



**National Officers Academy**  
**Mock Exams PMS PUNJAB 2023**

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**ENGLISH (Précis, Comprehension & Translation)**

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	MAXIMUM MARKS = 100
NOTE: i. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places. ii. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper. iii. No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed. iv. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.	

**PART-II**

**Q.No.1 Write a paragraph of 200 words on any ONE of the following topics: (20 Marks)**

- Disinformation in the age of Information
- Success: An Ultimate Remedy to Depression
- The Impact of Political Instability on Economic Growth in Pakistan
- Great losses are great lessons

**Q.No.2 Use any TEN of the following idiomatic expressions in sentences to make their meaning clear. (10 Marks)**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| a. at the drop of a hat | e. all the rage     | i. in dire straits    |
| b. wag one's chin       | f. to rough it      | j. dog in a manger    |
| c. dead wood            | g. damp squib       | k. make a beeline for |
| d. be a cold fish       | h. thick as thieves | l. off the wall       |

**Q.No.3 Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage ceremony of your brother. (10 Marks)**

**OR**

Write an application to the Superintendent of Police of your district requesting the investigation into the increased cases of Street Crimes in the city.

**Q.No.4 Write the Antonyms of the following words. (5 Marks)**

- a)Virulent b)Exodus c)Dormant d)Cosset e)Tedious

**Q.No.5 Change the narration of any FIVE of the following sentences. (5 Marks)**

- "You had better not leave your room unlocked", said my friend.
- He said to her in a calm voice, "If you don't keep quiet, I will be compelled to disclose your secret."
- The man said, "No, I refuse to confer guilt."
- The manager said to his colleague, "You all have been given a chance to prove your capability for the next project and anyone who succeeds, will get unimaginable benefits."
- You said to your servant, "You have been misusing all the facilities and this has incurred a heavy loss which is unforgiveable."
- She said, "My father left us when I was three years old and I know how it feels."
- Rashid said to me, "My problem is different from yours but we have common source of our problem and that is our own mind-set."
- She said to you, "You are such a loser!"

**Q. No. 6 Change the voice of any FIVE of the following sentences. (5Marks)**

- His grandmother looked after him.
- I did not paint the wall.
- He took away my books.
- She did not obey her parents.
- Did you visit the zoo?
- The teacher had punished the boy.
- We use milk for making cheese.
- He will give you a box of chocolates.

**Q.No.7 Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. (10 Marks)**

- The police officer is \_\_\_ the station.
- The Sun will not rise \_\_\_ 6 o'clock.
- I know Jack \_\_\_ he was a little boy.
- Ayesha's house is \_\_\_ mine.
- The opponents sat \_\_\_ to each other.
- The scientist looked \_\_\_ the microscope.
- I met Sohaib when I was \_\_\_ college.
- I will have completed my task \_\_\_ Friday.
- There's a rift \_\_\_ these two kids.
- The soldiers are \_\_\_ war.

**Q. No. 8 Make a Précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title. (15+5=20 Marks)**

One should also guard one's self from another possible misinterpretation. The fact that great art and profound thought are difficult to comprehend does not mean that simplified instruction in the humanities cannot be offered to beginners. On the contrary, wise introduction becomes the more necessary, just as it is true in science. High-school pupils get something out of Julius Caesar, a reproduction in the classroom of Millet's "The Gleaners," a recording of "The Ride of the Valkyries," and Emerson's The American Scholar. But youth will never get beyond this "something" if these masterpieces are "taught" as if they did not differ from the latest Broadway comedy or television hit, the pictures in Look, a jazz record, and an inspirational message by some popular preacher. Introductory matter that never gets beyond introductions seldom leads to acquaintanceship. Complaint is made about science teaching in the secondary schools that textbooks have been so debased by the supposed demands of teaching that they are both obsolescent and unattractive; and it is to remedy this situation that, under a grant from the National Science Foundation, the Physical Science Study Committee is preparing textbooks in physics that will really introduce the beginning student to modern science and lead him to further study. Many beginning books in literature, the arts, the languages, and, in some ways, ethics and philosophy are like the physics books complained of. They lead nowhere. They assume that what is contemporary or novel must alone be true and lasting. Their emphasis is upon entertainment and pleasure rather than upon challenge and instruction. If we really seek in our public education to mature American youth, we shall make small progress in the humanities unless our elementary work leads into greatness and not into the merely contemporary. The contemporary fades every year; the problems of humanity continue.

