Jharkhand

Basic MCQ practice

40 original MCQs + explained answers

State GK and state-linked general studies, in one PDF.

Foundation level: direct recall, simple concepts and one-step applications. Useful for building the state-GK component of entry-level recruitment preparation.

These are original practice questions, not previous-year questions or an official mock. This focused first collection does not replace an exam-specific syllabus.

Language: English. Core focus: history, geography, heritage, governance, development, environment and institutions.

This edition emphasises stable concepts. It is not a current-affairs digest; verify changing schemes, office-holders, district boundaries and budget figures separately.

How to use this book

Attempt every item before opening the answers. Record uncertain answers and revise the explanation. One correct option per question; no official marking scheme is implied.

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What the exam research tells us

Foundation level

The basic set uses direct state-GK recall, simple concepts and one-step calculations. This is an editorial foundation level. The JSSC JILCCE 2026 brochure (EX1) could not be retrieved; no JSSC pattern or topic weightage is claimed.

Higher-level exam evidence

JPSC Advertisement 01/2024 (EX2) provides two objective preliminary GS papers, including a dedicated Jharkhand paper, and six descriptive mains papers. This is a cycle-specific reference, not confirmation of the next notification.

What the state paper covers

The JPSC syllabus includes regional history and movements, culture, literature, land laws, geography and resources, industry, displacement, policies, forests, environment and disasters. These themes guide this original selection; topic frequency has not been estimated.

Scope and limits

These PDFs are state-linked supplements, not full syllabus coverage. Land-law provisions, language papers, changing schemes and current affairs need separate study. The advanced set adds analysis; mains marks, word targets and rubrics are editorial practice choices.

Use the collection

Begin with 40 basic MCQs, progress to 24 advanced MCQs, then write eight mains responses before reading the models. Consult the exact recruitment notice for eligibility, syllabus and marking. All factual source IDs are listed at the end.

Try first - check answers later

01 / State formation

On which date was Jharkhand formed?

A. 15 November 2000
B. 26 January 1950
C. 1 November 1956
D. 15 August 1947

02 / Parent state

Jharkhand was carved out of which state?

A. West Bengal
B. Bihar
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Odisha

03 / Formation law

Which Act provided for the creation of Jharkhand?

A. Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000
B. States Reorganisation Act, 1956 alone
C. Indian Independence Act, 1947 alone
D. Government of India Act, 1935

04 / Capital

Which city is the capital of Jharkhand?

A. Dhanbad
B. Hazaribag
C. Bokaro
D. Ranchi

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05 / Sub-capital

Which place is identified as Jharkhand's sub-capital?

A. Deoghar
B. Chaibasa
C. Giridih
D. Dumka

06 / Commemoration

Jharkhand Foundation Day coincides with whose birth anniversary?

A. Mahatma Gandhi
B. Birsa Munda
C. B. R. Ambedkar
D. Subhas Chandra Bose

07 / Relief

Much of Jharkhand lies on which plateau?

A. Malwa Plateau
B. Meghalaya Plateau
C. Deccan lava plateau only
D. Chota Nagpur Plateau

08 / Waterfalls

Hundru waterfall is on which river?

A. Subarnarekha
B. Narmada
C. Ganga
D. Son

Try first - check answers later

09 / Waterfalls

Dassam waterfall is associated with which river?

A. Kanchi
B. Damodar
C. Gandak
D. Barakar

10 / River confluence

Rajrappa is associated with the confluence of which rivers?

A. Son and Koel
B. Bhairavi and Damodar
C. Ganga and Yamuna
D. Kanchi and Barakar

11 / Santhal Hul

The Santhal Hul began in which year?

A. 1905
B. 1855
C. 1942
D. 2000

12 / Movement leaders

Which pair is associated with the Santhal Hul?

A. Tilak and Agarkar
B. Bhagat Singh and Rajguru
C. Sidhu and Kanhu
D. Gokhale and Ranade

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13 / Ulgulan

Who is most closely associated with Ulgulan?

A. Dadabhai Naoroji
B. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
C. Birsa Munda
D. C. Rajagopalachari

14 / Chronology

Which period is associated with Birsa Munda's Ulgulan?

A. 1947–1948
B. 1920–1922
C. 1899–1900
D. 1757–1758

15 / Dance traditions

Which Chhau style is associated with Jharkhand?

A. Seraikella
B. Garba
C. Kathakali
D. Bihu

16 / Dance features

Which two Chhau styles use masks?

A. Kuchipudi and Manipuri
B. Bharatanatyam and Odissi
C. Mayurbhanj and Kathak
D. Seraikella and Purulia

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17 / Heritage categories

UNESCO recognises Chhau as which kind of heritage?

A. Intangible cultural heritage
B. A natural World Heritage forest
C. A fossil site
D. A geological monument

18 / Painting

Sohrai-Khovar traditions are especially associated with which art form?

A. Marble inlay only
B. Metal casting only
C. Wall painting
D. Stone inscription only

19 / Cultural context

Khovar painting is traditionally linked with which occasion?

A. A national census
B. A railway opening
C. A solar eclipse only
D. Marriage

20 / Folk art

Paitkar is best described as what?

A. A scroll-painting tradition
B. A river dam
C. A mountain pass
D. A steel-smelting process

Try first - check answers later

21 / Festivals

Sarhul is associated with reverence for which tree?

A. Apple
B. Coconut
C. Date palm
D. Sal

22 / Language and script

Ol Chiki is a script for which language?

A. Tamil
B. Santhali
C. Punjabi
D. Malayalam

23 / Protected areas

Betla National Park forms part of which tiger reserve?

A. Periyar
B. Corbett
C. Palamau
D. Ranthambore

24 / Conservation history

Palamau was included in Project Tiger in which year?

A. 1973
B. 1855
C. 2014
D. 2000

Try first - check answers later

25 / Coalfield

Jharia is especially known for which resource?

A. Bauxite only
B. Petroleum offshore
C. Coking coal
D. Rock salt

26 / Industry

Bokaro is strongly associated with which industry?

A. Iron and steel
B. Silk alone
C. Marine fishing
D. Shipbreaking

27 / Industrial city

Jamshedpur is associated with which enterprise?

A. Cochin Shipyard
B. Tata Steel
C. Chennai Petroleum only
D. Hindustan Aeronautics at Bengaluru only

28 / Mineral geography

Koderma has a historic association with which mineral?

A. Mica
B. Diamond only
C. Rock phosphate only
D. Crude oil

Try first - check answers later

29 / Mineral belt

The Singhbhum belt is notably associated with which metal ore?

A. Platinum only
B. Mercury only
C. Tin only
D. Copper

30 / River development

Which combination best describes a multipurpose Damodar Valley project?

A. Only postal delivery
B. Only ocean navigation
C. Flood management, irrigation and power
D. Only language teaching

31 / Forest livelihoods

Which is a non-timber forest product?

A. A concrete sleeper
B. A diesel engine
C. A collected forest fruit
D. A finished steel bar

32 / Water services

Which measure best indicates a functioning village water service?

A. Only the number of foundation stones
B. Regular supply of safe water
C. Only the project logo
D. Only the length of a speech

Try first - check answers later

33 / Economic sectors

A household selling raw milk from its own cattle mainly undertakes which activity?

A. Software services
B. Banking
C. Steel fabrication
D. Primary production

34 / Economic sectors

Turning raw milk into packaged cheese is mainly which activity?

A. Primary extraction
B. Public administration
C. Secondary processing
D. Mineral exploration

35 / Economic sectors

A guide leading visitors around a heritage site mainly provides what?

A. A crop harvest
B. A service
C. An ore deposit
D. A raw mineral

36 / One-step arithmetic

A craft group sells 25 paintings at Rs 400 each. What is gross sales revenue?

A. Rs 6,250
B. Rs 10,000
C. Rs 1,000
D. Rs 40,000

Try first - check answers later

37 / Percentages

Of 200 village applications, 150 are processed. What percentage is processed?

