

# **STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN**



## SECTION 1 - ENGLISH

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

Many executives say they were not prepared for the strategic challenges they faced upon being appointed to senior leadership roles. Often, these leaders fail because they lack depth in their competitive context. Their focus is on internal issues: resolving conflicts, reconciling budgets and managing performance. Consequently, they pay less attention to external strategic issues like competitor moves, customer needs, or technology trends.

Too many executives are naïve about the trade-offs they need to make in order to execute the company's strategy, overestimating the capacity of their organizations under the ruse of "stretch goals" or "challenge assignments." For many leaders, the only organizational lever they know to pull is the organizational chart. They shift pieces of the hierarchy around as if that could shift performance. And while some executives thrive on the challenges inherent in the trailblazing work of strategy, many collapse under the emotional toll it takes.

If organizations had actually invested in preparing executives for the real requirements of these roles, we would see failure rates decline and companies more consistently adapt and thrive.

Q1. The passage highlights:

- A. The approaches to better strategy execution
- B. The consequences of poor strategy execution
- C. The plausible reasons behind poor strategy execution**
- D. The suggestions towards better strategy execution

Q2. Which of the following is one of the key issues most executives do not consider?

- A. Conflict resolution
- B. Hierarchical shifts
- C. Competitors' strategies**
- D. Performance management

**Select the correct ANTONYM for the word from the given options.**

Q3. PENSIVE

- A. NEGLIGENT**
- B. THOUGHTFUL
- C. CONTEMPLATIVE
- D. PONDERING

**Select the correct SYNONYM for the word from the given options.**

Q4. ECCENTRIC

- A. USUAL
- B. ERRATIC**
- C. REGULAR
- D. STANDARD

Select the correct meaning of the **IDIOM** from the given options.

Q5. EAT HUMBLE PIE

- A. Make a fresh start
- B. Offer good things to people
- C. To make offer apology and accept humiliation**
- D. Behave like an illiterate person

Select the correct meaning of the word from the given option.

Q6. CARTEL

- A. A group of similar independent companies who join together to control prices and limit competition**
- B. A group of people or companies who join together in order to share cost and benefits
- C. An Organization that has complete control over prices, specially an area of business
- D. A situation in a market in which there is only one buyer for goods or services offered by several sellers

Select the correct word(s) from the given options to complete the sentence.

Q7. Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the poet-philosopher, supported the Two-Nation Theory \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. with ultimately led to the creation of Pakistan
- B. which ultimately led to the creation of Pakistan**
- C. become ultimately led from the creation of Pakistan
- D. were ultimately led from the creation of Pakistan

Q8. Select the correct answer from the given options that best reflects the similar relationship as in the following pair:

WINGS: AEROPLANE

- A. FLOWERS: ATMOSPHERE
- B. WIND: DIRECTION
- C. WHEELS: BICYCLE**
- D. BOOK: READER

### **SECTION 2 – ANALYTICAL SKILLS**

Select the correct answer from the given options.

Q9. Complete the following sequence.

2, 3, 5, 9, \_\_\_\_\_, 33

- A. 15
- B. 17**
- C. 21
- D. 24

Q10. What is the ratio of 4 inches to 8 feet?

- A. 1:15
- B. 1:24**
- C. 2:35
- D. 4:13

Q11. If a mobile phone costing Rs. 18,000 was sold for Rs. 15,500. Calculate the percentage loss?

- A. 11.06 %
- B. 13.89 %**
- C. 15.75 %
- D. 17.25 %

Q12. If the average of 5 quantities is 8 and the average of 3 of them is 6. What is the average of the remaining two numbers?

- A. 7
- B. 10
- C. 11**
- D. 13

Q13. It is Khadijah's birthday today. One year from now she will be twice as old as she was 10 years ago. Calculate the present age of Khadijah.

- A. 19 years
- B. 21 years**
- C. 24 years
- D. 27 years

**SECTION 3 – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, CURRENT AFFAIRS & PAKISTAN ECONOMY**

Q14. The Statue of Liberty installed at New York harbor, was a gift to the people of United States of America from the people of:

- A. France**
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Italy
- D. Egypt

Q15. In September 2017, The Government of India had appointed which of the following as its High Commissioner to Pakistan?

- A. Sharad Sabharwal
- B. Shivshankar Menon
- C. Ajay Bisaria**
- D. J. N. Dixit

Q16. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was recently signed on bilateral central banking cooperation by the State Bank of Pakistan with:

- A. Central Bank of Sri Lanka
- B. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas**
- C. Central Bank of the Republic of China
- D. Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority

Q17. Who was the first Governor of State Bank of Pakistan?

- A. Zahid Hussain**
- B. Shoaib Ahmed
- C. Syed Salim Raza
- D. Abdul Qadir

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