

PRÉCIS

Central Superior Services Examination (CSS) 1986

Passage.

One of the fundamental facts about words is that the most useful ones in our language have many meanings. That is partly why they are so useful: they work overtime... Think of -all the various things we mean by the word "foot" on different occasion: one of the lower extremities of the human body, a measure of verse, the ground about a tree, twelve inches,- the floor in front of the stairs. The same is true of nearly every common noun or verb...considering the number of ways of taking a particular word, the tusk of speaking clearly and being understood would seem pretty hopeless if it were not for another very important fact about language. Though a word may have many senses, these senses can be controlled, up to a point, by the context in which the word is used. When we find the word in a particular verbal setting -we can usually decide quite definitely which of the many senses of the word relevant. If a poet says his verse has feet, it doesn't occur to you that he could mean it's a yard long or is three legged (unless perhaps you are a critic planning to puncture the poet with a pun about his" lumping verse"). The context rules out these maverick senses quite decisively.

words: 218

Final Draft

The context (in a language)

Some useful words have many meanings.

For instance, one can use the word 'foot' in multiple contexts. Same is true of commonly used verbs or nouns. It is due to the understanding of different contexts, one can easily get the contextual meaning of the word. Such as, when a poet says that his verse has feet, one promptly understands the figurative meaning of that verse. Hence, context clarifies specific meaning of the word.

Total words: 218

Précis: 73

Remarks by Examiner

In main précis

	Yes	No
1. Main idea is picked	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Main aspect(s) of an idea is/are covered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Written in student's own language structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Cohesion/rhythm/organization needs improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Spelling(s) mistakes are found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Need for improvement in grammar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Is length per Requirement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In Title

	Yes	No
1. Title matches with précis/main idea.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Language of title is weak/incorrect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Length of title as per standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Marks

Main Précis: 6 / 15

Title: 2 / 5

Remarks

content is fine
 main idea is picked and discussed
 be precis and to the point
 write in a versatile context
 rest is fine