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On behalf of sindhology

It is a matter of great pleasure and pride for us to present the second edition of 'Something about Sindh and Sindhis'. The first edition of 2000 copies published in 1997 was sold in no time, as the book provided a lot of information about Sindhi culture to younger generation of Sindhis, who are quite keen to know about their roots. Even non-Sindhi readers showed lot of interest to know about Sindhis and their culture.

Indian Institute of Sindhology has started publishing series of books on Sindhi Culture, not only in Sindhi, but in English and Hindi as well. The present book contains nearly 425 questions, which deal with History, Geography, Language, Literature, Culture and Eminent personalities of Sindhi. This quiz form of Questions and Answers has already created interest in young generation who wish to know more about their Sindhi Culture.

These questions have been carefully written by Mr. Sahib M. Bijani, who is an architect by profession. His ardent love for Sindhi language and literature made him quit his flourishing business in New Delhi and join family of Sindhology at Adipur-Gandhidham. Sahib Bijani is an avid reader of Sindhi literature and possesses one of the best collection of books in his personal library. He is known amongst his friends as a living Encyclopedia. With his computer like efficiency and memory, he can recall in a flash of a moment, any detail concerning Sindhi Literature.

We are confident that this book shall enhance the knowledge of the young persons, especially those, who are deprived of Sindhi language, giving them vast information of Sindh and Sindhis.

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Preface for Internet Edition

It was felt that the book "Something about Sindh & Sindhis" by Shri Sahib Bijani, which contains useful information of Sindh & Sindhis, should be uploaded on Sindhology's website www.sindhology.org, so that it is easily available to all the Sindhis, especially to the young generation all over the world.

The popularity of this book proves that our new generation is very keen to know about their Sindhi roots in order to find out their true identity. Where is Sindh, Who are Sindhis, from where they have come, what is the origin of Sindhi language, this book gives all the information in the concise form. All the aspects of History, Geography, Culture etc of Sindhi Community as well of its distinguished personalities, are covered.

We are confident that this book available online, shall be downloaded by all Sindhis to pass on their rich legacy to the coming generations.

Indian Institute of Sindhology,
Adipur-Gandhidham

Lakhmi Khilani
Director

HISTORY

1. How Panini has referred to Sindh in his book?

(Sindhu Sauveer)

2. In which Ved, the word Sindhu has been mentioned repeatedly?

(In Rig Ved)

3. What is the origin of words "Hind" & "India"?

(Sindh)

4. What was the name of ancient Sindh and what were its boundaries?

(In ancient days, Sindh was known as Sindhu Sauveer. In the north its boundaries touched Kashmir, Kandhar and Kanoj and in the south, they were upto Saurashtra).

5. Which important character of Ramayana was from Sindh?

(Queen Kaikae)

6. In Mahabharata, name the important character from Sindh.

(The King of Sindh - Jaidrath)

7. Name the dynasty which ruled Sindh before King Chachu.

(Rai dynasty)

8. Who was the first king of Brahmin Dynasty in Sindh?

(Chachu)

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9. When did Arabs conquer Sindh?

(In 711 A.D.)

10. What was the name of the Commander of Arab Forces which conquered Sindh?

(Mohamed - Bin - Qasim)

11. Name the capital of Sindh at the time of Arab attack on Sindh.

(Aror)

12. Who was the king of Sindh when Arabs Conquered it?

(Raja Dahar)



13. Who fought against Arabs after the death of Dahar, the king of Sindh?

(Queen Ladi, the wife of king Dahar)

14. Name the emperor of Delhi, buried in Sindh and where is he buried?

(Mohamed Tughlaq at Makli)

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15. Name the Moghul Emperor whose mother belonged to Sindh?

(Akbar, the Great)

16. Which Moghul Emperor was born in Sindh, when and where?

(Akbar was born at Amarkot on 15th October 1542 A.D. in Sindh)

17. Who were the two Sindhis amongst the Nav-Ratan in Moghul Emperor Akbar's Court?

(Abu-Al Fazal and Faizi. Both brothers hailed from Sehwan Sindh)

18. Name the few historical cities of Sindh?

(Brahamanabad, Umer Kot, Sewhan - Sewstan & Aror)

19. Which is the oldest historical town of Sindh?

(Sehwan)

20. What is the ancient name of Sehwan?

(Shiv - Istan" Sevisthan)

21. How was the town "Thatta" of Sindh named?

(Thatta" is originated from the Sanskrit word "Tat" meaning the bank of a river. Hence "Thatta" means a settlement on the bank of river)

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22. When was the town of Shikarpur founded and by whom?

(In 1617 by Daud Potas)

23. What is the ancient name of Hyderabad?

(Niran Kot)

24. What is the origin of the name of Karachi?

(It was named after the Community of Fishermen called "Kalaachee").

25. Which three books on history of Sindh were written in Arabics and translated into Sindhi afterwards?

(Chachu Nama, Tareekh-e-Mausumi, Tuft Al Karaam)

26. Tell us the period of Kalhora dynasty in Sindh.

(1700-1783)

27. Name the battle in which Mirs defeated Kalhoras and acquired the possession of Sindh.

(In battle of Halani in 1783)

28. Tell us the period of Talpur/ Mirs dynasty in Sindh.

(1783 - 1843)

29. When did the British Conquer the last province in India and which one?

(Sindh. In 1843)

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30. At the time of the conquering of Sindh by the British, which dynasty was ruling over Sindh?

(Mirs)

31. Who was the commander of the British troops at the time of conquering Sindh?

(Sir Charles Napier)

32. Name the brave Sindhi Soldier who fought British when it conquered Sindh in 1843.

(Hosh Mohamed)

33. What was the slogan of Hosh Mohamed?

(Marsoon Marsoon, Sindh Na Desoon)

34. Who was the first Governor of Sindh after British conquered Sindh?

(Sir Charles Napier)

35. When was Sindh annexed to Bombay Presidency by British?

(In 1847)

36. When was the Sindh separated from Bombay Presidency?

(In 1936)

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37. How long Sindh was ruled by British?

(From 1843 to 1947)

38. During the British Rule in Sindh there was one state ruled by different ruler. Name it.

(Khairpur estate)

39. Who were "Hurs"?

("Hurs" were the disciples of the famous Pir Pagaro from Sanghar district of Sindh and were well-known as dacoits. They also indulged in rebellious activities against the British rule).

40. Apart from Delhi's Rajghat, where else in India, do we find the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi?

(At Adipur - Gandhidham)

41. After the partition, which part of India was developed as new home-land for resettling Sindhis?

(Gandhidham-Kutch)

42. When was Gandhidham founded?

(On 12th Februry, 1948)

43. Who gave the land for developing Gandhidham & where?

(At the instance of Mahatma Gandhi, the Maharao of Kutch, Madan Singh gave land to Bhai Pratab Daldas for settling displaced Sindhis from Sindh (Pakistan).

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GEOGRAPHY

1. What is the origin of the name 'Sindh'?

(When Aryans landed here, seeing a very wide river, they called it 'Sindhu', the sea, and the land around the river on both banks became 'SINDH')

2. In the Indian Sub continent, where is Sindh province situated?

(In West)

3. Mention Longitudes & latitudes of present Sindh.

(Sindh lies between North latitude 23 35' and 28 30' and 67 to 70 East longitue).

4. What is approximate area of Sindh at present?

(57000 Sq. Miles)

5. Indicate the boundaries of the existing Sindh

(The desert in the east separates Sindh from Rajasthan and the hills in the west, separating it from Baluchistan. Punjab is in the north of Sindh and in its south is Kutch).

6. What are the geographical division of Sindh?

(The uppermost part of Sindh is called 'SIRO', and the lower part of Sindh is known as 'Lar'. The middle part is called 'VICHOLO'. The mountains are on the western side of Sindh. The desert on its eastern side is known as 'THAR').

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7. Name the 13 districts of present day Sindh.

(Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Larkana, Khairpur, Nawabshah, Dadu, Sanghar, Hyderabad, Badin, Tharparkar, Thatta & Karachi)

8. Name the few famous mountains and hillocks of Sindh.

(Mountains : Khirthar, Haalaar, Pab, Ganjo Takar, Darhyaaro. Hillocks: Maklee & Kaarunjhar)

9. What is approx. area covered by Mountains & hillocks in Sindh?

(5000 Sq. Miles)

10. Which is the highest mountain peak in Sindh?

(Barg - 7850 feet)

11. What is the source of survival/ existence of Sindh?

(Sindhu river)

12. Identify the regions, the river Sindhu, crosses.

(Kailash mountains, Tibet, Kashmir, Punjab & Sindh)

13. Which is the source of River Sindhu and where it merges in the sea?

(Sindhu river originates from Mansarovar lake in Kailash Parvat of Himalaya. It merges in Arabian Sea, near keti Bunder in Karachi).

