Gujarat

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

1 / Foundation-level evidence

The indexed GPSSB Work Assistant 17/2025-26 syllabus explicitly includes India/Gujarat history and a general-awareness component. The official Junior Clerk 13/2025-26 notice is a separate post-specific example. Access to full recruitment PDFs was intermittent; no universal mark allocation is claimed here. [EX1/EX3]

2 / Higher-level preparation

GARC's December 2025 official report describes GPSC recruitment as involving preliminary tests and, for relevant cadres, mains and interviews; it also notes variation by cadre. The GPSC 2025 GS notice could not be fully retrieved. Advanced formats here are editorial choices, not claimed frequency findings from past papers. [EX2/EX4]

3 / Gujarat coverage

State formation; freedom movements; coastal and river geography; Harappan and stepwell heritage; living urban heritage; Garba and Patola; wildlife and wetlands; dairy cooperatives, industry, resources and public services.

Format and evidence limits

All questions are original practice, not previous-year questions or an official mock. MCQs have four options. Mains prompts, word targets and 10-mark self-assessment guides are editorial practice. This state-focused collection does not cover a complete Gujarati, English, aptitude, technical or current-affairs syllabus.

Using the three PDFs

Basic develops recall and simple application. Advanced adds statements, chronology, source interpretation and numerical reasoning. Mains develops structured analysis. Use the exact applicable advertisement, syllabus and amendments to decide your full preparation plan.

Try first - check answers later

01 / State formation

Gujarat was formed on which date?

A. 1 November 1956
B. 1 May 1960
C. 15 August 1947
D. 26 January 1950

02 / State reorganisation

Gujarat and Maharashtra were formed through the division of which former state?

A. Bombay State
B. Punjab State
C. Madras State
D. Hyderabad State

03 / Capital

Which city is the capital of Gujarat?

A. Surat
B. Rajkot
C. Gandhinagar
D. Vadodara

04 / Capital history

Which city initially served as Gujarat's capital after its formation?

A. Bhuj
B. Jamnagar
C. Ahmedabad
D. Junagadh

Try first - check answers later

05 / Coastal geography

Which sea lies along Gujarat's western coast?

A. Arabian Sea
B. Caspian Sea
C. Red Sea
D. Bay of Bengal

06 / International border

Which country shares a land border with Gujarat?

A. Bangladesh
B. Nepal
C. Bhutan
D. Pakistan

07 / Neighbouring states

Which of these states shares a land border with Gujarat?

A. Maharashtra
B. Kerala
C. Odisha
D. Assam

08 / River projects

Sardar Sarovar Dam is built on which river?

A. Mahi
B. Tapi
C. Sabarmati
D. Narmada

Try first - check answers later

09 / Cities and rivers

Surat is situated on which river?

A. Beas
B. Tapi
C. Ganga
D. Kaveri

10 / Freedom-movement sites

Sabarmati Ashram is located in which city?

A. Bhavnagar
B. Porbandar
C. Bharuch
D. Ahmedabad

11 / Dandi March

In which year did Gandhi begin the march from Sabarmati to Dandi?

A. 1928
B. 1942
C. 1919
D. 1930

12 / Civil disobedience

The Dandi March challenged the colonial monopoly and tax associated with which commodity?

A. Indigo
B. Cotton
C. Salt
D. Tea

Try first - check answers later

13 / Bardoli movement

The Bardoli Satyagraha is especially associated with which year?

A. 1946
B. 1928
C. 1935
D. 1905

14 / Bardoli leadership

Which leader is especially associated with leading the Bardoli Satyagraha?

A. Dadabhai Naoroji
B. C. Rajagopalachari
C. Vallabhbhai Patel
D. Subhas Chandra Bose

15 / Archaeology

Dholavira belongs to which civilisation?

A. Mayan civilisation
B. Inca civilisation
C. Harappan civilisation
D. Roman civilisation

16 / Archaeological geography

Dholavira is located on which island?