**Q.No.9 Translate the following passage into English. (15 Marks)**

پاکستان کی موجودہ سیاسی اور معاشی صورتِ حال ابتری کی اس سطح پر پہنچ چکی ہے۔ جس سے آگے نا قابل تصور قومی سطحے نوشتہ دیوار دکھانی دے رہے ہیں۔ گویا ہم ایک ایسے آتش فشاں پر بیٹھے ہوئے ہیں جو کسی وقت بھی پھٹ سکتا ہے۔ اگرچہ ہم ہمیشہ سے سیاسی عدم استحکام کا شکار رہے ہیں جس نے نہ صرف ہمیں کبھی ایک قوم نہیں بننے دیا اور معاشی طور پر ہمیشہ پس ماندہ رکھا ہے۔ بلکہ یہی سیاسی عدم استحکام اور معاشی بدحالی ہماری قومی وحدت کیلئے زہر قاتل ثابت ہوئی ہے۔

## PART-II

Q NO 1:

Write a paragraph of 200 words

### Impact of Political Instability on economic growth of Pakistan

Political instability in Pakistan has severely hindered its economic growth, by creating a climate of uncertainty that affects investments, governance and overall development. Since its inception in 1947, Pakistan has experienced numerous episodes of turbulence, including military coups, frequent government turnovers and persistent civil unrest. This instability disrupts the continuity necessary for long term economic planning and deters both ~~the~~ domestic and foreign investors, who seek stable environment where economic policies are stable and predictable. This inconsistency in policy implementation is due to frequent changes in government which <sup>has</sup> directly impact on economy of country. Each new government often revise or abandon the economic policies of its predecessors, leading to a lack of continuity that hampers sustainable development. Infrastructure reforms, projects, often face delays or left incomplete.

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For example, the repeatedly stalled Kalabagh Dam project illustrates how political disorder can impede essential infrastructure developments which are important/crucial for water management and electricity generation. Additionally, political instability exacerbates security challenges, including terrorism, which further <sup>ultimately</sup> hinder economic growth. According to Global Terrorism Index, Pakistan remains one of <sup>the</sup> most affected countries <sup>by terrorism</sup>. Furthermore, political instability leads to poor governance, corruption and inefficiencies <sup>are some of the</sup> which undermine economic pergrowth. As due to poor management effective policies are not implement which leads to high level of corruption and administrative inefficiencies. These issues not only deter economy but also erode public trust in institutions, which reduced economic productivity. So political instability in Pakistan has a profound and multifaceted impact on its economic growth. It creates an unpredictable environment that deters investments, disrupt policy continuity, <sup>and</sup> exacerbate security challenges. Addressing these root causes is essential for unlocking the country's economic potential and profitable livelihood of its citizens.

## Question No 2

use idiomatic expression in sentences to make their meaning

**a at the drop of a hat** (immediate action without thinking)

He is always ready to help at the drop of a hat

**b Wag one's chin** (Talk a lot)

They were wagging their chins in the cafe for hours

**c dead wood**

(Things or people are no longer useful or productive)

The company decided to remove the dead woods to increase efficiency.

**d be a cold fish**

(unemotional, unfriendly person)

Despite his good looks, he is

a cold fish and difficult to approach.

OR

she never shows any excitement; she is a

real cold fish

**e all the rage**

(something very popular or fashionable at particular time)

Smartphones with large

screens are all the rage these days

f: to rough it To live in simple way without modern <sup>facilities</sup>

When we visit the village, we have to rough it because there are no modern facilities

g: damp squib (Something that fails to meet expectation)

His speech was expected to be inspiring, but it was a damp squib

h: thick as thieves (very close, <sup>deep</sup> Mutual trust)

Since childhood, they have been thick as thieves, always sharing secrets. (OR)

The two colleagues are thick as thieves, they support each other in every situation.

## Question No 4

Write Antonyms of following

Virulent

Gentle

Exodus

Influx

Dormant

Active

Looset

Neglect

Tedious

Interesting

## Question NO #3

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage ceremony of your brother.