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14. Why Sindhu (Indus) river is called a whimsical river?

(Because it has been changing its course from east to West).

15. With which country 'Sindh' is compared with reference to river Sindhu?

(Sindh is compared with Egypt. Egypt has the river Nile and Sindh has its Sindhu. Both these rivers have made their Sandy regions fertile).

16. Which five rivers merge with Sindhu (Indus) river in Punjab?

(Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas & Sutlaj)

17. Which are the major Lakes in Sindh??

[Manchar (Dadu), Makhi (Sanghar), Kinjhar & Jhamper (Thatta), Somri (Tharparkar)]

18. Name the Sweet Water lake, which is largest in area, in Sindh.

[Manchar (Dadu)]

19. Name three islands in Sindhu river near Sukkur.

(Saadhelo - Bakhar & Zindpeer)

20. Mention approximate no. of lakes & ponds in Sindh.

(500)

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21. Where are hot springs located in Sindh?

(At Laki and Mangho-Pir)

22. Where did Sindhu river merged in Sea in Kutch during ancient times?

(Near Lakhpat Port)

23. Which is the holy place in Kutch along the Sindhu, where our forefathers used to come for pilgrimage?

(Narayan Sarovar)

24. Name the famous canal of Hyderabad (Sindh).

[PHULELEE WAAH (Canal)].

25. Name the famous canal of Larkana.

[GHAAR WAAH (Canal)]

26. Which canal of Shikarpur is famous?

[SINDH WAAH (Canal)]

27. Name a few famous bridges across the river Sindhu in Sindh.

(Landsdown Bridge and Llyod Barrage at Sukkur).

28. Which is the famous Barrage near Sukkur on river Sindhu?

(Sukkur Barrage having 66 Sluice Gates)

29. When was Sukkur Barrage built? What was its original name?

(In 1932 - Llyod Barrage)

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30. Which is the Railway bridge in Sindh on river Indus having no intermediate piers?

(Landsdown Bridge Connecting Sukkur & Rohri)

31. What is the length of Landsdown bridge?

(820')

32. Name the few main towns of Sindh.

(Karachi, Hyderabad, Larkano, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Rohri, Nawabshah and Jacobabad)

33. Which is the biggest city in Sindh?

(Karachi)

34. Name the port of Sindh known all over the world.

(KARACHI PORT)

35. How many gates the town of Shikarpur had? Name them.

(Nine. Lakhi dar, Hazari dar, Hathi dar, Khanpuri dar, Karan dar, Wagno dar & Sivi dar)

36. Which town of Sindh was known for its intense heat and high temperature?

(Jacobabad)

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37. After the destruction of Aror, which town was developed by the people?

(Bakhar)

38. Where is the biggest Fort of the World? Name the Fort.

(Ranikot in Sindh)

39. Who Built the fort of Hyderabad?

(Ghulam Shah Kalhoro)

40. Name the few old battle fields of Sindh.

(Miani and Dubo)

41. Where is the largest & oldest graveyard in Sindh?

(Makli)

42. Name the main Darbars of Sindh?

(Halani Darbar, Asau Tar, Manjhandan Wari Darbar, Shadani Darbar, Qambar Wari Darbar, Bhiryan wari Darbar)

43. Name a few well known Dargahs of Muslim Sufi Saints?

(Dargah of Shehbaz Qalandar at Sehwan, Bhit Shah, Dargah of Sachal at Daraza, Dargah of Qutub Ali Shah at Tando - Jahaniyan, Dargah of Faqir Nasir Mohamed Shah at Jalani Sharif).

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44. When and by whom Sadh Bela was established in Sindh?

(Vankhandi Maharaj; in 1823)

45. Where is 'Sadh Bela' located in Sindh?



(On the island in river Sindhu, near Sukkur)

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CULTURE

1. Where were the Vedas first recited?

(On the bank of River Sindhu)

2. In his book "Sind & the Races that inhabit the valley of Indus", what name has been given to Sindh by Richard Burton?

(Unhappy Valley)

3. Name the various excavations of civilization in Sindh?

(Mohen jo Daro, Chaanhoon-a jo daro, Kaahoo-a jo daro, Satkaajan jo daro, Aamree etc.)

4. Where is Mohen jo daro located in Sindh?

(Mohen jo daro is situated near Dokri station, 8 miles away from Larkana in Sindh).

5. How old is the civilization of Mohen jo daro?

(It spans from 2500 B.C. to 2700 B.C.)

6. When did the excavation of 'Mohen jo daro' start?

(From 1918)

7. Under whose supervision the excavation of Mohen jo daro was Started?

(Supdt. of Archeological Survey of India, Mr. Rakhaldas Banerjee).

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8. Till today how much area has been excavated at Mohen jo daro?

(13 acres)

9. How many settlements of different periods are found in the excavation of Mohen jo daro?

(Seven settlements at different levels).

10. What is the distinct feature adopted for disposal of waste water in Mohen jo daro?

(Its underground drainage system)

11. What was the original name of Makhdum Qalander Lal Shahbaz?

(Syed Usman Rahmat Al Ullya)

12. Sakhi Shahbaz Qalandar is considered incarnation of whom?

(Raja Bharthari)

13. Where & when is the annual festival of Shahbaz Qalandar held?

(In Sehwan on 18th, 19th & 20th of the month of Shueban, the 8th month)

14. Who perform Mehendi Ceremony during the annual festival of Sakhi Shahbaz Qalandar?

(Syeds on 18th, Navanis or Miranis on 19th & Kanugas on 20th of the month Shueban)

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5. Who is the deity (Isht Dev) of Sindhis?

(Uderolal or Amarlal, who is also known as Jhulelal).



16. When and where was Jhulelal/Amarlal born?

[Vikram Samvat 1007 (950 A.D.) at Nasarpur Sindh]

17. What is the original name of Amarlal/ Jhulelal?

(Uday Chand).

18. What are the other names of Amarlal?

(Dulah-lal, Jhulelal, Uderolal, Amarlal, Amardev, Varundevta, Zindah Pir.)

19. Which is the mount of Sindhi Deity Uderolal/Amarlal?

(The "Hilsa" or Sable fish, called "Palo" in Sindhi)

20. What is the meaning of Jhulelal?

(Jhule means swing. As the water has the movement all the time, it is compared to a swing. Lal means the loved one. Therefore Jhulelal means, one who swings on the water - our beloved Uderolal)

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21. Why do Sindhis worship water as deity?

(Sindhis are traders. Sindhi men used to go overseas by ships laden with merchandise for trade with foreign countries. The women folk used to invoke the blessings of the deity for the safe return of their men folk).

22. What is "Behraanaa" in Sindhi?

(An offering to Water God. In Sindhi "Bahir" means water)

23. When does the Sindhi New Year begin?

(It begins from the first day of the month of 'CHET' and is called 'CHETI CHAND').

24. In India, which other important activity of Sindhi community has been linked with 'Cheti Chand' day?

[The 'Cheti Chand' (New year) day is celebrated as 'SINDHIYAT DAY' for preserving Sindhi culture, language & unity among the community].

25. Name the place in Kuch where ancient Jhulelal Temple has been found. How old it is assumed?

(Haman Khudy near Narayan Sarovar. 500 years old)

26. Which is the Sindhi folk medium which contains music, dance as well drama?

(Bhagat)

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27. Name a few famous Sindhi Bhagats.

(Bhagat Satramdas, Bhagat Kanwarram, Bhagat Jado, Naru Bhagat, Bhagat Kanaiyaram, Bhagat Ghandhyam etc.)



28. When & Where was Bhagat Kanwarram born?

(On 13th April, 1885 at Jarvaram, Sindh).

29. How and when did Bhagat Kanwarram breathe his last?

(He was shot dead at "Ruka" railway station in Sindh on 01.11.1939)

30. How many 78 r.p.m. discs were recorded by Bhagat Kanwarram?

(11 records -21 Songs/ Bhajans)

31. Name one of the most popular song rendered by Bhagat Kanwarram.

**(1. Naale allakh je hero taar munhinjo,
2. Kean reejhaayaan tokhe kean parchaayaan)**

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32. Which Sindhi Singer has the maximum number of music audio discs recorded?

