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FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

Roll Number

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	(PART-I MCQs) MAXIMUM MARKS: 20
PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	(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. (ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit. (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.

- The recent escalation in Palestinian-Israel Conflict occurred on _____ 2023.**
(A) 6 October (B) 7 October (C) 8 October (D) None of these
- The book "The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics" was written by:**
(A) Stephen P. Cohen (B) Andrew Linklater (C) Andrew Small (D) None of these
- The 2023 G20 Summit held in India on _____ September.**
(A) 5-6 (B) 7-8 (C) 9-10 (D) None of these
- An extraordinary meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers on Palestine conflict held in October, 2023 in:**
(A) Bahrain (B) Saudi Arabia (C) Qatar (D) None of these
- Krakow is a city in:**
(A) Poland (B) Ukraine (C) Russia (D) None of these
- The Headquarters of African Union is situated in:**
(A) Ethiopia (B) Niger (C) Nigeria (D) None of these
- The capital of Costa Rica is:**
(A) San Jose (B) Tegucigalpa (C) Managua (D) None of these
- TASS is the _____ State-owned news agency.**
(A) French (B) Russian (C) German (D) None of these
- The Boao Forum for Asia was founded in:**
(A) 2001 (B) 2002 (C) 2003 (D) None of these
- Article 25 (A) of the Pakistan's Constitution deals with:**
(A) Right to Health (B) Right to Vote (C) Right to Education (D) None of these
- World Snooker Championship 2023 held in:**
(A) England (B) Scotland (C) Ireland (D) None of these
- _____ is the Nigerian Currency.**
(A) Nigerian Dollar (B) Nigerian Lira (C) Nigerian Naira (D) None of these
- There are _____ Special Economic Zones in CPEC.**
(A) Six (B) Seven (C) Eight (D) None of these
- Nobel Prize Winner for Literature Mr. Louise Gluck belongs to:**
(A) USA (B) Canada (C) Australia (D) None of these
- The book "The United States and the Turmoil in Afghanistan and Pakistan" was written by:**
(A) Ahmed Rashid (B) Sarah Chayes (C) Andrew Exum (D) None of these
- The UN Climate Change Conference was held in November-December 2023 in:**
(A) Copenhagen (B) Bonn (C) Brussels (D) None of these
- There are _____ members in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries**
(A) 12 (B) 13 (C) 14 (D) None of these
- World Tourism Day is observed every year on:**
(A) 25 September (B) 26 September (C) 27 September (D) None of these
- _____ is the current Chancellor of Germany.**
(A) Angela Merkel (B) Olaf Scholz (C) Robert Habeck (D) None of these
- The 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit took place on 18-19 September 2023 in:**
(A) New York (B) Washington DC (C) Chicago (D) None of these

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

- NOTE:** (i) **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
(ii) Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II**. **ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
(iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
(iv) Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.
(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

- Q. No. 2.** The creation of more provinces is a persistent demand from some circles in Pakistan. How do you see the creation of more provinces in Pakistan; as beneficial or harmful for the people? Explain your views with solid justification. **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** Discuss the Pakistan's historic role in Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and under the framework of regional integration; what are the future prospects of ECO for Pakistan? **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** Critically evaluate the US-Pakistan relations under the Joe Biden Administration vis-à-vis the US' Indo-Pacific strategy. **(20)**
- Q. No. 5.** Saudi Arabia and Iran both have significant place in Pakistan's foreign policy. How Pakistan can maintain friendly relations with both Saudi Arabia and Iran, especially after the mediation of China between the two countries? **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** Palestine conflict is a long-standing one on the United Nations table. Discuss its recent escalation since October 2023 and critically assess the big powers' reaction to it. **(20)**
- Q. No. 7.** Evaluate the implications of Ukraine War for the Russia-Europe energy relations. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** Write short notes on any two of the following. **(10 each)** **(20)**
- (a) Prospects of regional integration in South Asia
 - (b) The UN efforts for nuclear non-proliferation
 - (c) Climate Change and the Big Powers' role