



**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:**

**(20)**

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 )

~~On the ancient Greece,~~  
**The ancient greeks**  
~~individuals~~ after ~~experiencing~~ various  
 years 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 analysing  
 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

**Oracles and humans**  
 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 does not have 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.

Humans interdependency

Title: Interdependency of individuals  
in terms of mental growth