**[Master Chander
1907 - 1984]**



33. Name the few famous songs of Master Chander?

**(1. Anyaan ta aita maan nandhiree aahiyaan.
2. Kabootara, Kabootara, Kabootara, Kabootara....)**

34. What for Brahmanand Goswami is famous?

(As an exponent of Sindhi Classical music and sitar Specialist)

35. Who was called Cultural Ambassador of Sindhis?

**[Prof. Ram Panjwani
(1911 -1987)]**



36. Which Sindhi musical instrument used to be played by Prof. Ram Panjwani?

('Dilo' - an earthen pitcher)

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37. Whom Nehru called "Matke Walla Sindhi Professor"?

(Ram Panjwani)

38. Who is known as nightingale of Sindhi music?

(Late Kumari Bhagwanti Nawani)

39. Mention the date and place of birth and death of Ms. Bhagwanti Nawani.

**[Birth : 1st February 1940 - Nasarpur (Sindh),
Death : 22nd October 1986 Bombay]**

40. For what art or talent is Bhagwanti Nawani popular?

(For singing Sindhi songs in every nook and corner of the country wherever there were Sindhi settlements- big or small.)

41. Who is the famous Sindhi Singer, the disciple of Begum Akhtar?

**(Padamshri Shanti Hiranand,
Birth: 1935)**

42. Name some well known Sindhi Raagaas (musical notes).

(Sindhi Bhairvee, Raago, Sorath, Maaroo, Kohiyaaree, Kaafee, Husainee, Sindhi Toree etc.)

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43. Name some well known forms of Sindhi folk songs.

(Laado, Lolee, Saakhee, Chhallo, Belanu, Upangu, Oraano etc).

44. Name few Sindhi musical instruments.

(Bhoreendo, Keenro, Nar, Paavaa or Beenoon, Yaktaaro, Surando, Changu)

45. What is Hojamalo?

(Sindhi folk song with dance)

46. On the occasion of a marriage, what are Sindhi folk songs sung by ladies called?

("Lada")

47. Name some Sindhi dance forms.

(Chhej, Taprho, Jhumar, Assemoree, Samaau)

48. Who is the famous Sindhi Kathak and Oddissi dancer?

**[Rani Karna
(B: 1937-38)]**

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49. Who is the famous Sindhi Dancer well known for her Six Sindhi ballets?

[Anila Sunder (B: 1951)].

50. Which are the well known Sindhi Ballets of Anila Sunder?

(Sindhu, Sindh Muhinjee Ammaa, Jaani Thee Na Judaa Munkhaan, Sika Saajan Jee, Sindhyat Jee Surhaan & Sindhu Dhaaraa)

51. Name a few of the pieces of Sindhi Jewellery.

(Jhumar, Kundhaa, Natha, vando, Boolo, Jhoomak, Jhaalar, Kanthee, Haslee, Baaheen, Chher, Nooraa etc).

52. Name a few Sindhi dishes?

(Saaee Bhaajee, Sindhi Karhee, Daal Pakwaan, Kokee and Paapad)

53. Name famous Sindhi games?

(Irchik mirchik dhaanaa dhichik, Bhit Bhitaanee surmedaani, Aseen her choondana achool thaa, Naangel phoosel)

54. Name a few Sindhi Festivals.

(Lal Loe, Tirmooree, Chetee Chand, Teejree, Thadhree)

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55. Name the festival on which Sindhis roast sweet pancakes Lolaa?

(Thadhree)

56. Name the day on which Sindhi ladies observe a fast for long life of their husband, and girls for a suitable match.

(Teejree)

57. What is the significance of "Hatree" during Laxmi Poojaa on Diwali night?

('Hatree' means small toy shop which is installed as symbol of trade & commerce. Sindhis worship Laxmi, the Goddess of wealth, for their prosperity, on Diwali night).

58. Name the famous handicrafts of Halla .

(Jandee work & glazed cermic tiles (Kaashee'a joon Siroon)

59. Name the famous handicraft of Bubakan.

[Carpets (Ghaaleecho)]

60. For which handicraft Nasarpur is famous for?

[Cotton blanket (Khes)]

61. Name the handicrafts, Thatta is famous for.

(Loongyoon & Soosyoon)

62. Name the handicrafts, the town of Tharparkar is famous for.

(Embroidery)

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63. In which folk tale the King offered his head in exchange of enchanting music at the behest of a musician?

(Beejaal - Raaidiyaach)

64. In which Sindhi folk tale, the queen permitted her maid to spend a night with the king in exchange of an expensive diamond necklace called 'Nav Lakha Har'.

(Leelaa - Chanesar)



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65. Name the Sindhi folk tale, where heroine refused all the luxuries of the king who kidnapped her and yearned to return to her native land and people.

(Umar - Maaruee)

66. In which Sindhi folk tale, the lover forsake his beloved, suspecting her fidelity.

(Moomal - Raano)



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67. In which Sindhi folk tale a king fell in love with a fisher woman and married her?

(Nooree - Jaam Tamaachee)

68. In which Sindhi folk tale, the heroine crossed river daily to meet her lover?

(Suhinee - Mehaar)



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69. In which Sindhi folk tale woman in search of her beloved, sank in the ground, which yielded to her pleas.

(Sasuee - Punhoon)



70. Name the Sindhi folk tale in which the hero kills the crocodile to avenge the death of his six brothers?

(Mordo - Meerbahar)

71. Tell the names of some of the Sindhi godmen in India.

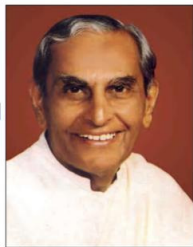
(Sadhu Vaswani, Dada Jashan Vaswani, Ma Hari Vaswani, Rev. Rochaldas, Saint Lila Shah, Swami Shanti Prakash, Baba Gobinddas of Halani Darbar and Baba Shewaram of Bhilwara).

72. Where is the Samaadhi of Swami Lilashah situated?

(Adipu - Kutch in India)

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73. At present who is the spiritual Head of Sadhu Vaswani Mission Pune?



[Dada J. P. Vaswani (B: 1918)]

74. Why is "Ani" suffixed to Sindhi Surnames?

(The word "ANI" has its origin in Sanskrit word "ANSH" meaning progeny or a part of a whole. Generally Sindhis add a suffix "Ani" after the name of their great grand-father and that becomes their surname. For example Ramchandanis are progeny of Mr. Ramchand and belong to his "VANSH").

75. Who is categorized as 'Amil' in Sindhis?

('Amil' is one whose ancestors were government servants in the courts of Kalhora and Talpur rulers of Sindh. In Sindhi, the word 'Aamil' means one who administers, and therefore those who administered the follow up of rulers' orders were called Amils).

76. Who is categorized as 'Bhaiband' in Sindhi?

(One whose ancestors were either in business or in private service).

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77. What are Sindhi traders in foreign land, called?

(Sindh warqee)

78. How did Sindhi men dress in the court of Kalhora and Talpur rulers of Sindh?

[Aamils - long Talpuri hat, long shirt with coat on and baggy salwar.
Bhaaibands - Head gear (Pagree) instead of hat, long shirt with a coat on the dhotee instead of baggy salwar]

79. How did Sindhi women dress during the reign of Kalhora and Talpur rulers?

(Long embroidered shirt, embroidered salwar or plain achkan. Inside the house, head covered with "Chunni", but outside the house white chaader covering the head and whole face as a hood having an opening for one eye only).

80. Which was the medium developed for exchange of money in foreign trade by Shikarpuri traders?

(Bill of exchange, popularly known as Shikarpuri Hundee)

81. What was the last wish of Shri Lalchand Amardinomal Jagtiani, a well known Sindhi writer, before he breathed his last in India

(My mortal remains be consigned to Indus River in Sindh)

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LANGUAGE AND SCRIPT

1. In which century, Sindhi language in present form, was evolved?

(10th Century A.D.)

