marks.</b><br><b>(iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.</b><br><b>(iv) Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.</b><br><b>(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.</b><br><b>(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.</b> |   |

- Q. No. 2.** Pakistan's economy is currently under severe stress with low foreign reserves, a depreciating currency, and exponentially high inflation. What measures can be taken in the short and medium terms to stabilize the deteriorating economic conditions? (20)
- Q. No. 3.** Since its birth, Pakistan has been struggling with the problems of governance, largely caused by democratic instability, corruption, lack of accountability, and absence of institutional reforms. Discuss in detail the linkages and accumulated impact of these factors on socio-economic development of the country. (20)
- Q. No. 4.** China's proactive diplomacy has successfully achieved rapprochement between the two traditional rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran. Analyze the impact of this significant development on the geo-politics of the region. (20)
- Q. No. 5.** What are the critical issues in Afghanistan-Pakistan relations since the Taliban took over Kabul in 2021. (20)
- Q. No. 6.** The world is falling short of achieving gender equality despite global efforts. If the current trends continue, eight percent of women and girls global population will live in extreme poverty by 2030. Suggest strategies to improve gender balance, especially with reference to Pakistan. (20)
- Q. No. 7.** Write a note on the expansion of BRICS and its attempts towards de-dollarization of the international economy, highlighting its global and regional implications. (20)
- Q. No. 8.** India has emerged as an economic and political power in the past few years. What are the likely implications of this scenario for the region's strategic dynamics in general and Pakistan in particular? (20)

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