Maharashtra

Advanced MCQ practice

64 original MCQs + explained answers

Revised edition: expanded state GK + three visual revision pages.

Higher level: chronology, statements, evidence checks, data interpretation and policy applications. A bridge towards graduate-level state-service 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

1 / Foundation recruitment scope

The police constable amendment dated 23 June 2022 names arithmetic, GK/current affairs, intelligence and Marathi grammar [EX2]. It informs topic choice, not an unchanged current scheme. This English supplement cannot replace Marathi preparation, physical tests or other recruitment-specific requirements.

2 / MPSC evidence and access

The previously retrieved MPSC syllabus and corrigendum inform broad GS and analytical themes [EX1, EX3]. The current official register again returns a JavaScript-only page, and document routes were unavailable in this pass [P4]. A complete amendment check remains open; no current marks or weightages are asserted.

3 / Implemented expansion

80 basic MCQs, 64 advanced MCQs and 16 mains prompts. Added 40/40/8 items and strengthened nine retained advanced option sets. New work covers legislative Houses, functional distinctions, Mahad, Quit India, Gokhale, press/literature, regional water, agriculture and dated data.

4 / Visual revision and practice

Three vector pages cover rain-shadow/project associations, a historical timeline and Census 2011 literacy with House-strength cards. Schematics are not exact maps. Original questions, not PYQs or official mocks. Writing targets and 10-mark rubrics are editorial; difficulty is not learner-calibrated.

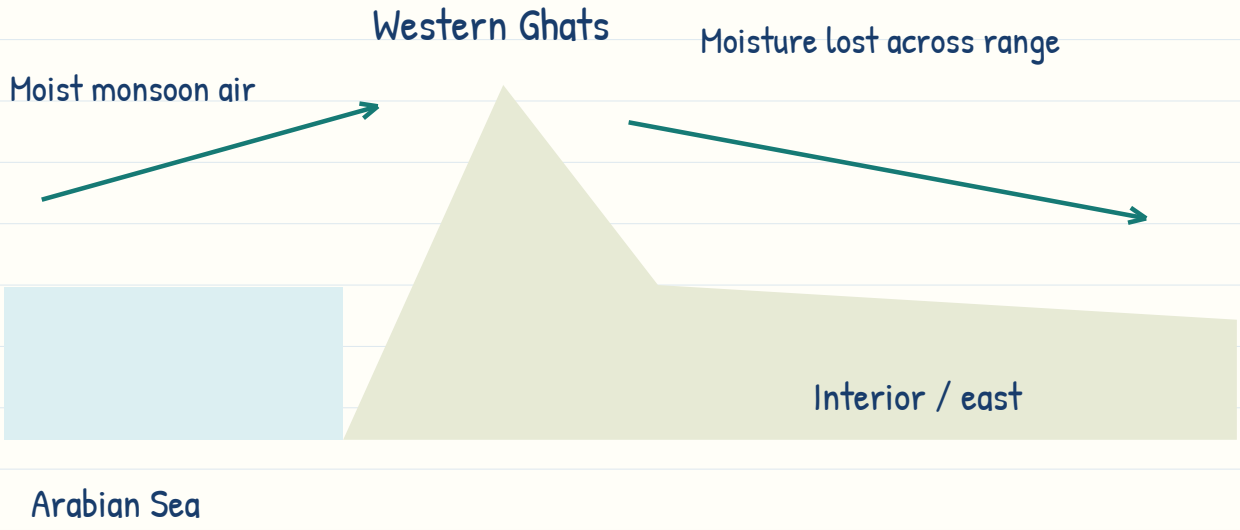
5 / Dates and interpretation

Checked 29 October 2026. Sources distinguish factual anchors from proposed policies and hypothetical calculations. Historical literacy is not a current estimate. This focused state-GK/GS supplement is not a full syllabus course; prepare Marathi, national GS and current affairs separately.

Visual revision / 1

Water geography / relief and project associations

Conceptual west-east section. Not a scale profile or boundary map.



Upper Godavari study: parts east of the Ghats lie in the rain shadow. This pattern does not make rainfall identical across the interior. [G5]

Jayakwadi [G7]

River: Godavari
Basin: Godavari

Koyna [G7]

River: Koyna
Basin: Krishna

Do not swap river and basin names. Storage capacity is different from dependable supply and actual delivery to users.

