<u>Syllabus for the post of Sindh Sales Tax Officer (Trainee)</u>

The breakdown of the test is as follows:

Mathematics & Logic:	20 MCQs
English:	20 MCQs
General Section:	60 MCQs (Accounting, Economics, Public Finance & General Knowledge including global business affairs – 15 MCQs each)

The curriculum for the Accounting, Economics and Public Finance covers the topics that are covered at graduate level of studies. However, the depth of coverage of topics is lesser than advance level and to an extent of introductory to the intermediary level of graduate studies. Topics related coverage is definition of accounting, usage of accounting information, principles, and concept, measuring and recording of business transaction, adjusting entries, accounting equation, completing the accounting cycle, accounts receivables etc. There are many books that cover these basic topics in accounting among them are Accounting Principles, 14th Edition Jerry J. Weygandt, Paul D. Kimmel and Financial Accounting by Meigs & Meigs, Bettner, Whittington, 9th Edition.

Similarly, in the economics the basic knowledge of the field is tested. Such as, the candidates understand the working of the economy, the use of market, law of supply and demand, cost and benefit analysis, production, and market structure at the firm level. Macroeconomic issues regarding interaction of goods and service markets, labor and money at aggregate level. The role of government policy to address microeconomic market issues and macroeconomics objectives. Any graduate level economics books will cover these topics one of such famous book is Economics by Paul Samuelson and William Nordhaus, 19th Edition. In the Public Finance, the role of government in the economy for the betterment of the individual and corporations, the provision of the public goods, cost-benefit analysis, public expenditure, bureaucracies, and the principles of government finance. Although the coverage of the topics will be less intense than provided in the book of Public Finance by the David Hyman, 10th Edition.

Lastly, the examination portion on the Mathematics, Logic and English gauges the skills of the candidates with the benchmark skills required for the admission into graduate level studies. Mathematical section will test the knowledge of fundamental mathematics and will be in line with curriculum of SAT/GMAT. Logical section will assess the general competence, critical reasoning and thought process of the candidate. English section will be based on SAT/GMAT pattern and will assess the grammatical and vocabulary knowledge of the candidate. General Knowledge including global business affairs will test the general knowledge of political and business affairs of the candidates. Overall, the difficulty of the questions will be of standard aptitude test (SAT/GMAT).

Few sample questions are shown below to give a general idea about the question paper.

1) If Ali and Asad can do a job in 4 hours when working together at their respective constant rates and Ali can do the job alone in 6 hours, in how many hours can Asad do the job alone?

a) 2
b) 4
c) 6
d) 12

2) Using the data set {20, 50, 30, 40, 50, 80, 60, 90}, which of the following statements is correct?

a)   mode < mean < median
b)   mode = median < mean
c)   median < mean < mode
d)   None of these

3) If every precious stone is harder than glass, which of the following statement must also be true?

a) Every stone harder than glass is a precious stone.
b) Glass can be a precious stone
c) Some stones softer than glass are precious stones.
d) Every stone softer than glass is not a precious stone.

4) Identify the missing number 6,10,18,34?

a) 69
b) 68
c) 66
d) 61

5) Clearly refuting skeptics, researchers have _____ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what the theory_____ it should do.

a) assumed - deducted
b) estimated - accepted
c) supposed - asserted
d) demonstrated - predicted.

6) Identify the word that means the same as "Mail"

a) Fast
b) Post
c) Past
d) Slow

7) Double Entry term is used to indicate:

a) Entry on the two aspects of the book.
b) Entry at two different dates.
c) Entry in two aspects of the transaction.
d) All of the above.

8) Patents and copyrights are

a) Current Asset
b) Fixed Asset
c) Investment
d) Intangible Asset

9) Current Asset - Current Liabilities = ?

a) Net Asset
b) Net Loss
c) Absorbed Capital
d) Working Capital

10) The supply and demand theorem is applicable when following three conditions are met and one condition is unnecessary, indicate which one.

a) There must be many buyers.
b) There must be many sellers
c) The buyers and sellers must trade an identical item.
d) The item traded must be a product.

11) The tax on the net income of companies is

a) Personal income tax
b) Interest tax
c) Wealth tax
d) Corporate tax

12) The difference between fiscal deficit and interest payment during the year is called

a) Fiscal deficit
b) Budget deficit
c) Primary deficit
d) Revenue deficit

13) Which of the following is NOT a direct tax?

a) Income tax
b) Corporate tax
c) Capital gains tax
d) Excise duty

14. Who is the current Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)?

a) Syed Muhammmad Shabbar Zaidi
b) Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan
c) Rukhsana Yasmin
d) None of the above

15) The 15th G20 summit will be held in:

a) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
b) Buenos Aires, Argentina
c) Osaka, Japan
d) Mumbai, India