A. Majuli
B. Elephanta
C. Khadir
D. Minicoy

Try first - check answers later

17 / Ancient technology

Dholavira is especially noted for which feature?

A. Medieval gunpowder factories
B. Reservoirs and water-management systems
C. British railway workshops
D. Portuguese naval forts

18 / World Heritage chronology

In which year was Dholavira inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List?

A. 2014
B. 2004
C. 1986
D. 2021

19 / Stepwell geography

Rani-ki-Vav is located at which place?

A. Rajkot
B. Dwarka
C. Surat
D. Patan

20 / Water architecture

Rani-ki-Vav is an outstanding example of which structure?

A. Stepwell
B. Observatory
C. Lighthouse
D. Hill fort

Try first - check answers later

21 / Heritage and rivers

Rani-ki-Vav is associated with the banks of which river?

A. Krishna
B. Saraswati
C. Godavari
D. Tapi

22 / Temple heritage

The Sun Temple at Modhera is dedicated to which deity?

A. Brahma
B. Surya
C. Hanuman
D. Ganesha

23 / Historic Ahmedabad

Which ruler founded the walled city of Ahmadabad in 1411?

A. Sultan Ahmad Shah
B. Ashoka
C. Akbar
D. Shivaji

24 / Urban heritage

The pols of historic Ahmedabad are associated with which feature?

A. Tea plantations
B. Deep-sea oil platforms
C. Traditional residential neighbourhoods and gated streets
D. Glacial valleys

Try first - check answers later

25 / Garba recognition

Garba of Gujarat was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in which year?

A. 2023
B. 2001
C. 1991
D. 2014

26 / Heritage categories

Garba's UNESCO recognition belongs to which category?

A. Intangible cultural heritage
B. A World Heritage archaeological city
C. A biosphere reserve
D. A Ramsar wetland

27 / Textile centres

Patan is especially associated with which textile tradition?

A. Baluchari
B. Patola
C. Chikankari
D. Pashmina

28 / Textile technique

In double-ikat Patola, which threads are patterned by dyeing before weaving?

A. Both warp and weft
B. Neither warp nor weft
C. Only the decorative border after stitching
D. Only the finished cloth after weaving

Try first - check answers later

29 / Wildlife

The Gir landscape is especially associated with which animal?

A. One-horned rhinoceros
B. Red panda
C. Asiatic lion
D. Snow leopard

30 / Wildlife regions

The Wild Ass Sanctuary is associated with which region?

A. Little Rann of Kutch
B. Sundarbans
C. Nilgiri Hills
D. Chilika Lake

31 / Habitats

The Little Rann includes which kind of landscape?

A. Salt desert, marshland and dry grassland
B. Equatorial rainforest only
C. Deep ocean trenches
D. Permanent alpine glaciers

32 / Wetlands

Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary is recognised under which international wetland convention?

A. Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations
B. Ramsar Convention
C. Montreal Protocol
D. Basel Convention

Try first - check answers later

33 / Industry

Surat is especially associated with which pair of industries?

A. Shipbreaking and snow equipment
B. Tea and jute
C. Coffee and wool carpets
D. Textiles and diamond cutting/polishing

34 / Dairy cooperatives

Which city is closely associated with Amul and the dairy cooperative movement?

A. Dwarka
B. Anand
C. Bhuj
D. Morbi

35 / Economic sectors

Producing raw milk on a dairy farm belongs mainly to which sector?

A. Secondary manufacturing
B. Tertiary services
C. Public administration
D. Primary

36 / Economic sectors

Providing guided tours of Gujarat's heritage sites belongs mainly to which sector?

A. Primary crop cultivation
B. Mineral extraction
C. Tertiary
D. Secondary manufacturing

Try first - check answers later

37 / Numerical ability

A hypothetical dairy collects 480 litres in the morning and 320 litres in the evening. What is total collection?

