

## **General knowledge about Pakistan**

1. Pakistan's first coin was issued on 3rd January 1948.
2. Pakistan's standard time was suggested by Professor Muhammad Anwar.
3. Pakistan's first Stamp ticket was issued on 09-07-1948.
4. Maoulana Mazhar-ud-din was the first person who gave the title "Quid-e-Azam to Mr. Jinnah first time.
5. Quid-e-Azam's mother tongue was "Gujrati"
6. Khawaja Nazim-ud-din was the only person in Pakistan's history who was the second Prime Minister of Pakistan & also Second Governor General of Pakistan.
7. The total Area of the Capital of Pakistan "Islamabad" is 907 sq. Km.
8. The Height of Minar-e-Pakistan is 196 ft and 4 inch.
9. Sir Victor Turner signed first time on Pakistan's currency notes.
10. Quaid-e-Azam was born on Thursday.
11. Quaid-e-Azam died on Saturday.
12. Pakistan's National Flag was prepared by Ameer-ud-din Qadwai.
13. Abdur-rehaman Chughtai made the design of Pakistan's first Stamp Ticket.
14. Pakistan's National Anthem's Composition was accepted on 21 August 1949.
15. There were 3542 Post Offices in Pakistan at the time of its Creation.
16. Hari Pur is famous for Telephone Industry.
17. Mr. Mirat Khan prepared the map of Minar-e-Pakistan.
18. Quaid-e-Azam took an oath as Governor General of Pakistan from Mr. Justice Mian Abdur Rasheed.
19. The height of all 4 Minars of Badshahi Mosque are 177 fts.
20. The National Anthem was sung first time on 13 August 1954 in the voice of Mr. Hafeez Jhalandari.

### **Question/Answers....**

1- Where the biggest Salt Mine located in Pakistan?

Mangora

2- The second highest cliff in the world is?

Karakoram – 2

3- The most beautiful stone-Marble is extracted from Province?

NWFP

4- The longest river in Pakistan is?

River Sindh

5- In which year did Pak win the cricket world cup?

1992

6- When did Pakistan win Olympic gold medal in Hockey for the first time?

1964

7- Where is the tomb of Mughal Emperor Jahangir?

Lahore

8- Which is the national flower of Pakistan?

Jasmine

9- Which military alliance had Pakistan as its member?

SEATO

10- Which is the national animal of Pakistan?

Markhor

11- Which is the national bird of Pakistan?

Chakor

12- The Second largest city of Pakistan is?

Lahore

## **Official Name The Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

**Father of the Nation** Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1876-1948)

**National Poet** Allama Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938)

**Head of the State** Mamnoon Hussain, President

Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister

**Capital** Islamabad

**Area Total** 796,095 Sq. km.

Punjab 205,344 Sq. km.

Sindh 140,914 Sq. km.

KPK 74,521 Sq. km.

Balochistan 347,190 Sq. km.

Federally Administered Tribal Areas 27,220 Sq. km.

Islamabad (Capital) 906 Sq. km.

**Population** 165 million (estimated)-132 million (1998 census)

(See <http://www.statpak.gov.pk/>)

Pakistan is divided into four provinces viz., Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan. The tribal belt adjoining Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa is managed by the Federal Government and is named FATA i.e., Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Azad Kashmir and Northern Areas have their own respective political and administrative machinery, yet certain of their subjects are taken care of by the Federal Government through the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas. Provinces of Pakistan are further divided into Districts

**Religion** 95% Muslims, 5% others.

**Currency** Pak. Rupee.

**Imports** Industrial equipment, chemicals, vehicles, steel, iron ore, petroleum, edible oil, pulses, and tea.

**Exports** Cotton, textile goods, rice, leather items carpets, sports goods, handi-crafts, fish and fish prep. And fruit

**Languages** Urdu (National) and English (Official)

**Literacy rate** 53%

**Government** Parliamentary form

**Parliament** Parliament consists of two Houses i.e., the Senate (Upper House) and the National Assembly (Lower House).

The Senate is a permanent legislative body and symbolizes a process of continuity in the national affairs. It consists of 100 members. The four Provincial Assemblies, Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Federal Capital form its electoral college.

The National Assembly has a total membership of 342 elected through adult suffrage (272 general seats, 60 women seats and 10 non-Muslim seats).

