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SAMPLE PAPER

SECTION 1 - ENGLISH

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 1 and 2.

The relevance of formal economic models to real-world policy has been a topic of some dispute. The economist R.D. Norton and S.Y. Rhee achieved some success in applying such a model retrospectively to the Korean economy over a fourteen-year period. The model's figures for output, prices and other variables closely matched real statistics. The model's value in policy terms, however, proved less clear-cut. Norton and Rhee performed simulations in which, keeping long term factors constant, they tried to pinpoint the effect of short-term policy changes. Their model indicated that rising prices for imported oil would increase inflation, reducing exports by 5 percent would lower Gross Domestic Product and increase inflation and slowing the growth of money supply would result in slightly higher inflation.

These findings are somewhat startling. Many economists have argued that reducing exports will lessen, not increase, inflation. And while most view escalating oil costs as inflationary, few would think the same of slower monetary growth. The Norton-Rhee model can perhaps be viewed as indicating the pitfalls of a formalist approach that stresses statistical "goodness of fit" at the expense of genuine policy relevance.

- Q1. In the passage, the author is primarily concerned with:
- A. Suggesting an explanation for Korean inflation.
 - B. Criticizing an overly formal economic model.
 - C. Advocating the use of statistical models in determining economic policy.
 - D. Proposing a new type of economic analysis.
- Q2. The author mentions a "fourteen-year" period in order to:
- A. Indicate how far into the future the model can make accurate forecasts.
 - B. Acknowledge the accuracy of Norton and Rhee's model in account of past events.
 - C. Explain the effects of reducing exports on inflation.
 - D. Expose the flaws in Norton and Rhee's model.

Select the correct SYNONYM (similar meaning) for the word from the given options.

- Q3. SAGE
- A. Wise
 - B. Inattentive
 - C. Hasty
 - D. Negligent

Select the correct ANTONYM (opposite meaning) for the word from the given options.

Q4. QUIESCENT

- A. Active
- B. Dormant
- C. Weak
- D. Unconcerned

Select the correct explanation for the IDIOM from the given options.

Q5. OUT OF THE BLUE

- A. Completely unexpected
- B. Deliberately planned
- C. Making the wrong decision
- D. Something very beautiful and useful

Select the correct substitute from the given options for the underlined bold text in the following sentence.

Q6. If you are planning a trip to Thailand, **have not it made** sense to find an experienced guide?

- A. is not it makes
- B. does it not make
- C. did not it made
- D. had not it made

SECTION 2 - QUANTITATIVE SKILLS & GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

Select the correct answer for questions 7 to 10.

Q7. If 40 students sit for an aptitude test and 8 of them failed, what percentage of them passed the test?

- A. 65%
- B. 70%
- C. 75%
- D. 80%

Q8. Complete the following sequence:

2, 3, 4, 6, 6, 9, 8, ____

- A. 9
- B. 11
- C. 12
- D. 15

- Q9. In a cage containing 50 parrots, 10 are blue, 18 are green, and 22 are yellow. How many green parrots should be added to make the ratio between green and yellow parrots as 3:2?
- A. 10
 - B. 33
 - C. 40
 - D. 15
- Q10. Farah buys 9 novels in January, 5 novels in February, 6 novels in March, and 8 novels in April. What is the average number of novels Farah has bought per month?
- A. 5.9
 - B. 6
 - C. 6.7
 - D. 7

SECTION 3 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, CURRENT AFFAIRS & PAKISTAN ECONOMY

- Q11. Dr. Ruth Pfau, a German born Pakistani physician, was famous for her services for control of:
- A. Cancer
 - B. Leprosy
 - C. Hepatitis
 - D. Typhoid
- Q12. In September 2017, three T20 Cricket matches under Independence Cup are scheduled to be held in Lahore between the teams of Pakistan and:
- A. Sri Lanka
 - B. Bangladesh
 - C. World XI
 - D. All Star XI
- Q13. According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2016-17, the total volume of GDP has crossed:
- A. \$ 250 billion
 - B. \$ 300 billion
 - C. \$ 350 billion
 - D. \$ 400 billion

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Q	Answer
1	B
2	A
3	A
4	A
5	A
6	B
7	D
8	C
9	D
10	D
11	B
12	C
13	B