A. 840 litres
B. 960 litres
C. 720 litres
D. 800 litres

38 / Numerical ability

In a hypothetical village, 90 of 120 households use a service. What percentage use it?

A. 90%
B. 60%
C. 80%
D. 75%

39 / Computer basics

Which spreadsheet formula calculates the average of numbers in C2 to C5?

A. =SUM(C2:C5)
B. =MAX(C2:C5)
C. =AVERAGE(C2:C5)
D. =COUNT(C2:C5)

40 / Exam preparation

Which source should determine the pattern of a particular Gujarat recruitment examination?

A. An undated social-media message
B. The applicable official advertisement, syllabus and amendments
C. This practice collection alone
D. Another recruitment board's old pattern

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer B

1 May 1960. The present state came into existence on 1 May 1960.

Evidence: H1

02 / Answer A

Bombay State. The 1960 reorganisation divided the former Bombay State.

Evidence: G1

03 / Answer C

Gandhinagar. Gandhinagar is the state capital.

Evidence: H1

04 / Answer C

Ahmedabad. Ahmedabad served as the initial capital before the shift to Gandhinagar.

Evidence: H1

05 / Answer A

Arabian Sea. Gujarat is on India's western seaboard.

Evidence: G1

Answer key + explanations

06 / Answer D

Pakistan. Gujarat lies along India's western international frontier.

Evidence: G1

07 / Answer A

Maharashtra. Maharashtra is one of Gujarat's neighbouring states.

Evidence: G1

08 / Answer D

Narmada. The project is associated with the Narmada.

Evidence: G2

09 / Answer B

Tapi. The Tapi is a key part of Surat's geographical setting.

Evidence: E1

10 / Answer D

Ahmedabad. The ashram takes its name from the Sabarmati River.

Evidence: H2

Answer key + explanations

11 / Answer D

1930. The Salt March began in 1930.

Evidence: H2

12 / Answer C

Salt. Salt became a focus of the civil-disobedience campaign.

Evidence: H2

13 / Answer B

1928. The Bardoli campaign took place before the Dandi March.

Evidence: H3

14 / Answer C

Vallabhbhai Patel. Patel's leadership in the 1928 campaign is a major part of his public life.

Evidence: H3

15 / Answer C

Harappan civilisation. It is an important Harappan urban site in Gujarat.

Evidence: U1

Answer key + explanations

16 / Answer C

Khadir. UNESCO identifies its setting on Khadir in Gujarat.

Evidence: U1

17 / Answer B

Reservoirs and water-management systems. Water storage and management are important features of its urban archaeology.

Evidence: U1

18 / Answer D

2021. UNESCO records the inscription year as 2021.

Evidence: U1

19 / Answer D

Patan. The UNESCO property is at Patan in Gujarat.

Evidence: U2

20 / Answer A

Stepwell. Its architecture combines access to water with elaborate sculpture.

Evidence: U2

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer B

Saraswati. The UNESCO description places the stepwell on the Saraswati at Patan.

Evidence: U2

22 / Answer B

Surya. Surya is the sun deity.

Evidence: C1

23 / Answer A

Sultan Ahmad Shah. UNESCO associates the city's foundation with Sultan Ahmad Shah.

Evidence: U3

24 / Answer C

Traditional residential neighbourhoods and gated streets. Pols form part of the historic city's living urban fabric.

Evidence: U3

25 / Answer A

2023. The inscription took place in 2023.

Evidence: C2

Answer key + explanations

26 / Answer A

Intangible cultural heritage. A performing tradition and a built World Heritage property use different recognition systems.

Evidence: C2

27 / Answer B

Patola. Patan's Patola is a prominent Gujarat textile tradition.

Evidence: C3

28 / Answer A

Both warp and weft. Both sets of threads are prepared to create the pattern during weaving.

Evidence: C3

29 / Answer C

Asiatic lion. Gir is a major conservation landscape for the Asiatic lion.

Evidence: N1

30 / Answer A

Little Rann of Kutch. The Indian wild ass is an important wildlife association of the Little Rann.

Evidence: N2

Answer key + explanations

31 / Answer A

Salt desert, marshland and dry grassland. The region includes seasonal wet and dry environments rather than one uniform barren surface.

Evidence: N2

32 / Answer B

Ramsar Convention. Its Ramsar recognition concerns wetland importance.

Evidence: N3

33 / Answer D

Textiles and diamond cutting/polishing. These are long-standing industry associations, not a statement of current output shares.

Evidence: E1

34 / Answer B

Anand. Anand is a major centre of cooperative dairying.

Evidence: E2

35 / Answer D

Primary. Animal husbandry is a primary-sector activity; processing milk is a different activity.

Evidence: Original economic concept

Answer key + explanations

36 / Answer C

Tertiary. Tour guiding is a service.

Evidence: Original economic concept

37 / Answer D

800 litres. 480 + 320 = 800 litres.

Evidence: Original calculation

38 / Answer D

75%. 90 / 120 x 100 = 75%.

Evidence: Original calculation

39 / Answer C

=AVERAGE(C2:C5). AVERAGE calculates the arithmetic mean of the numeric cells in the range.

Evidence: Original computer-literacy concept

40 / Answer B

The applicable official advertisement, syllabus and amendments. The relevant post, recruitment year and examination stage matter.

Evidence: EX1/EX2; source-use guidance

Source register

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

EX1 / GPSSB: Junior Clerk 13/2025-26 official notice; access intermittent

gpssb.gujarat.gov.in

EX2 / GARC: Sixth Report, December 2025; recruitment structures

garcguj.in

EX3 / GPSSB: Work Assistant 17/2025-26 syllabus; indexed text

gpssb.gujarat.gov.in

EX4 / GPSC: January 2025 GS notice; full PDF unavailable during research

gpsc.gujarat.gov.in

H1 / Gandhinagar district: state formation and capital history

gandhinagar.nic.in

H2 / Sabarmati Ashram Trust: digital historical guide

audioguide.gandhiashramsabarmati.org

H3 / Sardar Patel Trust: Bardoli Satyagraha

sardarpateltrust.org

H4 / IIPA: Sardar Patel chronology; Bardoli revenue protest

www.iipa.org.in

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G1 / Gujarat NRI Division: history and geographical setting

nri.gujarat.gov.in

G2 / Narmada district: Sardar Sarovar Dam and river

narmada.nic.in

U1 / UNESCO: Dholavira, a Harappan City

whc.unesco.org

U2 / UNESCO: Rani-ki-Vav at Patan

whc.unesco.org

U3 / UNESCO: Historic City of Ahmadabad

whc.unesco.org

C1 / Gujarat Tourism: Sun Temple, Modhera

gujarattourism.com

C2 / UNESCO: Garba inscription on intangible-heritage list, 2023

www.unesco.org

C3 / Gujarat Tourism: Patan Patola and double-ikat process

gujarattourism.com

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N1 / Gujarat Tourism: Gir landscape and Asiatic lions

gujarattourism.com

N2 / India Cine Hub: Little Rann landscape and wild ass

indiacinehub.gov.in

N3 / Convention on Wetlands: Nalsarovar designation

www.ramsar.org

E1 / Surat Municipal Corporation: city, river and industries

www.suratmunicipal.gov.in

E2 / Anand district: economy and cooperative dairying

anand.nic.in

Read sources in context

Pages can mix stable facts and dated statistics. This edition uses stable geographical and industrial associations; it does not present old counts, rankings or production figures as current. Verify changing boundaries, schemes and examination rules separately.

Garba is recognised under intangible heritage; Dholavira, Rani-ki-Vav and historic Ahmadabad are built World Heritage properties. Numerical data and administrative cases are invented exercises. Model answers are editorial suggestions.