Selected relationships only. Rainfall, field conditions, competing demand and maintenance all matter for planning. [G5, G6; editorial application]

Visual revision / 2

Timeline / attach each year to its own event

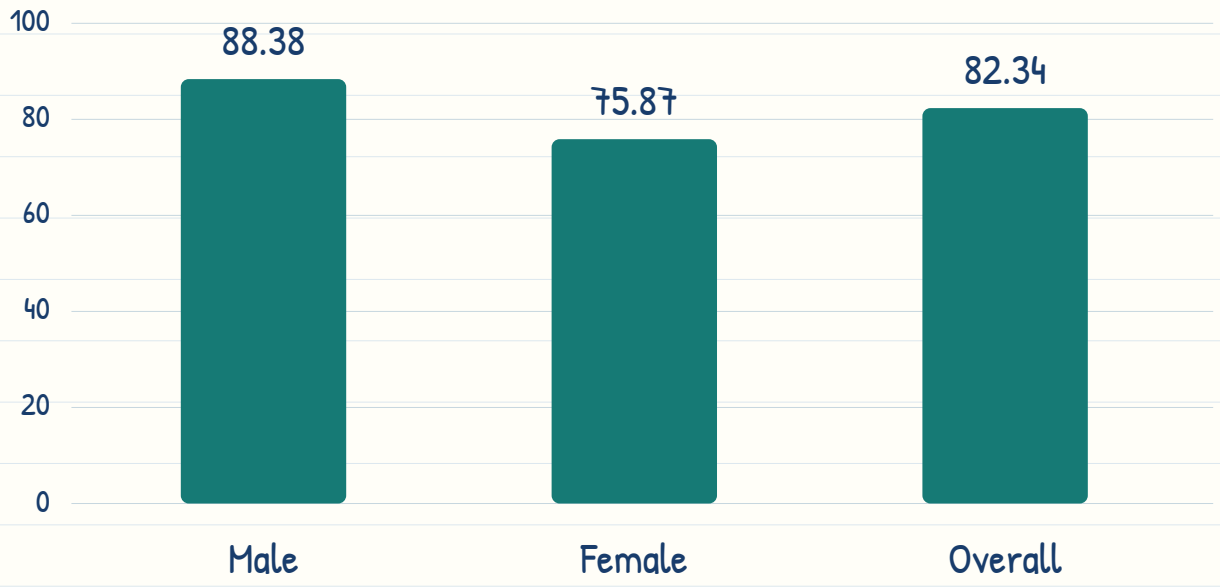
- 1674 — Shivaji coronation / Raigad [H2]
- 1848 — Phules' girls school / Pune [H3]
- 1873 — Satyashodhak Samaj / Jyotirao Phule [H4]
- 1905 — Servants of India Society / Gokhale [H8]
- 1927 — Mahad / Ambedkar and public access [H5]
- 1942 — Quit India speech / Gowalia Tank [H6]
- 1960 — Maharashtra formation / 1 May [H1]
- 2025 — Maratha landscapes / UNESCO inscription [C4]

1927 includes distinct March and December Mahad episodes. UNESCO inscription is a recognition date, not the forts' construction date. Chronology alone does not prove causation.

Visual revision / 3

Literacy / Census 2011, percent [D1]

Historical rates, not 2026 estimates. Bars start at zero.



Male - female = 12.51 percentage points.
Relative to the female rate: 12.51 / 75.87 x 100 = about 16.49%.

Assembly [P1]

288 seats
Lower House / Vidhan Sabha

Council [P1]

78 members
Upper House / Vidhan Parishad

Combining literacy rates requires age-eligible population weights. 288 + 78 = 366 is an arithmetic drill, not a rule about joint legislative voting.

Try first - check answers later

01 / Chronological synthesis

Select the correct earliest-to-latest sequence.

A. Girls school - coronation - Samaj - state formation
B. Coronation - Samaj - girls school - state formation
C. Samaj - coronation - state formation - girls school
D. Coronation - girls school - Samaj - state formation

02 / Reform interpretation

Which inference best links the Phules' education work and Satyashodhak Samaj?

A. Both were formed only after Maharashtra became a separate state
B. Both were founded in the same year for the same immediate task
C. Both connect learning and social equality
D. Both concerned only military recruitment rather than social reform

03 / Statements: caves

Consider: 1 Ajanta is associated with Buddhist art. 2 Ellora represents three religious traditions. Which is correct?

A. Both 1 and 2
B. 2 only
C. 1 only
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Try first - check answers later

04 / Rock-cut comparison

Which matching set is correct?

