



PRE-ENTRY PROFICIENCY TEST (PPT)

General Information and Sample Test Paper

The Institute of
Chartered Accountants
of Pakistan

GENERAL INFORMATION

Objectives

Pre-entry Proficiency Test (PPT) is a common test for both streams of prospective entrants i.e. graduates and non-graduates (Intermediate/'A' level). However, candidates with the under-mentioned qualifications are **exempted** from appearing in the test:

- H.S.S.C. with minimum Grade 'B' (60% marks).
- A-Level with atleast two passes in Grade 'C' or above.
- Graduates with minimum 1st Division (or equivalent grades) from recognized Universities.
- Post-graduates with minimum 2nd Division (or equivalent grades) from recognized Universities.

All other persons desirous of acquiring CA qualification are required to pass the test. The test is held quarterly and the exact dates are displayed at ICAP's website. Passing marks are 50 percent on overall basis.

Eligibility

- a) 45% Marks in HSSC or Equivalent Qualifications.
- b) Two passes in A-Level.
- c) 2nd division in Graduation.

Note 1: Candidates of Intermediate / 'A' level / Graduation are allowed to appear in PPT on result-awaiting basis.

Note 2: Candidates who have obtained Certificate / Degree from foreign Institute / University are required to produce unconditional equivalence certificate from Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) or Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC).

Note 3: Candidates should note that their registration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) will be subject to production of relevant marks sheet / certificate.

Instructions

1. The test will be conducted on the same day and time as announced by ICAP.
2. Paper-I is to be attempted in 75 minutes and comprises of Multiple Choice Questions related to the following:
 - English 40 marks (*Vocabulary 15 Marks, Grammar 15 Marks, Comprehension 10 Marks*)
 - Arithmetic & Logic 20 marks
 - General Knowledge 20 marks
3. Paper II consists of 20 marks. The candidates will be required to write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the three given topics. The time allowed shall be 30 minutes.
4. **Examinees are not allowed to use calculators of any type.**
5. At present the tests are held at Karachi, Hyderabad, Islamabad, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Sialkot, Peshawar and Quetta. However, the test will not be held at any centre where less than 10 applications are received. The test centre intimated before can only be changed if a request in writing is received by ICAP atleast twelve (12) days before the test date.

6. Admit Cards will be dispatched at the communication address given on the application form ten (10) days before the test. Candidates are advised to contact the Examination Department in case the admit card is not received five days prior to the test.
7. There will be no negative marking for incorrect replies in Paper-I.
8. Result is announced within two weeks of the test. It is displayed at all ICAP Offices and ICAP Website. Results are dispatched at the communication address given in the application form.
9. Candidates who are not successful can reappear in future tests.
10. Sample Test Paper is attached herewith. Candidates are required to strictly follow the instructions given therein.

Validity of PPT

PPT once passed is not required to be taken again and will be valid for registration in any of the streams specified by ICAP for CA qualification.

How to pay test fee and where to submit form

The amount once paid is **non-refundable and non-adjustable**. The Candidate should deposit the fee in the collection account of ICAP at any of the following designated branches of Faysal Bank Limited (FBL) and obtain two copies of receipted bank credit voucher.

Faysal Bank Branches

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| • Karachi | _____ | • Sharae Faisal Head Quarter, Clifton, Gulshan, DHA, North Nazimabad, North Karachi Industrial Area, Korangi Road, Gulistan-e-Jauhar, I. I. Chundrigar Road, Shaheed-e-Millat, Jodia Bazaar, Cloth Market, SITE, Mohammad Ali Society, Timber Market, Beach Blessing Clifton 2, Khayaban-e-Tanzeem DHA, Dhorajee, Nazimabad, Khalid Bin Waleed Road, Madina Center Saddar, Korangi No. 2 and Garden Road. |
| • Lahore | _____ | • Lahore Mall, Gulberg, DHA, Garden Town, Circular Road, Shalimar Bagh, Z Block DHA, Allama Iqbal Town, Upper Mall, Main Boulevard Gulberg, Model Town, Badami Bagh, Faisal Town, Thokar Niaz Baig, Shah Alam Market, Shadman, Icchra, Liberty, Mughalpura, Walton Cantt and Mcleod Road. |
| • Islamabad | _____ | • F-7 Markaz, F-8 Markaz, F-10 Markaz, F-11 Markaz and I-10. |
| • Rawalpindi | _____ | • Satellite Town, Raja Bazaar, Westridge, Sadiqabad Road and Haider Road. |
| • Faisalabad | _____ | • D-Ground Peoples Colony. |
| • Multan | _____ | • Officers Colony and Old Bahawalpur Road. |
| • Peshawar | _____ | • Hayatabad, Peshawar Super Market Saddar Road, Peshawar City, Khyber Bazaar Outside Bajori Gate Shoba Chowk and University Road Peshawar. |

In places where there is no designated branch of Faysal Bank Limited, the fee can be paid through demand draft / Pay Order drawn in favour of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan.

The application form duly completed with required documents and blue copy of receipted bank credit voucher/demand draft should be submitted to any of the following ICAP offices and Information centers.

ICAP Offices

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

Chartered Accountants Avenue, Clifton, Karachi.
Contact #: (92-21) 99251636-9, 111-000-422
Fax #: (92-21) 99251625-6

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

155-156, West Wood Colony, Thokar Niaz Baig,
Raiwind Road, Lahore.
Contact #: (92-42) 37515910-12, 111-000-422
Fax #: (92-42) 37515913

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

G-10/4, Mauve Area, Islamabad.
Contact #: (92-51) 9106092-4, 9266196,
111-000-422
Fax #: (92-51) 9106095

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

1st Floor, Al-Rehmat Building, Behind Central
Telephone Exchange, L.M.Q. Road, Multan.
Contact #: (92-61) 9201211, 9201299
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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

36-Z, Commercial Centre, Near Mujahid
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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

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University Town, Peshawar.
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SAMPLE TEST PAPER

This sample paper is illustrative only for general guidance. It is not necessary that the actual paper will conform to the sample in all respect.

Pre-Entry Proficiency Test (PPT)

Paper-I

(General Ability)

Duration: One hour 15 minutes

(Total Marks 80)

Part–A

English Vocabulary

(15 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose from the following, the answer that is closest in meaning to the main word (*Written in Capital letters*). Indicate your answer by encircling (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) on the question paper.

1. ADAMANT

- i) human being
- ii) stubborn
- iii) relating to genetics
- iv) extremely poor

3. DECORUM

- i) a decorated public place
- ii) a decorated soldier
- iii) appropriate behaviour
- iv) a legal meeting

5. FROWN

- i) frightened
- ii) crude behaviour
- iii) look angrily
- iv) ignorant

2. NEPOTISM

- i) quarrelsome
- ii) having a bold outlook
- iii) a flirt
- iv) favouritism

4. EXORBITANT

- i) excessive
- ii) deep
- iii) unreasonable
- iv) shortage

6. ZENITH

- i) beautiful
- ii) bold
- iii) inspiring
- iv) high point

Total of 15 questions will be asked.

Part–B

English Grammar

(15 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose from the following options the answer that is most appropriate. Indicate your answer by encircling (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) on the question paper.

1. I am not one of those who believe everything _____ hear.
i) I ii) he iii) they iv) me

2. I hate sitting _____ him as he has a foul mouth odour.
i) besides ii) along iii) at iv) beside

3. The travellers who _____ about the condition of the road, took another route.
 i) understand ii) known iii) knew iv) was knowing
4. _____ I have finished, I'll give you a call.
 i) As soon as ii) Since iii) While iv) Soon
5. Had I not seen the murder with my own eyes, I _____ believed.
 i) had not ii) has not iii) would not iv) would not have

Total of 15 questions will be asked.

Part-C

Arithmetic & Logic

(20 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose from the following options the answer that is most appropriate. Indicate your answer by encircling (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) on the question paper.

1. Asif is 5 years younger than Saleem. Yasir is 8 years older than Asif. The sum of their ages is 58. How old is Saleem?
 i) 28 ii) 24 iii) 20 iv) 15
2. Rs. 864 is divided amongst Tina, Meena and Bina such that 8 times Tina's share is equal to 12 times Meena's share which is equal to 6 times Bina's share. How much did Tina get?
 i) 384 ii) 266 iii) 288 iv) 256
3. If A lends Rs. 10,000 to B at 10% and B lends the same to C at 12.5%, the gain to B in a period of 2 years is:
 i) 500 ii) 475 iii) 450 iv) 525
4. If 45% of the people who purchased a certain product are male then the ratio of the number of females who purchased the product to the number of males who purchased the product is:
 i) 11:9 ii) 9:11 iii) 5:9 iv) 10:9
5. For the series: 6, 9, 18, 21, 42, 45, . . . next two numbers will be:
 i) 93, 96 ii) 90, 93 iii) 48, 51 iv) 90, 180
6. 1,000,000,000,000 is equal to:
 i) 1 million ii) 1 billion iii) 1 zillion iv) 1 trillion

Total of 20 questions will be asked.

Part–D**General Knowledge****(20 Marks)****INSTRUCTIONS**

Choose from the following options the answer that is most appropriate. Indicate your answer by encircling (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) on the question paper.

1. How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
i) 70% ii) 90% iii) 58% iv) 43%
2. Manama is the capital of which country?
i) Qatar ii) Bahrain iii) Kuwait iv) Oman
3. Which is the most famous place for playing tennis?
i) Old Trafford ii) Wimbledon iii) Thames iv) Lords
4. What is the currency of Thailand?
i) Pound ii) Ringgit iii) Yuan iv) Bhat
5. What is the equivalent of a kilogram weight in pounds?
i) 1.9 ii) 2.0 iii) 2.2 iv) 1.7

Total of 20 questions will be asked.

Part–E**Comprehension****(10 Marks)**

Read the following paragraphs carefully. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) Since the world has become industrialized, there has been an increase in the number of animal species that have become extinct or have neared extinction. Bengal Tigers for instance, once roamed the jungles in numbers, now number only about 2300 and by the year 2025 their population is expected to go down to zero. What is alarming about Bengal Tigers is that this extinction will have been caused almost entirely by poachers who, according to some sources, are not interested in material gain but in personal gratification. This is an example of the callousness that is part of what is causing the problem of extinction. Animals like the Bengal Tiger, as well as other endangered species, are a valuable part of the world's ecosystem. International laws protecting these animals must be enacted to ensure their survival, and the survival of our planet.
- B) Countries around the world have begun to deal with the problem in various ways. Some countries in order to circumvent the problem, have allocated large areas of land to animal reserves. They then charge admission to help defray the costs of maintaining the parks, and they often must depend on world organizations for support and with the money they get, they can invest in equipment and patrols to protect the animals. Another solution that can stem the tide of animal extinction is an international boycott of products made from

endangered species. This seems fairly effective, but it will not, by itself, prevent animals from being hunted and killed.

1. What is the main topic of this passage?
 - i) The Bengal Tiger
 - ii) International boycotts
 - iii) Endangered Species
 - iv) Problem with industrialization

2. Which of the following could best replace the word "poachers" used in Para A?
 - i) illegal hunters
 - ii) enterprising hunters
 - iii) concerned scientists
 - iv) trained hunters

3. The above passage is divided into two paragraphs in order to contrast
 - i) a problem and its solution
 - ii) a statement and an illustration
 - iii) a comparison and a contrast
 - iv) specific and general information

4. The author uses the phrase "stem the tide" in Para B to mean
 - i) touch
 - ii) stop
 - iii) tax
 - iv) save

5. Which of the following best describes the author's attitude?
 - i) forgiving
 - ii) concerned
 - iii) vindictive
 - iv) surprised

Paper-II

(English Writing Ability)

Duration: 30 Minutes

(Total Marks 20)

You will be required to write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the three given topics.

Marks will be given for legible handwriting, material content, thoughts, grammar, proper expression and spellings.