



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION - 2022 FOR RECRUITMENT
TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

Roll Number

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)

PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

- NOTE: (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
(ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.
(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.
(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following and suggest a suitable title:

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The fear of human beings when faced with the mysteries of life and their weakness by comparison with the vastness of nature created in them a need to communicate with the divine, with the superior powers which they believed regulated the universe and determined their own fates. Knowledge of wishes of the gods was always a sure guide for human behavior. In ancient Greece, the precise nature of these wishes was 'decoded' by the art of giving oracles, practiced by soothsayers who had the gift of understanding the signs or signals sent by gods.

The soothsayers uttered their oracles by interpreting flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder or the flights of certain birds of prey (omens); alternatively they might observe the direction in which the fire burned when a sacrifice was made, examine the entrails of animals which had just been sacrificed, or base judgments on the sacrificial beast's willingness to approach the altar. The interpretation of dreams was popular too, and so was palmistry. The most notable soothsayers of ancient Greece were Tiresias, Calchas, Helenus, Amphiaraus and Cassandra.

However, there were abundant instances in which the gods did not manifest themselves to the faithful in the forms of signs but spoke directly to an intermediate who for a short time was overcome by a 'divine mania' and transcended his own human essence. Here the prophetess- entered a state of ecstasy in which he or she delivered the message from the gods to the suppliants.

These practices for foreseeing the future were the basis on which the ancient Greek oracles operated. Each oracle was located within a properly-organized sanctuary and was directly associated with one or other of the gods. Apollo was the archetypal soothsayer for the Greeks, the god who was responsible for conveying to mortals the decisions pronounced by Zeus. The most important of all the oracles, that at the Delphi, delivered the messages with the intervention of Apollo, while the oldest that of Dodons, functioned with the assistance of Zeus.

(Final Precis)

In the ancient Greece, individuals after experiencing various fears and mysteries in life become internally insecure about their upcoming life, thus needed a guideline of gods for better living. Interpretation of dreams, palmistry, observing and analyzing different weather conditions, angles of fire etc were the abilities which soothsayers like Tiresias, Calchas, Helenus possess in order to decode the signals of god and translated it to human beings. Apollo and Dodans were responsible of conveying the decisions, and function with the assistance of Zeus respectively, had much expertise as they could enter in such a deep state where god spoke directly through them to common individuals.

Title : Future prediction in ancient Greece.

(Precis)

Human beings are interdependent on each other, their nature resembles with social animals as they have to accommodate for living. Mental capacity building and growth of their knowledge become possible due to the medium of language to live in a human society. An individual has not much significance if left alone from a community from birth as he may become a beast, but as a member of society which directs his material and spiritual existence.

Title: Interdependency of individuals in terms of mental growth