Pakistan National Flag Dark green with a white vertical bar, a white crescent and a five-pointed star in the middle. The Flag symbolizes Pakistan's profound commitment to Islam, the Islamic world and the rights of religious minorities. (For more details click here)

**National Anthem** Approved in August, 1954

**Verses Composed by:** Abdul Asar Hafeez Jullundhri

**Tune Composed by:** Ahmed G. Chagla

**Duration:** 80 seconds

**State Emblem** the State Emblem consists of:

1. The crescent and star which are symbols of Islam
2. The shield in the center shows four major crops
3. Wreath surrounding the shield represents cultural heritage and
4. **Scroll contains Quaid's motto:** Faith, Unity, Discipline

**Pakistan's Official Map** Drawn by Mian Mahmood Alam Suhrawardy (1920-1999)

**National Flower** Jasmine.

**National Tree** Deodar (Cedrus Deodara).

**Flora** Pine, Oak, Poplar, Deodar, Maple, Mulberry

**Fauna** The Pheasant, Leopard, Deer, Ibex, Chinkara, Black buck, Neelgai, Markhor, Marco Polo sheep, Green turtles, River & Sea fish, Crocodile, Waterfowls

**Popular games** Cricket, Hockey, Football, Squash.

**Tourist's resorts** Murree, Quetta, Hunza, Ziarat, Swat, Kaghan, Chitral and Gilgit

**Archaeological sites** Moenjo Daro, Harappa, Taxila, Kot Diji, Mehr Garh, Takht Bhai.

**Major Cities** Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Rawalpindi, Hyderabad, Faisalabad, Multan and Sialkot

**Major Crops** Cotton, Wheat, Rice and Sugarcane

**Total cropped area** 25.01 million hectares

**Industry** Textiles, Cement, Fertiliser, Steel, Sugar, Electric Goods, Shipbuilding

**Energy** Major sources Electricity (Hydel, Thermal, Nuclear) Oil, Coal, and Liquid Petroleum Gas

**Health** Hospitals 916

**Dispensaries** 4,600

**Basic Health Units (BHUs)** 5,301

**Maternity & Child Health Centres** 906

**Rural Health Centres (RHCs)** 552

**Tuberculosis (TB) Centres** 289

**Hospital Beds** 99,908

**Doctors (registered)** 113,206

**Dentists (registered)** 6,127

**Nurses (registered)** 48,446

**Paramedics** 23,559

**Lady Health Workers** 6,741

**Education Primary Schools** 155,000  
**Middle Schools** 28,728  
**High Schools** 16,100  
**Secondary Vocational Institutions** 636  
**Arts & Science Colleges** 1,066  
**Professional Colleges** 382  
**Universities** 51

**Transport & Communication Total length of roads** 259, 758 km  
**Pakistan Railway network** 7,791 km  
**Locomotives** 580  
**Railway stations** 781 (See. <http://www.pakrail.com/>)

**Pakistan International Airlines** Covers 38 international and 24 domestic stations with a fleet of 49 planes. (See. <http://www.piac.com.pk/>)

**Major Airports** Eight (Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Multan, Faisalabad and Gwadar) (See. <http://www.caapakistan.com.pk/>)

**Seaports International** Three (Karachi, Bin Qasim and Gwadar)  
**Fish Harbours-Cum-Mini Ports** Three (Minora, Gawadar, and Ketī Bandar)

**Communications** Post Offices 12,170 (See. <http://www.pakpost.gov.pk/>)

**Telephone connections** 5,052,000 (See. <http://www.ptcl.com.pk/>)

**Public Call Offices** 217,597  
**Telegraph offices** 299  
**Internet Connections** 2 million  
**Mobile Phones** 10,542,641

**Employment Total Labour force** 46.84 million  
**Employed Labour Force** 43.22 million  
**Agriculture Sector** 18.60 million  
**Manufacturing & Mining sector** 5.96 million  
**Construction** 2.52 million  
**Trade** 6.39 million  
**Transport** 2.48 million  
**Others** 6.98 million

#### **Media Print Media (In accordance with Central Media List)**

**Dailies** 540  
**Weeklies** 444  
**Fortnightlies** 55  
**Monthlies** 268

**News Agencies**

Official APP (See.<http://www.app.com.pk/>)

Private PPI, NNI, On Line and Sana.