A. Ajanta - Buddhist painting; Elephanta - Shiva sculpture
B. Ajanta - Buddhist painting; Elephanta - Buddhist stupas only
C. Ajanta - Shiva sculpture only; Elephanta - Jain sculpture
D. Ajanta - Jain painting only; Elephanta - Buddhist sculpture

05 / Landscape heritage

Which statement correctly describes Maratha Military Landscapes?

A. A serial property of 12 cave groups across two states
B. A single property with all 12 components in Maharashtra
C. A serial property with 12 forts across two states
D. A serial property of 11 forts across Maharashtra and Goa

06 / Historical evidence

A note says: UNESCO inscribed the forts in 2025, so the forts were built in 2025. What is wrong?

A. All the forts were built in 1960
B. UNESCO inscription always precedes construction
C. An inscription cannot concern historic buildings
D. It confuses recognition date with construction date

Try first - check answers later

07 / Strategic geography

Why study fort networks together with hills, coasts and routes?

A. Inscription makes strategic connections irrelevant to interpretation
B. Terrain and routes shaped defence and movement
C. Fort walls alone explain significance without their settings
D. Every component had the same coastal function

08 / River matching

Which pair of river-source associations is correct?

A. Godavari - Trimbakeshwar; Krishna - Mahabaleshwar
B. Godavari - Mahabaleshwar; Krishna - Trimbakeshwar
C. Godavari - Tadoba; Krishna - Lonar
D. Godavari - Mumbai; Krishna - Paithan

09 / Closed-basin ecology

Which risk deserves attention when planning around a closed-basin lake?

A. A closed basin necessarily contains fresh water
B. All pollutants immediately drain into the sea
C. Pollutants and dissolved salts can accumulate
D. Closed basins cannot receive runoff

Try first - check answers later

10 / Geological inference

Which claim is supported by the Lonar description?

A. Ramsar recognition proves a lake is pollution-free
B. A river dam produced an impact crater
C. A meteorite impact formed a crater in basalt
D. Every circular lake is a meteorite crater

11 / Craft livelihoods

Which intervention best supports both Paithani authenticity and artisan income?

A. A common label without verifying producer claims
B. More exhibitions without contracts or payment monitoring
C. Higher sales alone without recording artisan costs or payment
D. Traceable products, fair contracts and paid training

12 / Cultural agency

A Warli exhibition seeks community participation. Which plan is strongest?

A. Credit artists but omit agreement on permitted reuse
B. Increase publicity without settling reproduction and payment terms
C. Invite artists but let sponsors alone define their cultural meanings
D. Pay artists and obtain consent for use of designs

Try first - check answers later

13 / Water allocation

A drought plan has limited funds. Which evidence is most useful first?

A. Total reservoir capacity without measuring distribution or seasonal demand
B. Source reliability, household needs and local water budgets
C. Capital expenditure without maintenance and delivery evidence
D. Number of proposed structures without checking water availability

14 / Urban governance

Which combination offers the best basis for an urban flood plan?

A. Drain maintenance, runoff mapping and local warnings
B. New paving alone without examining changes in runoff
C. Citywide annual rainfall alone without drainage and exposure mapping
D. Drain length alone without checking blockages or maintenance

15 / Conservation management

Which approach best balances tiger habitat protection and nearby livelihoods?

A. Use only ticket revenue as the measure of conservation success
B. Protect habitat and involve communities in monitored benefits
C. Count jobs without checking who receives benefits or bears costs
D. Increase tourism receipts without monitoring disturbance

Try first - check answers later

16 / Programme evaluation

School attendance rose after a scholarship began. What is the strongest next step?

A. Ignore baseline attendance records
B. Declare the scholarship the sole cause immediately
C. Compare trends and other possible causes before attributing impact
D. Use enrolment and attendance as identical measures

17 / Data interpretation

Practice data: visitors rise from 800 to 1,000; waste falls from 100 kg to 90 kg. What happens to waste per visitor?

A. It falls by 28%
B. It remains unchanged
C. It falls by 10%
D. It rises by 25%

18 / Weighted average

A craft workshop trains 20 learners scoring 60 on average and 30 scoring 80. What is the combined average?

A. 70
B. 75
C. 72
D. 76

Try first - check answers later

19 / Successive change

A hypothetical water demand of 500 units falls 20%, then rises 10%. What is the final demand?

A. 440 units
B. 400 units
C. 460 units
D. 450 units

20 / Budget reasoning

A sample Rs 12 lakh budget allocates 3/8 to restoration. How much remains for other purposes?

A. Rs 9 lakh
B. Rs 4.5 lakh
C. Rs 7.5 lakh
D. Rs 8 lakh

21 / Logical inference

All audited projects have expenditure records. Project X has expenditure records. What must follow?