2. The origin of present day Sindhi language is believed to be from which other language?

(Vrachad Apbhransh)

3. As per the famous linguist Grierson, what are the main dialects of Sindhi language?

(Sirelee, Vicholee, Laaree, Tharee, Laasee and Kachhee)

4. In which dialect of Sindhi, "Shah-Jo-Risalo" is written?

(Laaree)

5. Which dialect of Sindhi is used in text books as well in literature?

(Vicholee of Sahiti and Hyderabad)

6. Which are the distinct sounds of Sindhi?

(Da, Ga, Ba & Ja - M x c t)

7. Who is the author of book "History of Sindhi Language"?

[Bherumal Mahirchand Advani (1876-1950)]

8. Name the dictionaries prepared by Parmanand Mewaram.

(Sindhi-English Dictionary in 1910 and English-Sindhi Dictionary in 1933)

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9. When was the present Sindhi script formed?

(In 1853)

10. Before the present standardized script, which were main scripts used for Sindhi language?

(Arabic, Devnagiri, Gurumukhi and Hatvaniki)

11. How many letters are there in present Sindhi alphabet?

(52)



12. When was Sindhi language recognised and brought into the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India?

(On 10th April 1967)

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LITERATURE

1. Who is the first known poet of Sindhi?

[Qazi Qazan (1463 - 1551)]

2. How many Couplets of Qazi Qazan were initially available?

(Seven)

3. How many verses of first Sindhi poet Qazi Qazan were found, and from where?

(112 verses of Qazi Qazan were found from village Ranela of Haryana in 1976)

4. How was Shah Abdul Karim related to Shah Abdul Latif?

(He was great grand father of Shah Abdul Latif).

5. Which is the famous trinity of early Sindhi poets?

(Shah, Sachal, Sami)



6. Who is considered prime poet of Sindhi?

(Shah Abdul Latif)

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7. When and where was Shah Abdul Latif born?

(At Halla Haveli in 1689 A.D.)

8. When and where did Shah Abdul Latif breathe his last?

(In 1752 A.D. at Bhit Shah in Sindh)

9. Name the book containing poetic treasure of Shah Abdul Latif.

(Shah - Jo - Risalo)

10. Where and by whom was the first "Shah - Jo - Risalo" published?

(Dr. Ernest Trumpp published it in Leipzig, Germany, in 1866)

11. In "Shah - Jo - Risalo", how many cantos (sur) are ordinarily said to be there?

(Thirty)

12. In which form the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai is rendered?

(Doheero & Waanee)

13. Which are the seven folk tales of Sindh in "Shah-Jo-Risalo"?

(Leela Chanesar, Moomal Raano, Suhinee Mehaar, Sasuee Punhoon, Nooree Jaam Tamaachee, Beejal Raaidiyaach and Umar Maaruee)

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14. Who is said to have composed the verse 'Pere Pavandeeraan Chavandeeraan, Rahee Vanyu Raat Bhambhor Mein'?

(Shah Abdul Latif)

15. Name the two famous Singers of Delhi, who came and stayed with Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai?

(Atal & Chanchal)

16. Which book has been written in English on Shah Abdul Latif by Dr. H.T. Sorley?

(Shah Abdul Latif of Bhit)

17. Which English writer, in his book "Musa Peravagon's", has included Shah Abdul Latif in the seven greatest poets of World?

(Dr. H.T.Sorley)

18. After Partition, in India, who prepared Shah Jo Risalo (Complete) and in which year? Who published that work?

(Kalyan Advani, in the year 1958. Hindustan Kitab Ghar were the publishers).

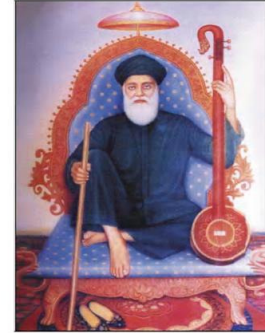
19. Who is considered the rebel Sindhi Sufi Poet?

[Sachal (1739 - 1829)]

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20. What is the real name of Sachal?

(Abdul Wahaab)



21. How is Sachal Popularly called?

[Sarmast (Intoxicated)]

22. Which are the languages in which Sachal's poems have been composed?

(Sindhi, Hindi, Persian, Siraiiki, Arabic, Urdu & Punjabi)

23. Write first line of any of Sachal's well known composition.

('Nangraa Nimaanee Daa Jeeven Teeven Paalaa.....')

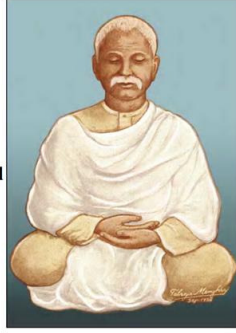
24. Which Sindhi poet presented Vedantist philosophy in his poems?

[Sami (1743 - 1850)]

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25. What was Sami's full name?

(Bhai Chainrai Bachomal Lund - Dataramani)



26. Which is the amusing and interesting story known about Sami's composition of verses?

(He used to write the verses on slips of paper and store them in an empty earthen pitcher).

27. In which form the poetry of Sami is rendered?

(Sloka)

28. Tell first line of any sloka by Sami.

('Satgura Jahiro Shah Keena Dithosen Kaathahen....')

29. In which Indian language was Quran translated first?

(Sindhi)

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30. Name the famous Gujarati Poet who also wrote in Sindhi?

(Mahamati Pran nath)

31. Name some Sindhi Hindu poets of earlier period.

(Sami, Bhai Asardas, Dalpat)

32. Which well Known Sindhi Muslim poet wrote poems in Hindi language also?

[Rohal (B: 1730-35, D: 1804)

33. Who wrote the first Deewan of Ghazals in Sindhi & where was it published?

(Gul Mohd. Gul wrote 'Deewan - Gul' in 1857)

34. What is the real name of Bedil Fagir?

[Abdul Qadar (1814 - 1872)]

35. Which is the first Sindhi story published & when was it published?

(Story of Raai Diyaach. It was included in the Grammar published by Captain George Stack in 1849)

36. Who wrote the first book of Sindhi proverbs? Name the book and year of its publication.

[Kewalram Salamatrai Advani (1809 - 1876) wrote 'Gulshakar' of 570 proverbs in 1869]

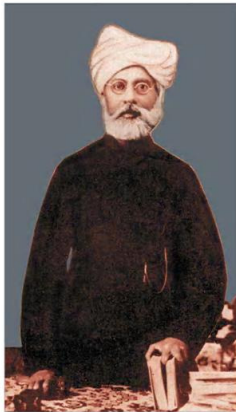
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37. Name the four pillars of Sindhi prose in the early period.

[Kauromal Khilnani (1844-1916). Mirza Qalich Beg (1853 - 1929). Dayaram Gidumal (1857 - 1927) and Parmanand Mewaram (1866-1938)]

38. Who is called the father of Sindhi Prose?

(Diwan Kauromal Chandanmal Khilnani)



39. To which branch of Sindhi literature does the book "Pako Pahu" (1862) belong?

(The first essay book in Sindhi on the theme of woman education)

40. Which was the first book of Jokes published in Sindhi and when?

[Tahika ee Tahika - (1906) by Kauromal Khilnani]

41. Who collected, systematically arranged and published in the present Sindhi script, the verses of Sindhi poet Sami?

(Diwan Kauromal Khilnani)

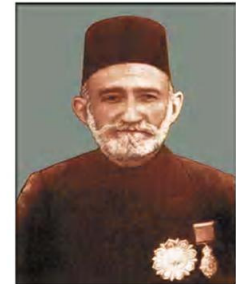
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42. How many verses of Sindhi poet Sami were published by Diwan Kauromal and when?

(In all 2100 verses, in 3 volumes, in the year 1885-1892)

43. In Sindhi literature which author has written the maximum number of books and how many?

(Mirza Qalich Beg. In all 457 books)



44. Who wrote the first novel in Sindhi?

(Mirza Qalich Beg)

45. Which was the first novel written in Sindhi and when?

('Dilaaraam' in the year 1888 A.D.)

46. When and by whom was first Sindhi play written? Name the play.

(Mirza Qalich Beg wrote 'Lailaa Majnoo' in 1880)

47. Who was the first to translate the Rubaees of Omar Khaiyam in Sindhi?

(Mirza Qalich Beg)

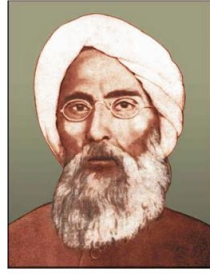
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48. Who has written the books on birds, horticulture and nature in Sindhi?

