

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT
TO POSTS IN BPS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 1984
ENGLISH (Précis and Composition)

Time allowed: 3 hours Maximum marks: 100

Q.1 Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

It is no doubt true that we cannot go through life without sorrow. There can be no sunshine without shade. We must not complain that roses have thorns, but rather be grateful that thorns bear flowers. Our existence here is so complex that we must expect much sorrow and much suffering. Many people distress and torment themselves about the mystery of existence. But although a good man may at times be angry with the world, it is certain that no man was ever discontented with the world who did his duty in it. The world is a looking-glass, if you smile, it smiles, if you frown, it frowns back. If you look at it through a red glass, all seems red and rosy: if through a blue, all blue, if through a smoked one, all dull and dingy. Always try then to look at the bright side of things, almost everything in the world has a bright side. There are some persons whose smile, the sound of whose voice, whose every presence seems like a ray of sunshine and brightens a whole room. Greet everybody with a bright smile, kind words and a pleasant welcome. It is not enough to love those who are near and dear to us. We must show that we do so. While, however, we should be grateful, and enjoy to the full the innumerable blessings of life, we cannot expect to have no sorrows or anxieties. Life has been described as a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel. It is indeed a tragedy at times and a comedy very often, but as a rule, it is what we choose to make it. No evil, said Socrates, can happen to a good man, either in Life or Death.

Final Draft

The Existence of life

The author describes that life is full of sorrows. The existence of life is attached with the diverse sights. There is not only sorrows in life but also exists happiness. One must expect that life is full of hardships. A person can see the existence of life through various visions. The best vision is the brightest side of the life. The brightest side is to be kind, gentle and soft in nature. One must not confine oneself loving the nearest ones. Love must be for everyone. Individuals must enjoy the countless blessing of life although accept that life has ups and downs. Therefore, life has been ascribed differently to the humans, the only way is how individuals shape it.

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Remarks by Examiner

In main précis

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Spelling(s) mistakes are found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Need for improvement in grammar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Language of title is weak/incorrect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Marks

Main Précis: 5 / 15 Title: 2 / 5

Remarks

sentences are incomplete and do not convey complete meaning
need improvement in expression
read the passage carefully and write sentences with complete meaning
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