A. X may or may not have been audited
B. X must have been audited
C. X cannot have been audited
D. No audited project keeps records

Try first - check answers later

22 / Digital governance

Which spreadsheet practice best protects a district grant calculation?

A. Publish personal identity details with every row
B. Remove all source references
C. Replace missing values with invented totals
D. Validate inputs and check formulas against source records

23 / Recruitment research

The 2022 police amendment includes Marathi grammar. What follows for this English state-GK book?

A. It cannot replace Marathi-specific preparation
B. It is a complete substitute for Marathi grammar
C. Its editorial levels determine official cutoffs
D. Its English items establish the official exam medium

24 / Institutional location

Which claim follows from the RBI's Mumbai Central Office location?

A. Mumbai hosts the RBI Central Office
B. RBI moved there when Maharashtra formed in 1960
C. Every Mumbai office is part of the RBI
D. Only Maharashtra is subject to RBI functions

Try first - check answers later

25 / Institutions / House matching

Which pairing is correct?

A. Vidhan Sabha-200; Vidhan Parishad-90
B. Vidhan Sabha-230; Vidhan Parishad-75
C. Vidhan Sabha-78; Vidhan Parishad-288
D. Vidhan Sabha-288; Vidhan Parishad-78

26 / Institutions / bicameralism

Which statement describes Maharashtra's legislature?

A. Its Assembly is the Rajya Sabha
B. It has a Council but no Assembly
C. It has both an Assembly and a Council
D. Its Council is an urban local body

27 / Institutions / functions

Which division of roles is correct?

A. SEC-banking regulation; MPSC-judicial appeals
B. SEC-recruitment; MPSC-municipal elections
C. SEC-local elections; MPSC-public-service recruitment
D. SEC-legislative debates; MPSC-reservoir operations

Try first - check answers later

28 / Judiciary / location

What does the Bombay High Court's Mumbai principal seat establish?

A. That it serves only one Mumbai neighbourhood
B. A court location, not that its jurisdiction is limited to Mumbai city
C. That it is a Mumbai municipal tribunal only
D. That no other court establishment can exist

29 / Institutions / scope

Which conclusion about RBI is supported?

A. Its Central Office makes it part of the state legislature
B. It moved to Mumbai only after the 1960 state formation
C. Its location limits all RBI functions to Maharashtra
D. Its Central Office is in Mumbai, while its functions are national

30 / Exam research / limits

The MPSC register returns a JavaScript-only page. What is justified?

A. Use identified dated documents as topic guides and leave later revision status unconfirmed
B. Treat every older syllabus as binding on every later exam
C. Assume the absence of retrieved entries proves no amendments
D. Infer current marks from a page that exposes no scheme

Try first - check answers later

31 / Governance / outcomes

Which measure best checks whether a water-service grant works?

A. Spending alone without checking service
B. Asset count alone regardless of functionality
C. Opening-ceremony attendance alone
D. Reliability and access under comparable conditions

32 / Governance / fair access

A service is legally open but some residents face exclusion in practice. What should an appraisal examine?

A. Only the number of notices printed
B. Actual access barriers, treatment and effective grievance resolution
C. Only whether influential users are satisfied
D. Only the formal rule without user evidence

33 / Institutions / evidence

A House-strength table lists 288 and 78. What does adding them establish?

A. That every legislative decision uses the combined total
B. That both Houses have identical powers
C. That both Houses always vote jointly
D. An arithmetic sum, not a rule on joint voting procedure

Try first - check answers later

34 / Administration / records

Two spellings may refer to the same village in a grant register. What should be done first?

A. Select whichever spelling yields a larger total
B. Count both as separate without checking
C. Verify identifiers and reconcile aliases before aggregation
D. Delete both records automatically

35 / History / associations

Which set of associations is correct?

A. Ambedkar-Servants of India Society; Gokhale-Kesari; Tilak-Mahad
B. Ambedkar-Kesari; Gokhale-Mahad; Tilak-Servants of India Society
C. Ambedkar-Mahad; Gokhale-Satyashodhak Samaj; Tilak-Servants of India Society
D. Ambedkar-Mahad; Gokhale-Servants of India Society; Tilak-Kesari

36 / History / chronology

Which new sequence is earliest to latest?

A. Servants of India Society - Mahad - Quit India speech - Maharashtra formation
B. Mahad - Servants of India Society - Maharashtra formation - Quit India speech
C. Servants of India Society - Quit India speech - Mahad - Maharashtra formation
D. Quit India speech - Mahad - Servants of India Society - Maharashtra formation

Try first - check answers later

37 / History / Mahad purpose

Which interpretation best fits Mahad Satyagraha?