(Mirza Qalich Beg)

49. Who is respectfully addressed as Raaj Rishee by Sindhis?

(Dayaram Gidumal)



50. Who is the author of "Hiranand - the soul of Sindh".

(Dayaram Gidumal)

51. What was the pen name of Dayaram Gidumal in his English compositions?

(Sigma)



52. Who is known as "Edison of Sindh" in Sindhi literature?

(Parmanand Mewaram)

53. Which was the first English novel translated in Sindhi? By whom and when?

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['Rasselas' by Dr. Johnsen was translated by Navalrai Shaukiram Advani (1848 - 1893) & Udharam Mirchandani (1833-1883), in 1870]

54. Who were the main writers of first Text Books in Sindhi?

(Kauromal Chandanmal Khilnani, Mirza Qalich Beg, Parmanand Mewaram, Bherumal Mahirchand Advani etc).

55. Who composed 'Waah -Re-Taaraa, Gol - Taaraa', the well known Sindhi rhyme for children?

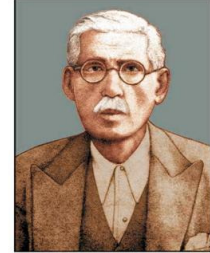
[Master Sahajram Tahilram Raghani (1864-1934)]

56. What is the title of Sindhi-Sindhi unpublished Dictionary compiled by Master Sahijram Raghani?

(Sahij Kosh, with 45000 words)

57. Recite any one rhyme written by Bherumal Mahirchand (1876-1950) for children.

("Moon Khe Kahin The Kheeru Piyaariyo..... Munhinjee Amar Munhinjee Amar")



58. What is the title of an important Sindhi book about Sindhi Hindus authored by Bherumal Mahirchand Advani?

[The History of Sindhi Hindus (1946-1947)]

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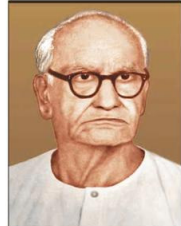
59. Which is the famous book, written in English by Mr. Jethmal Parsram (1885-1948)?

("Sindh & its Sufis")



60. Which Sindhi writer is nicknamed 'Dakar'?

[Lalchand Amardinomal Jagtiani (1885-1954)]



61. What is the most important part played by Dr. Hotchand Gurbuxani (1883-1947) in Sindhi literature?

(He compiled and published three volumes of "Shah - jo - Risalo" with meaning and wrote its masterly preface. The fourth volume could not be published).

62. Who is the pioneer of Sindhi full length plays?

[Khanchand Daryani (1898-1955)]

63. Who wrote maximum number of three act plays in Sindhi before partition?

(Khanchand Daryani)

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64. Who is called the pioneer of Sindhi one act plays?

[Prof. Mangharam Udharam Malkani (1896-1980)]

65. Who translated Tagore's Gitanjali in Sindhi verse?

(Prof. Mangharam Malkani in the year 1942 A.D.)

66. Who is the Sindhi recipient of fellowship awarded by Central Sahitya Academy?

(Prof. Mangharam Malkani)

67. Which is the most voluminous composition in Sindhi, written in verse?

(Sadhu Vaswani's 'Nooree Granth')



68. Which short story, written by Shri Amarlal Hingorani (1907-1956) has been published by UNESCO?

(Ado Abdul Rehman)

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69. Name the first lady writer who wrote novel in Sindhi? Also tell the name of the novel and the year of its publication.

[Guli Sadarangani (1906-1994) wrote "Itihaad" in 1941]

70. Name the writer who first received Sahitya Akademy Award. When and on which book?

(Tirath Basant on "Kanwar" for the year 1959)

71. Which Sindhi female writer was the first recipient of Sahitya Akademy Award?



[Popati Hiranandani (1924-2005) in the year 1982, on her autobiography 'Munhinjee Hayaatee-a Jaa Sonaa Ropaa Warqa']

72. In which states of India the Sindhi Sahitya Academies are established?

(Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhatisgarh & Delhi)

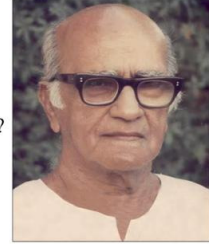
73. Which Sindhi writer has authored maximum number of Sindhi novels?

(Gobind Malhi)

74. Who was the first Sindhi to receive 'Soviet Land Peace award'? When and on which book?

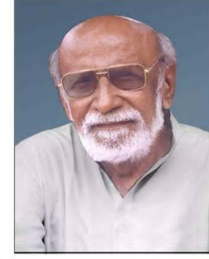
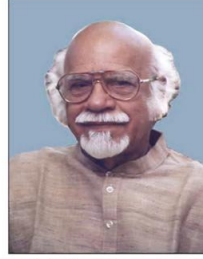
(A.J.Uttam in 1965, on 'Rusi - Bharati Dosti')

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75. In India, which is the trinity of progressive Sindhi writers after partition?

[Uttam (1923-2005), Kirat (B: 1921) & Malhi (1921-2001)]

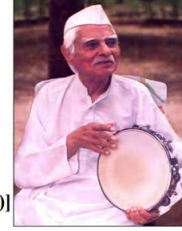


76. Which Sindhi poet is called the poet of masses?

[Hundraj Dukhayal (B: 1910)

77. Name the poet who has written maximum number of patriotic songs.

[Hundraj Dukhayal (1910-2003)]



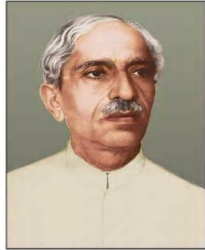
78. Name the Sindhi Editor of 'Gandhi Series' in English on Gandhiji's life.

[Anand Hingorani (1907-1998)]

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79. Who has translated the Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi in Sindhi?

[(Naraindas Ratanmal Malkani (1890-1974)]



80. Name the writers, who have translated Nehru's autobiography in Sindhi?

[Tirath Basant (1909-1994) & Naraindas Ratanmal Malkani (1890-1974)]

81. Name the first Sindhi newspaper, when was it published? Name its first Editor.

(The first newspaper in Sindhi, 'Sindh-Sudhar' was published in 1866 A.D. & Narain Jagannath Vaidya was its first editor).

82. Who was the first editor of a Sindhi literary magazine 'Saraswati'?

[Sadhu Hiranand (1863-1893)]

83. Name the newspaper of which Parmanand Mewaram was the editor.

[Jote - fortnightly (Estd. 1896)]

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84. Which is the oldest Sindhi Newspaper in India?

(Hindustan)

85. What is the old name of Today's famous Sindhi Newspaper Hindustan?

(Hindu)

86. After Partition, which Literary Magazines/Periodicals in Sindhi started their publication and are still being published?

(Koonj, Rachna, & Sippon)

87. Name a few English Magazines published in India, with matter concerning Sindhis.

(Sahyog Times, Sindhi International, Aseen Sindhi, Calcutta - Sindhis, Sindhisahan & the Sindhian etc).

88. Name the two Libraries of London which have Sindhi books in their collection?

(British Museum Library & India Office Library)

89. Name the two eminent Sindhi poets in Sindh & Hind after partition.

[Shaikh Ayaz, (1923-1997) & Narayan Shyam, (1922-1989)]

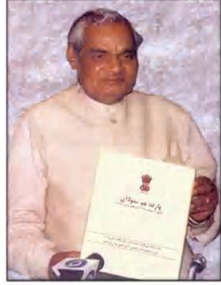
90. Name the publisher of Sindhi version of Indian Constitution.

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(Indian Institute of Sindhology on Behalf of Ministry of Law & Justice).

91. Name the dignitary, who released Sindhi version of Indian Constitution and also where and when it was released?

[Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee on 27th July 1998 at Parliament House (Annexe)]



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POLITICS

1. Which Sindhi Satyagrahi accompanied Gandhiji at the time of Champaram Satyagraha?

[Acharya J.B. Kripalani (1888-1982)]

2. How many sessions of Indian National Congress were held in Sindh?

(Two. In 1913 & 1931, in Karachi)

3. Who was Harchandrai Vishindas?

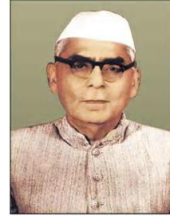
(Seth Harchandrai Vishindas (1862-1928) was the elected member of Hind Assembly in the year 1920, 1923 and 1926).

