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About this Book

This book is a complete **subject-wise compilation of 1,748 questions** from the last 15 years of BPSC Combined Competitive (Prelims) General Studies papers — from the **53rd-55th CCE (2011)** to the **71st CCE (2025)**. Every question is given in English with all original options. Answers follow the **official BPSC answer keys** (final/revised keys where released), cross-verified from multiple sources.

How to Use

- Questions are grouped **subject-wise**, and within each subject arranged **year-wise** — the exam name and year appear on a colored badge next to every question.
- The **correct option is highlighted in green** and repeated in the answer strip below each question — ideal for revision.
- A **Quick Answer Key** for all questions is given at the end for self-testing: cover the answers, attempt, then check.
- Questions officially **cancelled/deleted by BPSC** are included and clearly marked in red (no answer is applicable).
- A few answers marked with ‡ are disputed between the official key and standard reference books — the official key is followed.

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History

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Q1.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

Congress passed the 'Swaraj' resolution in the year 1905. The purpose of the resolution was

- (A) right to make a constitution for themselves but it was not done
- (B) to secure self-rule
- (C) responsible government
- (D) self-government

✓ Answer: (D) self-government

Q2.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

"Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it." Who said?

- (A) M. K. Gandhi
- (B) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (C) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (D) Bhagat Singh

✓ Answer: (C) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Q3.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

The Madras Mahajan Sabha was established in the year

- (A) 1880
- (B) 1881
- (C) 1882
- (D) 1883

✓ Answer: (D) 1883

Q4.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

How many representatives took part in the First Session of the Indian National Congress?

- (A) 52
- (B) 62
- (C) 72
- (D) 82

✓ Answer: (C) 72

Q5.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

The first Indian Governor General of Independent India was

- (A) Raja Gopalachari
- (B) Surinder Nath
- (C) Rajendra Prasad
- (D) B. R. Ambedkar

✓ Answer: (A) Raja Gopalachari

Q6.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

When was the National Council of Education established?

- (A) 15th August, 1903
- (B) 15th August, 1904
- (C) 15th August, 1905
- (D) 15th August, 1906

✓ Answer: (D) 15th August, 1906

Q7.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

The Non-Cooperation Movement was started in

- (A) 1918
- (B) 1920
- (C) 1921
- (D) 1922

✓ Answer: (B) 1920

Q8.

53rd–55th BPSC · 2011

The Montagu-Chelmsford Report formed the basis of

- (A) the Indian Independence Act, 1947
- (B) the Indian Councils Act, 1909
- (C) the Government of India Act, 1919
- (D) the Government of India Act, 1935

✓ Answer: (C) the Government of India Act, 1919

Q9.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who is popularly known as 'Sher-e-Punjab'?

- (A) Rajguru
- (B) Bhagat Singh
- (C) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (D) Udham Singh

✓ Answer: (C) Lala Lajpat Rai

Q10.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Gandhi-Irwin Pact took place in

- (A) 1930
- (B) 1931
- (C) 1932
- (D) 1933

✓ Answer: (B) 1931

Q11.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Which Round Table Conference held in 1932?

- (A) First
- (B) Second
- (C) Third
- (D) Fourth

✓ Answer: (C) Third

Q12.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who is associated with 'Abhinav Bharat'?

- (A) V. D. Savarkar
- (B) C. R. Das
- (C) B. G. Tilak
- (D) S. C. Bose

✓ Answer: (A) V. D. Savarkar

Q13.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

'Do or Die' is associated with the following movement

- (A) Dandi
- (B) Non-Cooperation
- (C) Khilafat
- (D) Quit India

✓ Answer: (D) Quit India

Q14.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

At which place was the 27th Session of the Indian National Congress held?

- (A) Bhagalpur
- (B) Patna
- (C) Ranchi
- (D) Bankipur

✓ Answer: (B) Patna

Q15.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Shri Nivaranachandra Dasgupta belonged to

- (A) Patna
- (B) Purulia
- (C) Hazipur
- (D) Meenapur

✓ Answer: (B) Purulia

Q16.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Lord Sinha had resigned in 1921 from the post of Governor of

- (A) Bihar-Orissa
- (B) Bengal
- (C) Punjab
- (D) Madras

✓ Answer: (A) Bihar-Orissa

Q17.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Which of the following is a Harappan port?

- (A) Alexandria
- (B) Lothal
- (C) Mahasthangarh
- (D) Nagapattanam

✓ Answer: (B) Lothal

Q18.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

The Gupta emperor who defeated the 'Hunas' was

- (A) Samudragupta
- (B) Chandragupta II
- (C) Skandagupta
- (D) Ramgupta

✓ Answer: (C) Skandagupta

Q19.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

What is the name of Kalhana's book?