A. It was solely a dispute over irrigation efficiency
B. It was a campaign for a new central bank
C. It challenged exclusion from public resources and asserted equality
D. It concerned only recognition of a historical monument

38 / History / campaign dates

Why distinguish the March and December 1927 Mahad episodes?

A. They show every action happened on one day
B. They were related phases with different immediate events and legal circumstances
C. They refer to two different centuries
D. They prove the movement began only after 1960

39 / History / Quit India

Which place-date pair is supported for Gandhi's Quit India speech?

A. Mahad-20 March 1927
B. Raigad-6 June 1674
C. Gowalia Tank Maidan-8 August 1942
D. Pune-1 May 1960

Try first - check answers later

40 / History / shared themes

How should the Phules' work and Ambedkar's Mahad campaign be compared?

A. Replace chronology with one undifferentiated reform label
B. Explain their specific contexts while examining barriers to equality
C. Treat them as the same organisation founded on one day
D. Assume identical methods and participants without evidence

41 / Press / attribution

What is the most accurate attribution for starting Kesari in the cited account?

A. Tilak alone, with no collaborators
B. Tilak together with Agarkar and Chiplunkar
C. Dnyaneshwar together with Tukaram
D. Gokhale together with Ambedkar

42 / Literature / matching

Which literary association is correct?

A. Gokhale-Dnyaneshwari-Rajatarangini commentary
B. Tukaram-Dnyaneshwari-Arthashastra commentary
C. Eknath-Dnyaneshwari-Ain-i-Akbari commentary
D. Dnyaneshwar-Dnyaneshwari-Bhagavad Gita commentary

Try first - check answers later

43 / Literature / evidence

An old Gazetteer describes Dnyaneshwari. Which use is strongest?

A. Verify the book-author relationship while separating praise from factual evidence
B. Use the publication date as the work's composition date
C. Treat literary praise as a measurable universal ranking
D. Assume every sentence describes present language use

44 / Culture / translation

Which approach best supports a translated heritage text?

A. Present every translation as word-for-word identical
B. Treat a modern translation date as the original work's date
C. Identify the source version, translator and interpretive choices
D. Remove all attribution to simplify presentation

45 / Water / project matching

Which project-river pair is correct?

A. Jayakwadi-Krishna; Koyna-Godavari
B. Jayakwadi-Godavari; Koyna-Koyna
C. Jayakwadi-Tapi; Koyna-Wardha
D. Jayakwadi-Koyna; Koyna-Godavari

Try first - check answers later

46 / Water / basin distinction

Which statement about Koyna dam matches the register?

A. River Krishna; basin Godavari
B. River Tapi; basin Narmada
C. River Koyna; basin Krishna
D. River Godavari; basin Tapi

47 / Climate / rain shadow

What is supported by the Upper Godavari rainfall description?

A. Parts east of the Ghats receive less rainfall after moisture loss across the range
B. All interior districts have no rain in any season
C. Every place east of the Ghats receives exactly the same rainfall
D. The state boundary determines where clouds release moisture

48 / Agriculture / advice

Why does the ICAR advisory use regional recommendations?

A. Crop choices, soils, rainfall and management needs vary
B. Regional advice removes every need for field diagnosis
C. Every district has equal rainfall and identical soils
D. A state crop list fixes one package for every farm

Try first - check answers later

49 / Agriculture / assessment

A farm reports poor growth after receiving inputs. What should be checked?

A. Only whether a launch event was held
B. Soil, moisture, crop condition, application and relevant costs
C. Only the number of packages distributed
D. Only a statewide annual production total

50 / Water / allocation

Which assessment is strongest for an irrigation proposal in a rain-shadow area?

A. Crop output alone regardless of costs or water demand
B. Storage capacity alone without supply estimates
C. Seasonal supply, competing needs, delivery and net livelihood effects
D. Area announced for irrigation without delivery evidence

51 / Economy / market effects

Craft sales rise but transport, commissions and returns also increase. What should be compared?

A. Net earnings and payment reliability
B. Gross sales alone
C. Only products photographed
D. Only website visits

Try first - check answers later

52 / Water / efficiency

Water use per hectare falls while irrigated area expands. What follows?

A. Area is irrelevant to aggregate demand
B. Total water use may rise; both quantities must be measured
C. Total use must fall regardless of area
D. Improved efficiency proves every aquifer has recovered

53 / Data / gender gap

Census 2011 literacy: male 88.38%, female 75.87%. What is the difference?

