



**National Officers Academy**  
**Mock Exams Special CSS & CSS-2024**  
**July 2023 (Mock-4)**

**ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)**

<b>TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS</b>	<b>PART-I (MCQS)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS = 20</b>
<b>PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES</b>	<b>PART-II</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS = 80</b>
<b>NOTE:</b>		
i. <b>Part-II</b> is to be attempted on the separate <b>Answer Book</b> .		
ii. Attempt <b>ALL</b> questions from <b>PART-II</b> .		
iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.		
iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.		

**PART-II**

**Q. 2 Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.**

**(15+5=20)**

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; that one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. (Martin Luther King, 1963)

**Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

**(20)**

Russian Mikhail Kalashnikov invented the weapon that bears his name in the middle of the 20th century. Born on Nov. 10, 1919, Kalashnikov was a tank mechanic in the Soviet military during the Second World War. He was wounded during the German invasion of the USSR in 1941.

Having seen firsthand the combat advantage conferred by Germany's superior firearms, Kalashnikov resolved to develop a better weapon. While still in the military, he produced several designs that lost out to competitors before eventually producing the first AK-47.

The name of Kalashnikov's greatest invention stands for Automat Kalashnikova 1947, the year it was first produced.

It was relatively inexpensive to produce, short and light to carry, and easy to use, with little recoil. It also boasted legendary reliability under harsh conditions ranging from waterlogged jungles to Middle Eastern sandstorms, in both extreme cold and heat. The weapon quickly spread around the world, becoming a symbol of revolution in such far-flung lands as Vietnam, Afghanistan, Colombia and Mozambique, on whose flag it figures prominently. Ironically, it is still used frequently by terrorists and criminals. Thus, the weapon has counted maximum kills since its invention.

When a reporter asked Mikhail in 2007 how he could sleep at night, he replied, "I sleep well. It is the politicians who are to blame for failing to come to an agreement and resorting to violence."

Kalashnikov died a national hero in 2013 at the age of 94.

Throughout his life, Kalashnikov rebuffed attempts to saddle him with guilt over the vast number of killings and injuries inflicted with his invention. He insisted that he had developed it for defense, not offense. Anyways, it's a perennial debate because every weapon has one weakness - it's user.



## Mock - 4 (July 2023)

Q2 Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Title: I Have A Dream

Martin Luther King envisions a day when the American nation will unite under the principle of equality and brotherhood will take the place of slavery; when freedom and justice will prevail and children will be judged by their character, not by their race; when all obstacles shall be mounted and everyone will share his dream; where there is no political discrimination; where children of all races grow up like siblings. He extends his vision further that his dream is a ray of hope that this audience should take with themselves to fight oppression back home. This hope is the force that will bind everyone together in all walks of life and make the dream of equality come true for everyone.

(Total words 310/precis 120 words)





## Comprehension

Qs Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows:

1. Can the invention of the weapon be attributed only to Mikhail Kalashnikov?

It is safe to attribute the invention of AK-47 only to Mikhail Kalashnikov. Though the threat of superior German firearms was also a motivation behind its invention, ~~He~~ is still credited as the only designer and developer of this weapon.

2. What really made the weapon a revolutionary weapon?

After the Communist Revolution, many armed conflicts broke out in ~~many~~ cold war theatres. Russia was involved in arming the revolutionaries with AK-47, which is the reason it got its fame as a revolutionary weapon.

2. The best inventions comes during the time of crisis. Explain the statement in the context of the given passage.

It is true that the time of crisis compels people to make the best of their intellect and resources. For example, AK-47 was invented to counter the technological edge of the German firearms during World War II. This proves that crisis is indeed a stimulant for new inventions.



Q4. What kills? Guns or those who carry them?

A weapon does not have a will of its own. It does not choose its target. The decision to kill is made by the person who bears the arm, or in a broader sense, the blame falls on the shoulders of the powerful people who authorize the production and use of deadly weapons for political gains.

Q5. Does the words of Mikhail Kalashnikov consoles his conscience? Give your opinion.

Throughout his life, Mikhail Kalashnikov showed no remorse over his invention, asserting that his aim was noble, which was, to protect his motherland. He cleared his conscience by projecting the blame of its misuse on the politicians. However, in my opinion, inventors should strictly adhere to ethical guidelines and abstain from inventing such weapons whose safe use in a controlled environment can not be ensured.