A. 80%
B. 75%
C. 25%
D. 50%

38 / Computer basics

Which spreadsheet formula adds cells B2 through B6?

A. =AVERAGE(B2:B6)
B. =SUM(B2/B6)
C. =SUM(B2:B6)
D. =COUNT(B2:B6)

39 / Reasoning

Complete the series: 3, 6, 12, 24, ...

A. 30
B. 42
C. 36
D. 48

40 / Source checking

Which source should be checked first for an examination's official marking scheme?

A. An unsourced forwarded message
B. A coaching advertisement alone
C. An old social-media poll
D. The recruiting body's exact notification

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer A

15 November 2000. Jharkhand became a state on 15 November 2000.

Evidence: H1, H2

02 / Answer B

Bihar. The new state was formed from the southern part of Bihar.

Evidence: H1, H2

03 / Answer A

Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000. The Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000 provided the statutory basis for state formation.

Evidence: H2

04 / Answer D

Ranchi. Ranchi is the state capital.

Evidence: H1

05 / Answer D

Dumka. The state portal identifies Dumka as the sub-capital.

Evidence: H1

Answer key + explanations

06 / Answer B

Birsa Munda. 15 November is both the state formation anniversary and Birsa Munda's birth anniversary.

Evidence: H2, H3

07 / Answer D

Chota Nagpur Plateau. The Chota Nagpur Plateau shapes much of the state's relief.

Evidence: H2

08 / Answer A

Subarnarekha. Hundru is formed by the Subarnarekha. No height ranking is implied here.

Evidence: G1

09 / Answer A

Kanchi. Dassam is on the Kanchi, a tributary of the Subarnarekha.

Evidence: G2

10 / Answer B

Bhairavi and Damodar. The district source places Rajrappa at the Bhairavi-Damodar confluence.

Evidence: G3

Answer key + explanations

11 / Answer B

1855. The uprising took place in 1855–56, before the revolt of 1857.

Evidence: H4

12 / Answer C

Sidhu and Kanhu. Sidhu and Kanhu were prominent leaders of the Santhal uprising.

Evidence: H4

13 / Answer C

Birsa Munda. Birsa Munda led Ulgulan, linked to tribal self-rule and land rights.

Evidence: H3

14 / Answer C

1899–1900. Ulgulan reached its major phase in 1899–1900.

Evidence: H3

15 / Answer A

Seraikella. Seraikella is one of the three recognised Chhau styles.

Evidence: C1; Jharkhand state association

Answer key + explanations

16 / Answer D

Seraikella and Purulia. UNESCO distinguishes masked Seraikella and Purulia from unmasked Mayurbhanj.

Evidence: C1

17 / Answer A

Intangible cultural heritage. Chhau is on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Evidence: C1

18 / Answer C

Wall painting. These are painting traditions associated with the Hazaribag region.

Evidence: C2, C3

19 / Answer D

Marriage. Khovar is associated with marriage; Sohrai has harvest-related associations.

Evidence: C3

20 / Answer A

A scroll-painting tradition. The Tribal Research Institute lists Paitkar among painting traditions.

Evidence: C4

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer D

Sal. The state festival account associates Sarhul with sal worship. Practices vary by community.

Evidence: C5

22 / Answer B

Santhali. Ol Chiki is used to write Santhali; script and language are distinct concepts.

Evidence: C6

23 / Answer C

Palamau. Betla National Park is within Palamau Tiger Reserve.

Evidence: N1

24 / Answer A

1973. Palamau was among the early Project Tiger reserves in 1973.

Evidence: N1

25 / Answer C

Coking coal. Jharia in the Dhanbad area is known for coking coal.

Evidence: E1

Answer key + explanations

26 / Answer A

Iron and steel. Bokaro Steel Plant is a major SAIL steel-producing unit.

Evidence: E2

27 / Answer B

Tata Steel. Tata Steel's corporate report identifies its Jamshedpur operations.

Evidence: E3

28 / Answer A

Mica. Koderma's district mineral profile highlights its mica association.