A. 164.25 percentage points
B. 12.51% of the female rate exactly
C. 6.255 percentage points
D. 12.51 percentage points

54 / Data / relative gap

Relative to the female rate of 75.87%, the 12.51-point gap is approximately what?

A. 12.51%
B. 14.15%
C. 116.49 percentage points
D. 16.49%

Try first - check answers later

55 / Data / overall comparison

Male literacy was 88.38% and overall literacy 82.34%. What is their difference?

A. 7.34 percentage points
B. 6.04 percentage points
C. 12.51 percentage points
D. 6.47 percentage points

56 / Data / aggregation

Why is the overall rate not necessarily the simple mean of male and female rates?

A. Land area alone determines the correct weights
B. Percentages cannot ever be combined
C. The relevant age-eligible populations supply different weights
D. The smaller group must always receive double weight

57 / Data / date limits

What can the Census 2011 chart establish about Maharashtra in 2026?

A. Current learning scores in every school
B. The effect of every recent education scheme
C. Exact current rates by relabelling the chart
D. Historical context, with current rates requiring newer evidence

Try first - check answers later

58 / Institutions / arithmetic

What is 288 Assembly seats plus 78 Council seats?

A. 356
B. 366
C. 376
D. 210

59 / Institutions / ratio

What is the simplified ratio 288:78?

A. 24:13
B. 13:48
C. 36:13
D. 48:13

60 / History / interval

How many years separate the Society's 1905 foundation and the 1942 Quit India speech?

A. 47
B. 37
C. 27
D. 42

Try first - check answers later

61 / Science / imagery

Which evidence best checks a satellite estimate of cropped area?

A. Only a colourful legend
B. A suitable validation sample and field observations
C. Only the number of pixels without classification checks
D. Only a programme announcement

62 / ICT / missing values

Some crop-yield spreadsheet cells are blank because data are unavailable. What should be done?

A. Invent values to make the table complete
B. Document missingness and apply a stated suitable method
C. Remove source dates to hide gaps
D. Treat every blank as confirmed zero yield

63 / Agriculture / arithmetic

A hypothetical crop covers 160 hectares at 2.5 tonnes per hectare. What is production?

A. 400 tonnes
B. 162.5 tonnes
C. 64 tonnes
D. 40 tonnes

Try first - check answers later

64 / Economy / profit base

Hypothetical sales are Rs 90,000 and costs Rs 60,000. Profit as a percentage of cost is what?

A. 150%
B. 33.33%
C. 30%
D. 50%

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer D

Coronation - girls school - Samaj - state formation. Raigad: 1674; Pune school: 1848; Samaj: 1873; Maharashtra: 1960.

Evidence: H1-H4

02 / Answer C

Both connect learning and social equality. The sources link educational access and opposition to social hierarchy.

Evidence: H3, H4

03 / Answer A

Both 1 and 2. Ajanta and Ellora have distinct profiles; do not treat all cave sites as identical.

Evidence: C1, C2

04 / Answer A

Ajanta - Buddhist painting; Elephanta - Shiva sculpture. UNESCO highlights Buddhist art at Ajanta and Shiva-linked reliefs at Elephanta.

Evidence: C1, C2, C3

Answer key + explanations

05 / Answer C

A serial property with 12 forts across two states. The property has twelve components, eleven in Maharashtra and one in Tamil Nadu.

Evidence: C4

06 / Answer D

It confuses recognition date with construction date. An inscription records recognition; it does not establish when a monument was built.

Evidence: C4; editorial source reasoning

07 / Answer B

Terrain and routes shaped defence and movement. The UNESCO property connects military systems with varied landscapes and strategic locations.

Evidence: C4

08 / Answer A

Godavari - Trimbakeshwar; Krishna - Mahabaleshwar. Distinguish the Nashik source of the Godavari from the Satara source of the Krishna.

Evidence: G1, G2

Answer key + explanations

09 / Answer C

Pollutants and dissolved salts can accumulate. Limited surface outflow makes inflows, evaporation and pollutant loads important.

Evidence: N1; editorial environmental application

10 / Answer C

A meteorite impact formed a crater in basalt. Formation evidence is site-specific; designation does not establish pristine condition.

Evidence: N1

11 / Answer D

Traceable products, fair contracts and paid training. Traceability and negotiated returns connect conservation of skills with livelihoods.

Evidence: C6; editorial policy application

12 / Answer D

Pay artists and obtain consent for use of designs. Participation requires consent, attribution and compensation, not merely displaying motifs.

