



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2024 FOR RECRUITMENT
TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

Roll Number

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	(PART-I MCQs)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 20
PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	(PART-II)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 80
NOTE: (i) First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes.		
(ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit.		
(iii) There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted.		

PART-I (MCQs)(COMPULSORY)

Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the OMR Answer Sheet. (20x1=20)
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.

(a) Choose the word that is nearly most similar in meaning to the capitalized words.

1. **UBIQUITOUS:**
(A) Scarce (B) Present everywhere (C) Unique (D) Limited
2. **PERNICIOUS:**
(A) Beneficial (B) Harmful (C) Lucid (D) Fervent
3. **MELLIFLUOUS:**
(A) Grating (B) Smooth and sweet-sounding (C) Dissonant (D) Discordant
4. **EPHEMERAL:**
(A) Enduring (B) Eternal (C) Short-lived (D) Persistent
5. **ASTUTE:**
(A) Indifferent (B) Pensive (C) Stupid (D) Insightful
6. **ENTHRALL:**
(A) Bore (B) Captivate (C) Fascinate (D) Disinterest
7. **SYCOPHANT:**
(A) Admirer (B) Advocate (C) Critic (D) Flatterer
8. **ASSUAGE:**
(A) Aggravate (B) Intensify (C) Soothe (D) Alleviate
9. **RETICENT:**
(A) Talkative (B) Loquacious (C) Vocal (D) Reserved
10. **INCESSANT:**
(A) Sporadic (B) Intermittent (C) Persistent (D) Halted

(b) Choose the word that is nearly most opposite in meaning to the capitalized words.

11. **ESOTERIC:**
(A) Obvious (B) Understood by few (C) Extraneous (D) Common
12. **SQUALID:**
(A) Dirty (B) Wretched (C) Lavish (D) Clean
13. **TACITURN:**
(A) Loquacious (B) Voluble (C) Reticent (D) Silent
14. **CONSTRIC:**
(A) Tighten (B) Contract (C) Expand (D) Release
15. **LOQUACIOUS:**
(A) Talkative (B) Silent (C) Reticent (D) Reserved
16. **INDOLENT:**
(A) Lazy (B) Active (C) Lethargic (D) Energetic
17. **COALESCE:**
(A) Merge (B) Combine (C) Disperse (D) Separate
18. **RANCOR:**
(A) Animosity (B) Bitterness (C) Hostility (D) Amicability
19. **ACQUIESCE:**
(A) Comply (B) Resist (C) Agree (D) Deny
20. **DEBILITATE:**
(A) Fortify (B) Weaken (C) Strengthen (D) Enervate

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PART-II

- 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.

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

In the heart of bustling cities, urban green spaces stand as oases of tranquility, providing respite from the hustle and bustle. Parks, adorned with vibrant flora, become havens for relaxation and recreation. The greenery offers a sanctuary for diverse wildlife, creating a delicate balance between urban development and environmental preservation. Beyond their aesthetic appeal, city parks play a crucial role in fostering community bonds. Families gather for picnics, friends engage in sports, and individuals find solace amidst nature's embrace. These communal spaces serve as venues for cultural events, open-air concerts, and art installations, enriching the urban experience. The benefits of urban green spaces extend beyond leisure. They contribute to improved air quality, mitigate the urban heat island effect, and promote overall well-being. Access to nature within city limits becomes a vital aspect of mental health, offering a refuge for introspection and rejuvenation. However, the challenge lies in balancing the increasing urbanization with the preservation of green spaces. Sustainable urban planning becomes imperative to ensure the coexistence of concrete jungles and natural havens. Efforts to create and maintain parks, tree-lined avenues, and green rooftops become integral components of shaping cities that prioritize both human and environmental health. As cities evolve, the preservation and enhancement of urban green spaces become a shared responsibility. The vision is to cultivate urban landscapes that seamlessly integrate nature into the tapestry of city life, fostering a sustainable and harmonious cohabitation between human progress and the environment.

~~Part II~~

(Q#2)

(Precis Writing)

Urban Green Spaces: Benefits, Challenges, and Way Forward

Urban green spaces offer solace and relaxation amid the busyness of the city life. These green places create a delicate balance between urban development and environmental preservation. These places can be used to hold different events, help in creating social bonds among people from different walks of life, and ^{make} city life more interesting. Such places mitigate the adverse impacts of rapid urbanization and improve the overall environment. Despite its several benefits, it is becoming increasingly difficult to preserve green spaces due to rapid urbanization. Therefore, ~~it is~~ necessary sustainable development is essential to maintain the balance of environmental health and urban development.

Passage word count = 240 words.

Precis word count = 100 words.

Idea and grammar are ok. Mistake identified.
Avoid cutting.