Evidence: E4

29 / Answer D

Copper. The state geological profile identifies copper mineralisation in Singhbhum.

Evidence: E5

30 / Answer C

Flood management, irrigation and power. Multipurpose basin development links water management, irrigation and power generation.

Evidence: E6

Answer key + explanations

31 / Answer C

A collected forest fruit. Forest fruits can support livelihoods without being timber; sustainable collection still matters.

Evidence: Editorial concept

32 / Answer B

Regular supply of safe water. Service quality depends on reliable safe supply, not simply construction or publicity.

Evidence: Editorial application

33 / Answer D

Primary production. Animal husbandry is a primary-sector activity.

Evidence: Editorial concept

34 / Answer C

Secondary processing. Manufacturing or processing changes raw material into another product.

Evidence: Editorial concept

35 / Answer B

A service. Guiding is a tertiary-sector service.

Evidence: Editorial concept

Answer key + explanations

36 / Answer B

Rs 10,000. 25 x 400 = Rs 10,000. Revenue is before expenses.

Evidence: Invented numerical case

37 / Answer B

75%. 150 / 200 x 100 = 75%. Processing alone does not establish service quality.

Evidence: Invented numerical case

38 / Answer C

=SUM(B2:B6). SUM with a colon adds all numeric values in the inclusive cell range.

Evidence: Editorial digital-literacy item

39 / Answer D

48. Each term is twice the previous term; 24 x 2 = 48.

Evidence: Editorial reasoning item

40 / Answer D

The recruiting body's exact notification. The applicable official notice is the primary authority for that recruitment cycle.

Evidence: EX2; editorial source-literacy principle

Source register

Source IDs beside answers map to the links below. Blue source titles are clickable. Research checked 28 October 2026.

EX1 / JSSC: JILCCE 2026 brochure (retrieval unsuccessful)

jssc.jharkhand.gov.in

EX2 / JPSC: Civil Services Advertisement 01/2024 and syllabus

www.jpsc.gov.in

H1 / Government of Jharkhand: state portal

www.jharkhand.gov.in

H2 / Government of Jharkhand: About State

www.jharkhand.gov.in

H3 / PIB: Birsa Munda and Ulgulan

www.pib.gov.in

H4 / IGNOU: popular resistance and tribal movements

egyankosh.ac.in

G1 / Ranchi district: Hundru waterfall

ranchi.nic.in

G2 / Jharkhand Tourism: Dassam waterfall

tourism.jharkhand.gov.in

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G3 / Ramgarh district: Rajrappa temple and confluence

ramgarh.nic.in

C1 / UNESCO: Chhau dance

ich.unesco.org

C2 / Development Commissioner Handicrafts: Sohrai-Khovar painting

handicrafts.nic.in

C3 / Hazaribag district: culture and heritage

hazaribag.nic.in

C4 / Tribal Research Institute: tribal and folk paintings

www.trijharkhand.in

C5 / Government of Jharkhand: festivals

www.jharkhand.gov.in

C6 / President of India: Constitution in Santhali

www.presidentofindia.gov.in

N1 / Jharkhand Forest Department: Palamau Tiger Reserve

forest.jharkhand.gov.in

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E1 / Dhanbad district: Jharia

dhanbad.nic.in

E2 / SAIL: Bokaro Steel Plant

www.sail.co.in

E3 / Tata Steel: corporate portrait, report 2024-25

www.tatasteel.com

E4 / Koderma district: mines and minerals

koderma.nic.in

E5 / Jharkhand Mines Directorate: geological profile

gis1.jharkhand.gov.in

E6 / West Bengal Irrigation Department: Damodar Valley Corporation

wbiwd.gov.in

Read sources in context

EX1 is an access-limit record, not evidence for any exam-pattern claim. EX2 supports the 2024 JPSC syllabus description only.

Official and institutional pages support stable facts. Numerical cases and policy scenarios are invented for practice; their explanations show the reasoning.

History and culture vary across communities. Model answers propose approaches; they do not state legal entitlements or replace the applicable laws.