Evidence: C5; editorial ethics application

Answer key + explanations

13 / Answer B

Source reliability, household needs and local water budgets. Need and hydrological feasibility should guide location and design.

Evidence: Editorial policy scenario

14 / Answer A

Drain maintenance, runoff mapping and local warnings. Flood planning must connect drainage capacity, exposure and timely response.

Evidence: G4 for coastal setting; editorial planning

15 / Answer B

Protect habitat and involve communities in monitored benefits. Ecological outcomes and equitable participation require monitoring beyond ticket sales.

Evidence: N2; editorial policy application

16 / Answer C

Compare trends and other possible causes before attributing impact. A before-after change alone cannot isolate a programme's causal effect.

Evidence: Editorial evidence evaluation

Answer key + explanations

17 / Answer A

It falls by 28%. Waste per visitor falls from 0.125 to 0.09 kg; reduction = 0.035/0.125 = 28%.

Evidence: Editorial hypothetical data

18 / Answer C

72. (20 x 60 + 30 x 80)/50 = 72. Group sizes must be used.

Evidence: Editorial arithmetic

19 / Answer A

440 units. 500 x 0.80 x 1.10 = 440. The second percentage uses the reduced base.

Evidence: Editorial arithmetic

20 / Answer C

Rs 7.5 lakh. Restoration receives Rs 4.5 lakh; 12 - 4.5 = Rs 7.5 lakh remains.

Evidence: Editorial arithmetic

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer A

X may or may not have been audited. Having a necessary condition does not prove the sufficient condition occurred.

Evidence: Editorial reasoning

22 / Answer D

Validate inputs and check formulas against source records. Validation and provenance help prevent silent calculation and transcription errors.

Evidence: Editorial computer and governance application

23 / Answer A

It cannot replace Marathi-specific preparation. The book's language and scope are different from the Marathi objective test specified in the dated rules.

Evidence: EX2

24 / Answer A

Mumbai hosts the RBI Central Office. The office moved in 1937; its location does not limit the institution to one state.

Evidence: I1, H1

Answer key + explanations

25 / Answer D

Vidhan Sabha-288; Vidhan Parishad-78. Distinguish the Assembly from the Council.

Evidence: P1

26 / Answer C

It has both an Assembly and a Council. Bicameralism here refers to two state legislative Houses.

Evidence: P1

27 / Answer C

SEC-local elections; MPSC-public-service recruitment. The commissions have different responsibilities despite both working at state level.

Evidence: P3; EX1

28 / Answer B

A court location, not that its jurisdiction is limited to Mumbai city. Principal-seat location is distinct from the full scope and rules of jurisdiction.

Evidence: P2

Answer key + explanations

29 / Answer D

Its Central Office is in Mumbai, while its functions are national. The 1937 move predates Maharashtra's formation; location does not restrict national scope.

Evidence: I1; H1

30 / Answer A

Use identified dated documents as topic guides and leave later revision status unconfirmed. An access limitation is not evidence that rules remain unchanged.

Evidence: P4; EX1; EX3; source-method case

31 / Answer D

Reliability and access under comparable conditions. Financial and physical outputs should be connected with actual services.

Evidence: Original governance case

32 / Answer B

Actual access barriers, treatment and effective grievance resolution. A formal entitlement and its practical enjoyment are different questions.

Evidence: H5 context; original application

Answer key + explanations

33 / Answer D

An arithmetic sum, not a rule on joint voting procedure. Seat arithmetic should not be mistaken for a constitutional procedure.

Evidence: P1; interpretation

34 / Answer C

Verify identifiers and reconcile aliases before aggregation. Validation helps prevent duplication and loss of valid records.

Evidence: Original administrative-data case

35 / Answer D

Ambedkar–Mahad; Gokhale–Servants of India Society; Tilak–Kesari. Keep the actors and institutions in their distinct contexts.

Evidence: H5; H7; H8

36 / Answer A

Servants of India Society – Mahad – Quit India speech – Maharashtra formation. The dates are 1905, 1927, 1942 and 1960.

Evidence: H8; H5; H6; H1

Answer key + explanations

37 / Answer C

It challenged exclusion from public resources and asserted equality. The historical account connects water access with civic dignity and social equality.

Evidence: H5

38 / Answer B

They were related phases with different immediate events and legal circumstances. The Supreme Court account describes March access and later December developments separately.

Evidence: H5

39 / Answer C

Gowalia Tank Maidan–8 August 1942. The other choices concern different historical contexts or mismatched places.