Examination Hall,

A.B.C. City,

March 27, 2024.

Dear Aslam,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. It has been a while since we last caught up, and I have some wonderful news to share with you. My elder brother is getting married, and we would be honoured to have you join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

The marriage ceremony will take place on 24 August. It will be a beautiful event filled with love, laughter, and gathering of close friends and family. Your presence would mean a lot to us and add to the happiness of the day. We have planned a series of events leading up to the big day, and it would be

fantastic if you could join us for the entire celebration. Please let us know if you will be able to attend so we can make the necessary arrangements for your stay. Also ask your mother to join us on this happy occasion. My mother will be very happy to have you and your mother on this occasion.

If you need any assistance with travel plans or accommodation, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I will be more than happy to help you.

Looking forward to seeing you and your mother and creating wonderful memories together. Please convey my regards to your family.

With warmest regards,

Yours truly,  
X. Y. Z

## Question NO #5

change the narration of following sentence

a "You had better not leave your room unlocked", said my friend

My friend said/told that I had better not leave my room unlocked.

b. He said to her in a calm voice, "If you don't keep quiet, I will be compelled to disclose your secret"

He told her in a calm voice that he would be compelled to disclose her secret if she did not keep quiet

c. The man said, "NO, I refuse to confer guilt.

The man said that he refused to confer guilt.

d. The manager said to his colleague, "You all have been given a chance to prove your capability for the next project and anyone who succeeds, will get unimaginable benefits."

The manager told his colleague that



They all had been given a chance to prove their capability for the following project and anyone who succeed would get unimaginable benefits.

e. You said to your servant, "You have been misusing all the facilities and this has incurred a heavy loss which is unforgivable. You told your servant that he had been misusing all the facilities and that had incurred a heavy loss which was unforgivable.

f. She said, "My father felt left vs when I was three years old and I know how it feels".

She told that her father <sup>had</sup> left them when she was three years old and she knew how it felt.

g. Rashid said to me, "My problem is different from yours but we have common source of our problem and that is our own mindset. Rashid told me that his problem was different from mine but they had common source of their problem and that was their own mindset.

h she said to you "You are such a loser!"

She exclaimed with sorrow that you were a loser.

### Question No: 6

change the voice of following

a) His grandmother looked after him.  
He was looked after by his grandmother.

b) I did not paint the wall.  
The wall was not painted by me.

c) He took away my books.  
My books were taken away by him.

d) she said did not obey her parents.  
Her parents were not obeyed by her.

e) Did you visit the zoo?  
Was the zoo visited by you?

f) The teacher had punished the boy.  
The boy had been punished by the teacher.

g) We use milk for making cheese.  
Milk is used by us for making cheese.

h He will give you a box of chocolates.  
A box You will be given a box of chocolates  
by him.

## Question No #7

### Fill Suitable Preposition

- a - The police officer is at the station
- b - The sun will not rise at 6 o'clock.
- c - I know Jack since he was a little boy
- d - Ayesha's house is near mine
- e - The opponents sat opposite to each other
- f - The scientist looked through the microscope.
- g - I met Sonail when I was at college
- h - I will have completed my task on Friday
- i - There is a rift between these two kids
- j - The soldiers are at war

## Question No #8

### Make a precis

### Need of challenging Instructions in the Humanities Classroom

Great art and profound thought are  
inherently challenging but this does

not mean that they cannot be taught to beginners. Well designed instruction is necessary. Just as in science. We should design challenging instructions so that one can understand and comprehend great literary work, which is essence of humanities. It is seen that even many science books are very uninteresting and irrelevant, failed to introduce the real value of subject among students. These textbooks focus on what is contemporary and entertaining rather than what is truly important. To make progress we should enhance our literary work and it should be more challenging.

Total words: 320

Word Count = 102

## Question No #9

Translate following passage into English:

Current political and economic situation of Pakistan has reached a level of

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chaos, beyond which unimaginable national tragedies can be foreseen. It is as if we are sitting on a volcano which can erupt at any moment. Although, we have always been victimized political instability which not only prevent us to be a single united nation but also kept us economically backward this very political instability and economic stagnation has been ~~been~~ proved <sup>to be</sup> poison for our national integrity and our country was divided into two halves only 23 years later.