4. In what circumstances did Harchandrai Vishindas die?

(In the year 1928, he went to Delhi to attend the session of Hind assembly in which Indian National Congress was to move a resolution for boycott of Simon Commission, from his sick bed, and passed away in the Ambulance that was carrying him from Delhi Railway Station to the Assembly Hall.)

5. Name the first three Sindhis who faced political trial for freedom movement?

[Chetumal Hariram, Goverdhan Sharma, Virumal Begraj (1874-1956)]



6. Who was named as 'Roaring Lion of Sindh'?

(Dr. Choithram Gidwani (1889-1957))

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7. During Freedom Movement, who was the first Sindhi lady arrested?

[Gangadevi Khiaram Rupani (1898-1987) of Shikarpur]

8. Which Sindhi Student was the first to boycott school classes during the freedom movement?

[Assanand Mamtara (1903-1993)]

9. In Sindh, who was the first to propagate the use of Khadi cloth and when?

(Harkishandas Pardasani in the year 1917 A.D.)

10. Which was the Sindhi family, whose seven members belonging to four generations, including women, went to jail during freedom movement?

(Thawanis of Sahiti)

11. Name the Sindhi Newspaper whose seven editors went to jail during freedom movement. Name the Editors.

(Hindu / Hindustan. Vishnu Sharma, Jairamdas Daulatram, Ghanshyam Shivdasani, Choithram Gidwani, Lokram Sharma, Jhamatmal Lakhasingh, Hiranand Karamchand)

12. During the Dandi March in 1930, which Sindhi was chosen by Gandhiji to accompany him as a Satyagrahi?

[Anand Hingorani(1907-1999)]

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13. Name the Sindhi leader, who accompanied Gandhiji during his travel across the country for "the upliftment of the untouchables".

[Prof. Naraindas Ratanmal Malkani(1890-1974)]

14. How many times Gandhiji visited Sindh? Mention the year of his first and last visit?

(Seven times, first in 1916 and last time in 1934).

15. During the Quit India Movement, who was the young man hanged in Sindh by the British Govt.

[Hemu Kalani (1924-1943)]



16. On what charges, Hemu Pessumal Kalani (1924-1943) was hanged?

(He was caught while removing the fish plates of the railway track near Sukkur, for derailing a Military train going towards Quetta).

17. Which Sindhi Martyr is compared to Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

(Hemu Kalani)

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18. Which Sindhi was elected as President of Indian National Congress and when?

(Acharya Jiwatram Bhagwandas Kripalani (1888-1982) in the year 1946 at Meerut Session of the Indian National Congress.)

19. What was the name of Acharya Kripalani's wife? Which state's chief minister she was?

(Sucheta Kripalani. She was chief minister of Uttar Pradesh).

20. Who was the distinguished Sindhi lady elected as Deputy Speaker of Sindh Assembly?

[Kumari Jethi Sipahimalani (1906-1978)]



21. Till date in India, which Sindhis have occupied the gubernatorial posts.

[Jairamdas Daulatram(1890-1979) Governor of Assam, Admiral Ram Tahiliani - Governor of Sikkim, K.R. Malkani (1921-2003) Governor of Pondecherri]

22. Which Sindhis have occupied the position of ministers in the Union Cabinet?

(Jairamdas Daulatram, R. K. Sidhwa, Lal Krishin Advani, Ram Jethmalani)

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23. Name Sindhi Ministers appointed in the cabinets of Various states.

(Vishindas Motiani Parmanand Khatar, Maya Kodwani -Gujarat, Hashu Advani-Maharashtra, Kishin Motwani - Rajasthan etc).

24. Till date which Sindhis have got elected to the Lok Sabha?

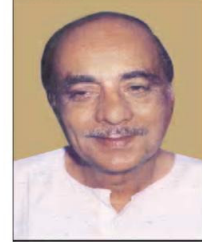
(Dr. Choithram Gidwani, Acharya J.B. Kripalani, R.K. Sidhwa, Ram Jethmalani, Acharya Bhagwandeve, Dharamdas Shastri, Bhanukumar Shastri, Lal Krishin Advani, Dr. Jeswani, Srichand Kripalani).

25. Give the names of Sindhi Personalities who have been the members of Rajya Sabha.

(N. R. Malkani, Jairamdas Daulatram, Lal Krishin Advani, Krishin Kripalani, Ram Jethmalani, K. R. Malkani, Suresh Keswani)

26. Which Sindhi writer joined Satyagrahis marching to Goa for liberation movement in 1955?

[Mohan Kalpana (1930-1992)]



27. On behalf of Sindhis, which Sindhi lady has received the title of 'Sindhu Mata'.

(Mother of Hemu Kalani, Smt. Jethibai Pessumal Kalani)

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28. Who was the first Sindhi Prime Minister in the World and to Which country did he belong?

(Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Pakistan)

29. Which was the first Sindhi Lady Prime Minister and to which country she belonged?

(Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan)

30. In the Lok Sabha, which member of Parliament made a speech in Sindhi?

[Acharya Bhagwan Dev (1935-1999)]

31. Which state Assembly passed the resolution to join Pakistan? When?

(Sindh Assembly, 03-03-1943)

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FILM & STAGE

1. Which is the first Hindi film made by Sindhi?

("Insaan Yaa Shaitaan" in 1933)

2. Which Hindi film was based on Sindhi play written by Khanchand Daryani?

(Insaan Yaa Shaitaan)

3. When was the first Sindhi film produced? Name the film.

(Ekta in 1942)

4. Who has played the leading role of Hero in first Sindhi film Ekta?

(Karim Bux Nizamani)

5. Name the first Sindhi film produced in India.

(Abaanaa)

6. Name the first coloured Sindhi film produced in India.

("Halu Ta Bhajee Haloon" in 1985)

7. Which Sindhi Lyric writers have composed lyrics, for Sindhi films made in India?

[Parsram Zia (1911-1958) and Goverdhan Bharti (B: 1929-2010)]

8. Name the lyric writer who has penned highest number of lyrics for Sindhi films, made in India.

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(Goverdhan Bharti)

9. Who is the Non-Sindhi play back singer of 'Wah Wah Re Rangee Tunhinjaa Rang' in Sindhi film "Jhulelal"?

(Mahinder Kapoor)

10. Which is the only Sindhi film song sung by Lata Mangeshkar? Name the film.

('Munhinjaa Supreen Tokhaan Vichhuree...' in 'Halu Ta Bhajee Haloon')



11. Name a few famous Sindhi Singers of Hindi films?.

[C.H. Atma (1924-1975) and Bulo C. Rani (1920-1993)]

12. In which Hindi movie, has Bhagwanti Navani lent her voice?

(Biraj Bahu)

13. Name a few famous Sindhi music directors of Hindi films.

[Gulshan Sufi, Bulo C. Rani (1920-1993), C. Arjan (1928-1992)]

14. Name the two Hindi films for which Bulo C. Rani provided the music.

(Bilwa Mangal & Jogan)

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15. In Hindi films, which Sindhi music director introduced Qawali? Name the film as well.

(Bulo C. Rani, in film 'Allah-Hillal', 'Hamen to loot liya milke husun walon ne').



16. Name the two Hindi films for which Music Director "C-Arjan" (1928-1992) provided the music.

(Jai Santodhi Maa and Husun Ka Chor)



17. Besides Sindhi & Hindi movies, for which other language movies, has C. Arjan composed the music?

(Gujarati movies)

18. Tell the names of some of the well known Sindhi Film Directors.

(Dharam Kumar, Govind Nihalani, Kumar Shahani, Ramesh Sippy)



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19. G. P. Sippy's which film broke all the previous records of commercial success?

('Sholay')

20. Name the Sindhi, who has become the President of Film Federation of India.

(G.P. Sippy)

21. Name the Sindhi Photographer of film 'Gandhi'.

(Govind Nihalani)

22. Name the few famous Sindhi actresses of Hindi films.

(Sheela Ramani, Sadhna Shivdasani, Babita Shivdasani, Kumund Chhugani, Sangeeta Bijlani etc).

23. Name the two Hindi films of Sadhna?

(Mere Mehboob, Woh Kaun Thee?)

24. Name a few famous Sindhi comedians of Hindi screen?

(Gope Kamrani, Bhudo Advani & Asrani)

25. For which Hindi movie did Master Chander compose music?

(For Maut-Ka-Toofan, Prem Pariksha and Dalaram in the year 1934)

26. Name a few Sindhi T.V. Artists.

(Ajit Vachhani, Kittu Gidwani, Renuka Issrani, Srichand Makhija, Jayant Kripalani, Nikhil Bhagat etc).

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27. Name the Sindhi actress who played the role of Gandhari in T.V. Serial "Mahabharat".

(Renuka Israni)

28. Name the Non Sindhi Singer whose Sindhi L.P. record is available. Who is its Music director?

(Mohamed Rafi, music by Ram Panjwani)

29. Which was the first drama group in Sindh?

(D.J. Sind College Amateurs dramatic Society)

30. In 1894, when the first Sindhi play "Nal Damyanti" was staged, which male actor played the part of Damyanti?

(Shri Durgadas Advani)

31. Give names of a few famous Sindhi stage artists?

[(Madan Jumani (B: 1934), S.P. Menghani (B: 1934), Hemraj Nagwani (1931-1985), Ramesh Janyani (1929-2003)]

32. Give the names of four Sindhi stage directors?

[Gobind Malhi (1921-2001), Jiwan Gursahani (1928-1994), Madan Jumani (B: 1934), Prem Prakash (B: 1946)]

33. Name the Sindhi beauties, who have won "Miss India" Title.

(Kavita Bhambhani, Poonam Gidwani, Sangeeta Bijlani)

34. Which is the famous film magazine owned by a Sindhi?

("Stardust", owned by N. Hira (Hiranandani).

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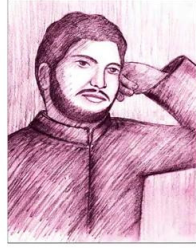
PERSONALITIES

1. Name the top most Sindhi reformers, who brought new awakening in Sindh?

(Dayaram Gidumal, Sadhu Navalrai, Sadhu Hiranand, Kauromal Chandanmal)

2. Which Sindhi was the follower of Swami Ram Krishna Paramhansa like Swami Vivekanand?

[Sadhu Hiranand (1863-1893)]



3. Who is the most popular Sindhi Bhagat?

(Bhagat Kanwar Ram)

4. Whose birthday is observed as 'Meatless Day'? When?

(Sadhu T. L. Vaswani's birthday. On 25th November every year).

5. Name the Sindhi Saint & reformer who preached against dowry and wasteful marriage expenses.

[Swami Lilashah(1880-1973)]

6. Name the Sindhi Saint who started mass marriage and Thread Ceremonies.

(Swami Liladhah)



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7. Who is Dwarko Sundrani?

(Dwarko Sundrani is a social reformer, who for progress and Prosperity of the society's backward class, has opened a Samnavia Ashram in Bihar in the year 1954).

8. Which Sindhi social worker is recipient of Jammalal Bajaj Award?

[Dwarko Sundrani (B:1922)]

9. Name the famous Sindhi who joined Vinoba's Bhoodan Movement?

[Hundraj Dukhayal (1910-2003)]

10. Who is the first Sindhi recipient of Padamshree Award? When?

(Santoo Shahani in 1964)

11. Which Sindhi has been honoured as padamshree and Padma Bhushan?

[Santoo Shahani (1917-1965)]



12. For what is Admiral Ram Hiranand Tahiliani famous?

(He retired as the Naval Chief and after retirement served as Governor of Sikkim).



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13. Which Indian Sindhi was elected as President of Bar Council of India?

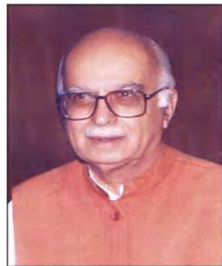
[Ram Jhethmalani (B: 1923)]

14. Name a few famous Sindhi Barristers, Advocates & Lawyers.

(Ram Jethmalani, Nari Gursahani, Hotchand Advani, Ram Amarlal Panjwani)

15. Which Indian Sindhi was elected as a president of Bharatiya Janta Party?

[Lal Krishin Advani (B:1927)]



16. Describe the act of bravery of Prem Ramchandani?

(He died in action in Indo-Pak war of 1965 and fell as martyr while conducting an air raid on Pakistan air base)

17. Name any one Sindhi well known Painter?

[Bhagwan Kapoor (B:1935)]

18. Name the famous Sindhi Magician?

[Hasanand Jadugar (1896-1966)]

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19. The famous Sindhi magician Hassanand was known as....

(King of coins)

20. Name the famous Sindhi Ophthalmologist?

(Dr. Rochi Hingorani)

21. Who is Dr. Lakhomal Hiranandani?

(The world famous Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) specialist, who was awarded Padma Bhushan in 1972)

22. For which professional achievement is Padamshri Dr. Indra Hinduja known?

(For the birth of first Test Tube Baby in India)

23. Name a few famous Sindhi Cricketers.

(Naomal, G.S.Ramchand, Narendra Hirwani)

24. In which year G.S.Ramchand was the Captain of Indian Cricket team?

(During 1959-60, when Australian team visited India. It was defeated at Kanpur under the captaincy of G.S.Ramchand.)

25. What for Narendra Hirwani is famous?

(A world class bowler who took 16 wickets in test Match against West Indies at Madras)

26. Who was the first Sindhi matriculate?

(Chuharmal Kundanmal Panjabi in 1862)

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27. Who was the first Sindhi graduate (B.A.)?

(Chuharmal Kundanmal Punjabi in 1865)

28. Name the first Sindhi lady B.A. degree holder?

(Ruki Shahani in 1920)

29. Name the first Sindhi, who obtained M.A. degree?

(Motiram Shaukiram Advani in 1885)

30. Who was the first Sindhi L.L.B.?

(Dayaram Gidumal Shahani in 1882)

31. Name the first Sindhi lady L.L.B.?

(Jamna Shahani in 1928)

32. Name the first Sindhi who passed his bar-at law examination in England?

(Motiram Shaukiram Advani)

33. Name the first Sindhi Doctor of Philosophy.

[Dr. Umar Bin Mohmed Daud Poto]

34. Who was the first Sindhi Engineer (L.C.E)?

(Pritamdas Parsomal Chandnani in 1875)

35. Who was the first Sindhi Doctor (L.M.&S)?

(Tarachand Jairamdas Wadhwani)

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36. Out of the first four Teachers in Tagore's Shantiniketan (1901) one was Sindhi, who was he?

(Rewachand)

37. Name the Sindhi who stood first in English examinations of Bombay University before Partition and won the Ellis Prize?

[Dayaram Gidumal (1857-1927), Thanwardas Vaswani (1879-1966), Lalsingh Ajwani (1899-1976)]

38. Name the Sindhi who has taken Sindhi subject in, I.A.S examination.

(Manohar Agnani)

39. Who was the main person involved in establishing D.J.Sindh College at Karachi?

(Dayaram Gidumal)

40. Who was the first Sindhi Principal of D.J.Sindh College?

(Sahibsingh Chandasingh Shahani)

41. Why K.M.Kundnani (1904-1999) is a respected name in Education field?

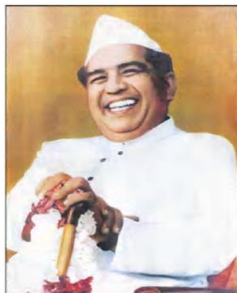
(He started 13 colleges in Bombay)



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42. After Partition Jethi Sipahimalani set up which co.op. societies at Bombay to settle Sindhis?

(Mahatma Gandhi Nagar at Chembur Bombay; Navjivan Societies at Mahim, Matunga Road and Bombay Central)



43. Who was the founder of Gandhidham?

(Bhai Partab Djalidas 1908 - 1967)

44. Who was the founder of world famous children's organization called "Balkan - Ji - Bari"?

[Dada Shewak Bhojraj (1906-1988)]

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GENERAL

1. Who established "Brahmo Samaj" in Sindh?

(Sadhu Hiranand, Sadhu Navalrai & Kauromal Chandanmal)

2. When and for which session of World Religion Congress was Sadhu T.L. Vaswani (1879-1966) sent as representative from India?

[In the year 1909 A.D. for Berlin (Germany) Conference].

3. In India, when and where was the postal stamp first introduced?

(In 1852 A.D. in Hyderabad Sindh)



4. Till date, who are the Sindhi personalities, in whose memory the commemorative postal stamps have been issued by the Government of India?

(Sadhu Vaswani, Hemu Kalani, Acharya J.B. Kripalani, Jairamdas Daulatram, Bhagat Kanwarram and Sant Shadaram Sahib)

5. When was the first railway train commenced in Sindh?

(13th May 1861, from Karachi to Kotri)

6. In India, from where did the first Air flight start and upto which place?

(From Bombay to Karachi)

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7. Name the most famous hospital run by Sindhis in India.