Evidence: H6

40 / Answer B

Explain their specific contexts while examining barriers to equality. Shared concerns do not erase differences in events, leadership and methods.

Evidence: H3; H4; H5; editorial comparison

Answer key + explanations

41 / Answer B

Tilak together with Agarkar and Chiplunkar. The cited PIB account names the collaborators.

Evidence: H7

42 / Answer D

Dnyaneshwar–Dnyaneshwari–Bhagavad Gita commentary. The Gazetteer gives the work, author and textual basis.

Evidence: C7

43 / Answer A

Verify the book–author relationship while separating praise from factual evidence. Bibliographic facts and evaluative language need different treatment.

Evidence: C7; source interpretation

44 / Answer C

Identify the source version, translator and interpretive choices. Provenance and context help readers understand what the text represents.

Evidence: C7 context; original literary-method case

Answer key + explanations

45 / Answer B

Jayakwadi-Godavari; Koyna-Koyna. The CWC table distinguishes project names, rivers and basins.

Evidence: G7

46 / Answer C

River Koyna; basin Krishna. Do not swap the river and wider basin columns.

Evidence: G7

47 / Answer A

Parts east of the Ghats receive less rainfall after moisture loss across the range. The description is regional and does not imply identical conditions everywhere.

Evidence: G5

48 / Answer A

Crop choices, soils, rainfall and management needs vary. The 2025 advisory explicitly organises recommendations by region.

Evidence: G6

Answer key + explanations

49 / Answer B

Soil, moisture, crop condition, application and relevant costs. Field diagnosis and outcome evidence help identify the actual constraint.

Evidence: G6; original application

50 / Answer C

Seasonal supply, competing needs, delivery and net livelihood effects. Feasibility and distribution matter alongside intended benefits.

Evidence: G5; original case

51 / Answer A

Net earnings and payment reliability. A livelihood gain depends on receipts and relevant costs, not publicity alone.

Evidence: C6 context; original economy case

52 / Answer B

Total water use may rise; both quantities must be measured. Per-unit efficiency does not automatically reduce total abstraction.

Evidence: Original water-economy case

Answer key + explanations

53 / Answer D

12.51 percentage points. 88.38 - 75.87 = 12.51 percentage points.

Evidence: D1; derived arithmetic

54 / Answer D

16.49%. 12.51 / 75.87 x 100 is approximately 16.49 percent.

Evidence: D1; derived arithmetic

55 / Answer B

6.04 percentage points. 88.38 - 82.34 = 6.04 percentage points.

Evidence: D1; derived arithmetic

56 / Answer C

The relevant age-eligible populations supply different weights. Use the populations underlying the rates and consistent census definitions.

Evidence: D1; statistical method

Answer key + explanations

57 / Answer D

Historical context, with current rates requiring newer evidence. Literacy, learning and programme effects are different measures.

Evidence: D1; interpretation

58 / Answer B

366. 288 + 78 = 366. This arithmetic sum does not imply a joint voting rule.

Evidence: P1; derived arithmetic

59 / Answer D

48:13. Divide both numbers by 6.

Evidence: P1; derived arithmetic

60 / Answer B

37. 1942 - 1905 = 37 years; an interval alone does not prove causation.

Evidence: H8; H6; derived arithmetic

Answer key + explanations

61 / Answer B

A suitable validation sample and field observations. ISRO describes remote sensing as an agricultural information tool; estimates require interpretation and checking.

Evidence: S1; original application

62 / Answer B

Document missingness and apply a stated suitable method. Unknown observations are not automatically zero; handling choices affect results.

Evidence: Original ICT case

63 / Answer A

400 tonnes. 160 x 2.5 = 400 tonnes under the stated assumptions.

Evidence: Original numerical case

64 / Answer D

50%. Profit is Rs 30,000; 30,000 / 60,000 x 100 = 50 percent.

Evidence: Original numerical case

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Read sources in context

EX1–EX3 remain dated documents. Current MPSC amendment status is not fully reconciled because the register requires JavaScript and the PDF routes were unavailable. Use your applicable notice and amendments for official instructions.

D1 is Census 2011: male 88.38%, female 75.87%, overall 82.34%. Derived rate differences use percentage points. House-strength arithmetic does not define joint legislative procedure.

G5 and G6 are dated 2024/2025 technical contexts. They do not prescribe current advice for every farm. G7 uses some older district names; only stable river/project relations are used. Historical accounts and Gazetteer praise are not evidence for every possible claim. Models and cases are editorial.