- (A) Arthashastra
- (B) Indica
- (C) Purana
- (D) Rajtarangini

✓ Answer: (D) Rajtarangini

Q20.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Which inscription tells about the various achievements of Rudradaman I?

- (A) Junagarh
- (B) Bhitari
- (C) Nasik
- (D) Sanchi

✓ Answer: (A) Junagarh

Q21.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who was the first ruler of the Slave dynasty?

- (A) Qutubuddin Aibak
- (B) Iltutmish
- (C) Razia
- (D) Balban

✓ Answer: (A) Qutubuddin Aibak

Q22.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who was the ruler of Devgiri at the time of Alauddin Khalji's invasion?

- (A) Prataprudra Dev
- (B) Ramchandra Dev
- (C) Malik Kafoor
- (D) Rana Ratan Singh

✓ Answer: (B) Ramchandra Dev

Q23.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who of the following Muslim rulers abolished the pilgrimage tax?

- (A) Bahalol Lodi
- (B) Sher Shah
- (C) Humayun
- (D) Akbar

✓ Answer: (D) Akbar

Q24.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

What was 'Dar-ul-Shafa' established by Firoz Tughlaq?

- (A) An alms house
- (B) A free hospital
- (C) A library
- (D) A guesthouse for pilgrims

✓ Answer: (B) A free hospital

Q25.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

The 'Permanent Settlement' was made with

- (A) Zamindars
- (B) village communities
- (C) Muqaddamas
- (D) peasants

✓ Answer: (A) Zamindars

Q26.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who was the founder of 'Prarthana Samaj'?

- (A) Atmaram Panduranga
- (B) Tilak
- (C) Annie Besant
- (D) Rasbihari Ghosh

✓ Answer: (A) Atmaram Panduranga

Q27.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

Who was the father of Indian Renaissance?

- (A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (B) Dayananda Saraswati
- (C) Shraddhananda
- (D) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

✓ Answer: (D) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Q28.

53rd-55th BPSC - 2011

'Swaraj Dal' was founded by

- (A) Tilak and Chittaranjan Das
- (B) Gandhi and Motilal Nehru
- (C) Gandhi and Tilak
- (D) Chittaranjan Das and Motilal Nehru

✓ Answer: (D) Chittaranjan Das and Motilal Nehru

Q29.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

Who founded the 'Theosophical Society'?

- (A) Madame H. P. Blavatsky
- (B) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- (C) Mahatma Gandhi
- (D) Swami Vivekananda

✓ Answer: (A) Madame H. P. Blavatsky

Q34.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

What was the early capital of Magadh?

- (A) Pataliputra
- (B) Vaishali
- (C) Rajagriha (Girivraja)
- (D) Champa

✓ Answer: (C) Rajagriha (Girivraja)

Q30.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

Which one of the following books was written by Tilak?

- (A) India in Transition
- (B) Gita Rahasya
- (C) Gokhale-My Political Guru
- (D) Discovery of India

✓ Answer: (B) Gita Rahasya

Q35.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

What was the name of the dynasty of Ajatshatru?

- (A) Maurya
- (B) Haryanka
- (C) Nanda
- (D) Gupta

✓ Answer: (B) Haryanka

Q31.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

Where was Mahaveer Swami born?

- (A) Kundagram
- (B) Pataliputra
- (C) Magadh
- (D) Vaishali

✓ Answer: (D) Vaishali

Q36.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

The Third Buddhist Council was convened at

- (A) Takshashila
- (B) Sarnath
- (C) Bodh Gaya
- (D) Pataliputra

✓ Answer: (D) Pataliputra

Q32.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

Where did Mahatma Buddha's 'Mahaparinirvan' take place?

- (A) Lumbini
- (B) Bodh Gaya
- (C) Kushinara
- (D) Kapilavastu

✓ Answer: (C) Kushinara

Q37.

56th-59th BPSC · 2012

In order to control the media in India, Acts were passed in

- (A) 1835, 1867, 1878, 1908
- (B) 1854, 1864, 1872, 1910
- (C) 1854, 1872, 1908, 1910
- (D) 1867, 1908, 1910, 1919

✓ Answer: (A) 1835, 1867, 1878, 1908

Q33.

53rd-55th BPSC · 2011

At which place did Mahatma Buddha give his first 'Dharmachakrapravartan'?

- (A) Lumbini
- (B) Sarnath
- (C) Pataliputra
- (D) Vaishali

✓ Answer: (B) Sarnath

Q38.