**Electronic Media**

**Television Public Sector** Pakistan Television Corporation(See.<http://ptv.com.pk>)Five TV centres at Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta and Karachi covering 88.58% population and 49 re-broadcasting stations. 6 channels: PTV Home, PTV News, PTV National (Regional programming in Balochi, Pashto, Punjabi, Sindhi), PTV Global (for U.S.A.), PTV Bolan (PTV Quetta) and AJK TV (Azad Jammu & Kashmir Television – Kashmiri channel for local viewers)

**Private Sector** More than 50 channels {Pakistan Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has issued licences to more than 81 applicants so far}(See.<http://www.pemra.gov.pk/>)

**Radio Public:** Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Radio Pakistan)(See.<http://www.radio.gov.pk/>) has 31 radio stations throughout Pakistan besides eight FM stations at Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad, Sialkot and Hyderabad. Besides its World Service in English and Urdu, Radio Pakistan beams its external services in seven languages to different parts of the world.

**Private:** PEMRA has issued licences for the establishment of more than 100 FM Radio stations including universities for educational purposes. A number of radio stations are already operational in major cities of Pakistan.(See.<http://www.pemra.gov.pk/>)

**Cable Operators** More than 900 (See.<http://www.pemra.gov.pk/>)

**Banks Central Bank** State Bank of Pakistan

Nationalized Scheduled Banks First Woman Bank Ltd.

National Bank of Pakistan

Specialized Banks Zari Taraqiati Bank (ZTBL)

Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan

Punjab Provincial Cooperative Bank Ltd

**Private Scheduled Banks** Askari Commercial Bank Limited

Bank Al-Falah Limited

Faysal Bank Limited

Bank Al-Habib Limited

Metropolitan Bank Limited

KASB Commercial Bank Limited

Prime Commercial Bank Limited

Soneri Bank Limited

Meezan Bank Limited

Silk Bank

Crescent Commercial Bank Limited

Dawood Bank Limited

NDLC-IFIC Bank Limited (NIB)

Allied Bank of Pakistan Limited

United Bank Limited

Habib Bank Limited

SME Banks

**Foreign Banks** ABN Amro Bank N.V

Albaraka Islamic Bank BSC (EC)

American Express Bank Limited

Barclays

Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi Limited

Citibank N.A

Deutsche Bank A.G.

Habib Bank A.G. Zurich

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp Limited

Oman International Bank S.O.A.G

Royal Bank of Scotland

Standard Chartered Bank Limited

**Development Financial Institutions** Pakistan Industrial Credit and Investment Corp. Limited

Pak Kuwait Investment Company (Pvt) Limited

Pak Libya Holding Company (Pvt) Limited

Pak-Oman Investment Company (Pvt) Limited

Saudi Pak Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company (Pvt) Limited

Investment Banks Crescent Investment Bank Limited

First International Investment Bank Limited

Atlas Investment Bank Limited

Security Investment Bank Limited

Fidelity Investment Bank Limited

Prudential Investment Bank Limited

Islamic Investment Bank Limited

Asset Investment Bank Limited

Al-Towfeek Investment Bank Limited

Jahangir Siddiqui Investment Bank Limited

Franklin Investment Bank Limited

Orix Investment Bank (Pak) Limited

**Famous Mountain Peaks** Height World Rating

K-2 (Chagori) 8616 m 2nd

Nanga Parbat 8125 m 8th

Gasherbrum-I 8068 m 11th

Broad Peak 8065 m 12th

Gasherbrum-II 8047 m 14th

Gasherbrum-III 7952 m 15th

Gasherbrum-IV 7925 m 16th

Disteghil Sar 7885 m 20th

Kunyang Kish 7852 m 22nd

Masherbrum (NE) 7821 m 24th

Rakaposhi 7788 m 27th

Batura I 7785 m 28th

Kanjut Sar 7760 m 29th

Saltoro Kangri 7742 m 33rd



Trivor 7720 m 36th  
Tirich Mir 7708 m 41st

**Famous Mountain Passes** Location Province

The Khyber Pass Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa  
The Kurram Pass FATA  
The Tochi Pass FATA  
The Gomal Pass Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa  
The Bolan Pass Balochistan  
The Lowari Pass Chitral (Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa)  
The Khunjab Pass Northern Areas

**Rivers** Length

The Indus 2,896 km  
Jhelum 825 km  
Chenab 1,242 km  
Ravi 901 km

Sutlej 1,551 km  
Beas (tributary of Sutlej) 398 km

**Famous Glaciers** Length

Siachin 75 km  
Batura 55 km  
Baltoro 65 km

**Deserts** Location/Province

Thar Sindh  
Cholisthan Punjab  
Thal Punjab

**Lakes** Location/Province

Manchar Sindh  
Keenjhar Sindh  
Hanna Balochistan  
Saif-ul-Maluk Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa  
Satpara Northern Areas  
Kachura Northern Areas

**Major Dams** Location/Province

Mangla Dam Punjab  
Tarbela Dam Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa  
Warsak Dam Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa