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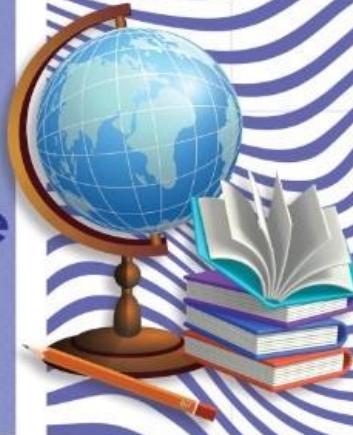
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PREFACE

The preparation of this edition was an exceptionally demanding and intensive undertaking. It involved the collection, verification, and consolidation of **millions of MCQ-based data points**, which were meticulously transformed into a **power-packed, one-liner format** tailored to the requirements of competitive examinations. The entire process required **six months of continuous day-and-night effort**, devoted to revision, updating, cross-checking, and restructuring the material in line with current examination trends. This work was made possible **first and foremost by the grace and mercy of Almighty Allah**, and thereafter through the **guidance, supervision, and technical expertise of my father, M. Imtiaz Shahid**, a distinguished and widely respected name in the field of competitive examinations, whose experience and insight played a decisive role in shaping and refining this edition.

Modern competitive examinations have undergone a fundamental transformation. They no longer reward descriptive writing, personal interpretation, or lengthy explanations; instead, they assess **facts, precision, analytical clarity, and rapid recall**. In such an environment, success depends not on how much one reads, but on **what one reads, how it is organized, and how efficiently it can be recalled under examination pressure**.

A large number of capable aspirants fail to achieve desired results not because they lack intelligence or effort, but because relevant information is **fragmented across countless sources**, poorly structured, inconsistently presented, or buried under excessive narrative. Syllabi continue to expand while examination time remains limited. This growing mismatch between available material and practical examination requirements is the core problem this book has been designed to address.

World on Your Fingertips is a **fact-driven, exam-oriented reference work**, developed strictly according to the demands of **MCQ-based examinations**. The book is written in a **one-liner and compact-note format**, where **every single line is power-packed and information-rich**. In most cases, **a single one-liner contains the substance of multiple MCQs**, enabling candidates to extract maximum value from minimal text.

Although the book is primarily designed for **MCQ papers**, it has deliberately been presented in a **one-liner format even for detailed study and revision**. This approach enables candidates to learn in a **minimalist, high-efficiency style**, avoiding unnecessary explanations while retaining conceptual clarity. The objective is not superficial memorization, but **smart learning**—learning that is aligned with the realities of modern competitive examinations.

Each topic has been broken down into **clear, standardized, and logically arranged statements**, allowing aspirants to grasp **maximum information in minimum time and space**. The structure of the book reflects the actual demands of **PPSC, FPSC, KPSC, BPSC, Azad Kashmir Public Service Commission, CSS, PMS, PCS, NTS**, and other competitive examinations, where **accuracy, breadth of coverage, and recall consistently outweigh narrative detail**.

The content of this book has been prepared with **rigorous academic discipline** and has been:

- **systematically classified** (continent-wise, subject-wise, region-wise, and theme-wise) to ensure clarity, continuity, and ease of reference;
- **carefully verified** through recognized references, authoritative data sources, examination archives, and analytical tools;
- **condensed without distortion**, preserving core facts while eliminating unnecessary verbosity; and

- **closely aligned with frequently asked and repeatedly tested areas**, ensuring maximum relevance for examinations.

Special emphasis has been placed on **high-yield domains**, including geography and physical features; countries, capitals, currencies, areas, and political status; global superlatives and comparisons; international organizations, treaties, conflicts, and geopolitical developments; Pakistan Studies; Islamic Studies; English; Everyday Science; Computer Science; and Current Affairs—all presented in a uniform, **exam-ready style**.

One of the defining strengths of this work is the **integration of previously asked MCQs into factual one-liners**, rather than presenting questions as isolated items. This method enables candidates to understand not only correct answers, but also **examiner priorities, recurring patterns, and thematic emphasis**. Alongside this, **important expected topics** have been included in **one-line form**, based on syllabus evolution and long-term examination behavior.

Unlike conventional books that overwhelm readers with lengthy paragraphs and explanations that rarely translate into examination marks, this book adopts a **smart and modern method of preparation**. Each entry is designed to be **easy to read, easy to remember, and easy to revise**. The result is **big preparation in very little time**, achieved through **intelligent organization and factual density**, rather than compression alone.

The bilingual layout of the book has been intentionally designed for user convenience. The **English portion begins from one side**, while the **Urdu and Islamiat sections start from the reverse side**, allowing candidates to approach each segment independently, efficiently, and without confusion.

This edition marks the **47th edition** of this work—a testament to its **credibility, continuity, and sustained relevance**. Over successive editions, the book has evolved into the **largest and most comprehensive one-liner reference of its kind**. No other single-volume work matches its **breadth of coverage, depth of factual content, or systematic arrangement**. In this sense, the book stands as a **pioneer in MCQ-focused, one-liner preparation**, with every topic deliberately arranged to maximize clarity, continuity, and examination utility.

It is important to acknowledge, with academic honesty, that this book has been **very carefully crafted with the help of relevant authorities, standard references, analytical tools, and long-term examination analysis**. Nevertheless, given the **extraordinary volume and scope** of material brought together in a single work, the possibility of inadvertent errors cannot be entirely eliminated. Academic integrity therefore requires openness on this point. Readers are **actively encouraged to identify and communicate any such errors**, so that they may be **reviewed, verified, and corrected in subsequent editions**. In this respect, the book is conceived not as a static product, but as a **continuously improving academic resource**, refined with each edition through reader feedback and scholarly review.

Similarly, readers may observe **repetition of certain facts, figures, or entries across different sections**. This repetition is **intentional and methodologically necessary**. Many facts legitimately belong to **multiple disciplines, themes, or lists**, and to ensure that each section remains **complete and independently usable**, selective repetition is unavoidable and pedagogically justified.

Readers should also be mindful that **variations in facts, figures, dates, or definitions across different sources** are a recognized academic reality, particularly in fields such as geography, population statistics, political status, economics, and international relations. Where such differences exist, the author and editorial team have exercised **maximum care and scholarly judgment** to adopt the **most widely accepted, examination-relevant, and authoritative versions**. Absolute uniformity across all global sources is neither feasible nor academically

realistic; however, **balance, verification, and transparency** have been maintained throughout the compilation process.

This book does not claim to replace conceptual textbooks or theoretical treatises. Rather, it functions as a **strategic companion**—a **single-volume, high-yield reference** that bridges the gap between academic knowledge and its **practical application in competitive assessment**. It is designed to support candidates throughout the entire preparation cycle: from **initial orientation**, through **systematic study**, to **final revision before the examination**.

The guiding philosophy of this work remains simple yet powerful:

One line. More knowledge. Better score.

This book provides **comprehensive and integrated coverage** of all major subjects commonly tested in competitive, screening, and single-paper examinations, including **General Knowledge, Everyday Science, IT and Computer Studies, Pakistan Studies / Pakistan Affairs, English, Current Affairs, Islamiyat, and Urdu**, along with **thousands of frequently asked questions from previous examination papers**, presented in **one-liner, exam-ready form**.

It has been designed to meet the requirements of a wide range of examinations, including **FPSC, CSS MPT, all Provincial Public Service Commissions, screening tests, single-paper examinations, OTS, NTS, BTS, UTS, STS, JTS, CTS, MTSP, university entry tests**, and other allied recruitment and assessment tests.

Because of its **power-packed one-liner structure and high-retention design**, this book is equally effective for **initial learning, systematic revision, rapid recall, and last-minute review**. It is intended to remain a **desk reference for serious aspirants**, consulted repeatedly rather than read once.

If this work succeeds in saving time, reducing confusion, sharpening recall, and improving examination performance, its purpose will have been fully achieved.

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