56th-59th BPSC · 2012

The Waghera Uprising happened in

- (A) Surat
- (B) Poona
- (C) Calicut
- (D) Baroda

✓ Answer: (D) Baroda

Q39.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

The correct geographical location for the Ramosi Uprising was

- (A) Western India
- (B) Eastern Ghats
- (C) Eastern India
- (D) Western Ghats

✓ Answer: (D) Western Ghats

Q40.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Who were the Faraizis?

- (A) Followers of Haji Shariatullah
- (B) Followers of Dadu
- (C) Followers of the Arya Samaj
- (D) Followers of the Muslim League

✓ Answer: (A) Followers of Haji Shariatullah

Q41.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Who founded the Pagal Panth?

- (A) Bulleh Shah
- (B) Karam Shah
- (C) Yaduvendra
- (D) Swami Sahajananda

✓ Answer: (B) Karam Shah

Q42.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

The process of split in the Congress in the early years of the twentieth century began over

- (A) Strategies of the Congress Movement
- (B) Objectives of the Congress Movement
- (C) Participation of the people in the Congress Movement
- (D) All of the above

✓ Answer: (A) Strategies of the Congress Movement

Q43.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

'New Lamps for Old' was a series of articles (1893-94) that criticized the Congress for being out of touch with the 'proletariat'. Who was the author of these articles?

- (A) Aurobindo Ghose
- (B) AO Hume
- (C) GK Gokhale
- (D) BG Tilak

✓ Answer: (A) Aurobindo Ghose

Q44.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Fill in the blanks. The Nehru Report was drafted by a committee headed by and the subject was

- (A) Motilal Nehru and Jawaharlal Nehru, India's relationship with the British Empire
- (B) Jawaharlal Nehru: Local Self-Government in India
- (C) Motilal Nehru: Constitutional arrangements in India
- (D) Jawaharlal Nehru: Constitutional arrangements in India

✓ Answer: (C) Motilal Nehru: Constitutional arrangements in India

Q45.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

What was the common relationship between Katherine Mayo, Aldous Huxley, Charles Andrews and William Digby?

- (A) They wrote commentaries on the condition of India during the British rule
- (B) They were supporters of the Indian National Movement
- (C) They were opponents of the Indian National Movement
- (D) They were friends of Mahatma Gandhi

✓ Answer: (A) They wrote commentaries on the condition of India during ...

Q46.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Who penned the following lines? 'Sarfarooshi ki tamanna ab hamare dil me hai / dekhna hai zor kitna baju-e-qatil me hai'.

- (A) Bismil
- (B) Rajguru
- (C) Bhagat Singh
- (D) Azad

✓ Answer: (A) Bismil

Q47.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

One of the popular beliefs in Bihar during the Non-cooperation Movement of 1920-22 was that victory would come to them because Gandhi

- (A) was the epitome of Dharma
- (B) was an accomplished politician
- (C) knew the ways to defeat the English
- (D) knew English

✓ Answer: (A) was the epitome of Dharma

Q51.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Identify the years those are closest to the founding of the Communist Party of India and the RSS respectively

- (A) 1914, 1915
- (B) 1925, 1925
- (C) 1928, 1928
- (D) 1925, 1929

✓ Answer: (B) 1925, 1925

Q48.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Which Round Table Conference was held in 1932?

- (A) First
- (B) Second
- (C) Third
- (D) Fourth

✓ Answer: (C) Third

Q52.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Who raised the demand of 'Complete Independence' for the first time in 1921?

- (A) Maulana Muhammad Ali
- (B) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- (C) Mahatma Gandhi
- (D) Maulana Hasrat Mohani

✓ Answer: (D) Maulana Hasrat Mohani

Q49.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Fill in the blank. In the rights of the tenants on land in Bengal and Bihar were given by the Bengal Tenancy Act.

- (A) 1885
- (B) 1886
- (C) 1889
- (D) 1900

✓ Answer: (A) 1885

Q53.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Who was the first Indian woman President of the Indian National Congress?

- (A) Mrs. Annie Besant
- (B) Sucheta Kripalani
- (C) Sarojini Naidu
- (D) Indira Gandhi

✓ Answer: (C) Sarojini Naidu

Q50.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Swami Sahajananda Saraswati formed the All India United Kisan Sabha with the demand for the 'nationalisation of land and waterways'

- (A) just before his death
- (B) at a very young age
- (C) in the 1930s
- (D) in the 1920s

✓ Answer: (C) in the 1930s

Q54.

56th-59th BPSC - 2012

Where did Madam Cama hoist the first tricolour flag in 1907?

- (A) London
- (B) Paris
- (C) Moscow
- (D) Stuttgart

✓ Answer: (D) Stuttgart