PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Syllabus for General Ability MCQ Test

1. **General Knowledge**

   The candidates are expected to display a general awareness of what and where of things and places, when and where of events, how things work, important personalities etc. Essentially it is the test of general reading, experience and intellectual curiosity of the candidates.

2. **Pakistan Studies**

   Candidates are expected to have basic knowledge of the historical perspective of the Pakistan movement, major events in the struggle for Pakistan, prominent personalities, post-independence problems, constitutional developments, foreign policy, economy, defence, Kashmir and other territorial disputes etc. The questions would also cover Pakistans domestic issues and politics, land and people, regional issues, socio-economic issues, culture, music, sports, etc.

3. **Islamic Studies**

   The candidates are expected to display basic knowledge of the Holy Quran, Hadith, life and times of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), Khulfa-e-Rashideen, Arkan-e-Islam, broad knowledge of important events in Islamic History and prominent personalities. Non-Muslim candidates would be tested in the field ethics, comparative religions and questions of general nature.

4. **Current Affairs**

   The candidates are expected to display a basic knowledge and understanding of history, politics and international affairs deemed necessary to understand current affairs. Questions may also relate to international institutions, treaties, recent developments in Pakistan and abroad, global issues including security, economy, human rights, environmental degradation, nuclear and other issues of similar nature.

5. **Geography**

   Candidates are expected to have basic knowledge of Pakistan's geography, topography, environmental issues, demography, mineral wealth etc. They are also expected to have basic knowledge of geography of the world, geographic terms, prominent places and features.

6. **Mathematics**

   Candidates are expected to have basic knowledge about mathematics, including arithmatic, algebra and geometry and problem solving skills. Questions and problems may relate to: numbers; percentages; averages; ratio and proportions; equations; simplifications; number series; interest rates; time/distance/work related problems, basic formulae relating to areas, volumes etc. Use of calculators would not be allowed.

7. **English**

   Candidates are expected to have basic knowledge of English grammar, parts of speech, prepositions, punctuation, active and passive voice, idioms, proverbs, phrases, synonyms, antonyms, analogies, sentence construction etc. Candidates should be able to use English correctly.

8. **Urdu**

   The candidates are expected to have a good command over Urdu language, its correct usage, grammar, idioms, and proverbs and should have basic knowledge of prominent Urdu writers and poets.

9. **Everyday Science**

   The Candidates are expected to have basic knowledge of Biology, Physics and Chemistry, scientific terms, inventions, discoveries, human body, celestial bodies and environmental issues/problems. In general the candidates could be tested on knowledge of everyday observation and experience of things and phenomenon in the context of their scientific explanations.

10. **Computer Skills**

    The candidates are expected to have basic knowledge of computers, hardware and software, commonly used terms, basic functions of important components of a PC, knowledge of MS Office, internet, e-mail, prominent personalities associated with I.T. and basic I.T. applications.

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