(Jaslok Hospital at Bombay)

8. What is the origin of the name of "Jaslok" hospital at Bombay?

(It is named after Jasota and Lokumal Mirchandani, the Sindhwarqee philanthropists).

9. Name the few big hospitals founded by Sindhis.

[Jaslok, Hinduja, Raheja (Bombay); Budhrani Inlak (Pune); Choithram (Indore), J. Watumull's Global Hospital (Mount Abu) etc].

10. Who were the Sindhi Acharyas of "Gujarat Vidyapeeth" founded by Gandhiji?

**[1. Acharya Asoodomal Gidwani (1890-1935);
2. Acharya Jiwatram Kripalani (1888-1982)]**

11. Which school was founded by Sadhu Hiranand at Hyderabad Sindh?

(He founded Union Academy in 1888, which was named afterwards as N.H. Academy after the names of Sadhu Navalrai and Sadhu Hiranand. To commemorate their memory, Indian Institute of Sindhology has established Sadhu Hiranand Navalrai Academy at Adipur (Kutch) India].

12. In Sindh, when and by what name was the first college established?

(D.J. Sind College in the year 1887 A.D. at Karachi)

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13. Name a few famous Arts and Science colleges in Sindh before partition.

**(1. Dayaram Jethmal Sind College - Karachi,
2. Dayaram Gidumal National College - Hyderabad,
3. Chellasingh & Sitaldas College - Shikarpur)**

14. Which was the first college established by Sindhis in India, after partition?

(Jai Hind College at Bombay in 1948)

15. Who has opened educational Institutions (Colleges) in Gandhidham?

[Kaka Pribhdas Tolani (1893-1988)]

16. How many colleges have been started by Sindhis in India after partition?

(Approx. 40)

17. Name the Sindhi educationist who was appointed as a Vice-Chancellor of Indian Universities?

(Prof. T.M. Advani (1888-1967) became Vice Chancellor of Bombay and Jammu - Kashmir Universities).

18. Who was the pioneer of "Chicago Radio Co."?

[Gyanchand Motwani of Larkana (1878-1943)]

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19. Name the famous Biscuits & Sweets factory in Sindh before Partition?

(J.B. Mangharam & Company at Sukkur)

20. Why the Sindhi Resettlement Colony Ulhasnagar in Maharashtra is called the 'Mini Japan' of India?

(On account of its widespread cottage industry)

21. In Delhi, who was the Sindhi Building contractor who constructed the Parliament House?

(Lachhmandas Dembla)

22. In India, name the first multi storeyed building on ownership basis.

(Shyam Niwas at Bombay)

23. Where is Sadhbella situated in India, at present?

(Mahalaxmi, Bombay)

24. In which state of India, more number of Sindhis reside?

(Gujarat)

25. What is the population of Sindhis in India according to 1991 census?

**(2,122,848)
(Note:- These are the govt. figures. It is assumed that total population of Sindhis in India is 45 to 50 lacs).**

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26. Name a Sindhi Martyr of 1965 Indo-Pak. war?

[Prem Ramchandani (1941-1965)]

27. Name two Sindhi martyrs of 1971 Indo-Pak war.

[Bharat Gopaldas Masand (1949-1971) & Ramesh Badlani (1940-1971)]

28. Which is the Birth place of Mohamed Ali Jinnah?

(Karachi)

29. When did Rabindra Nath Tagore visit Sindh?

(In March 1923)

30. Which town is named after Sindhi Saint Hirdaram?

(Bairagarh)

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CHECK YOURSELF

WHO IS KNOWN AS :

Raj Rishi
 Father of Sindhi Prose
 Edison of Sindh
 Dakar
 Father of Sindhi one-act Plays
 King of Coins
 Cultural Ambassador of Sindhis
 Sindhu Mata
 Bhagat Singh of Sindh
 Nightingale of Sindhis

NAME FIRST SINDHI

Matriculate
 Graduate (B.A.)
 Graduate lady (B.A.)
 Post-Graduate (M.A.)
 L.L.B.
 Lady L.L.B.
 Ph.D.
 Engineer (L.C.E.)
 Doctor (L.M.& S.)
 Bar-at-law

College in Sindh
 College after Partition
 Lady arrested in Freedom movement
 Newspaper
 Original Novel
 Original Play
 Book of jokes
 Sindhi Poet
 Sindhi Principal of D.J.Sindh College

WHY FAMOUS ?

PLACE

Aror
 Bakhar
 Bhambhor
 Brahamanabad
 Gandhidham
 Hyderabad
 Jacobabad
 Karachi
 Lakhpat
 Laki
 Lands Down Bridge
 Llyod Barrage
 Makli
 Manchhar Lake
 Mangho Peer

Miani and Dubo
 Mohen jo Daro
 Narayan Sar/Sarovar
 Nirankot
 Ranikot
 Sehwan
 Thatta
 Ulhasnagar
 Umerkot

WHY FAMOUS ?

PERSONALITIES :

Abul-AI-Fazal
 Ajit Vachhani
 A.J.Uttam
 Amarlal Hingorani
 Anand Hingorani
 Anila Sunder
 Asardas
 Assanand Mamtora
 Asrani
 (Acharya) Asoodomal Gidwani
 Babita
 Benazir Bhutto
 (Acharya) Bhagwandeve
 Bhagwanti Nawani
 Bherumal Mahirchand

Bhudo Advani
 Bulo C. Rani
 Brahmanand Goswami
 C. Arjun
 C.H.Atma
 Chachu
 (Master) Chander
 Choithram Gidwani
 Dahir
 Dalpat
 Dayaram Gidumal
 Dharamdas Shastri
 Dharam Kumar
 Dwarko Sundrani
 Ernest Trumpp
 Faizi
 Gobind Malhi
 Gul Mohamed
 Gulshan Sufi
 Gope Kamlani
 G.P.Sippy
 Govind Nihalani
 Goverdhan Bharti
 Gulam Shah Kalhoro
 G.S.Ramchand
 Harchandrai Vishindas
 Hassanand Jadugar
 Hemu Kalani
 (Sadhu) Hiranand
 Hosh Mohamed

Hotchand Gurbuxani
 Hundraj Dukhayal
 Indra Hinduja
 Jairamdas Daulatram
 (Acharya) J.B.Kripalani
 Jeswani K.D.
 Jethi Sipahimalani
 Jethibai Kalani
 Jethmal Parsram
 (Dada) Jashan Vaswani
 Qalich Beg
 Kalyan Advani
 (Bhagat) Kanwarram
 Karim Bux Nizamani
 Kauromal Khilnani
 Kavita Bhambhani
 Khanchand Daryani
 Kewalram Salamatrai
 Kirat Babani
 Kitu Gidwani
 K.M.Kundnani
 Krishin Kripalani
 K.R.Malkani
 Kumar Shahani
 Kumud Chhugani
 Lakhomal Hiranandani
 Lalchand Amardinomal
 (Swami) Lilashah
 L.K.Advani
 Madan Jumani

Mangharam Malkani
 Mohan Kalpana
 Naraindas Malkani
 Narendra Hirwani
 (Sadhu) Navalrai
 Naru Bhagat
 Parmanand Mewaram
 Parsram Zia
 Poonam Gidwani
 Popati Hiranandani
 (Bhai) Pratab Dialdas
 Prem Ramchandani
 Qazi Qazan
 Ramesh Sippy
 Ram Jethmalani
 Ram Panjwani
 Ram Tahiliani
 Rani Karna
 Rani Laqi
 Renuka Israni
 R.K.Sidhwa
 Rochi Hingorani
 Rohal
 Sachal
 Sadhna
 Sahibsingh Shahani
 Sahjiram Tahilram
 Sami
 Sangeeta Bijlani
 Santoo Shahani

Shah Abdul Latif
 Shah Inayat
 Shaikh Ayaz
 Sheela Ramani
 Shanti Hiranand
 Shewak Bhojraj
 S.P.Menghani
 Srichand Makhija
 Sucheta Kripalani
 Suresh Keswani
 Thawani Family
 Tirth Basant
 T.L.Vaswani
 T.M.Advani
 Uderolal
 Vankhandi Maharaj
 Zulfiqar Ali Khan Bhutto

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