

Q2.

English Preci and Composition

Pursuit of peace depends on self-catharsis

The author is of the opinion that total war does not make sense in an era where great powers can keep nuclear forces, where a single nuclear weapon is ten times more lethal than the combined explosives of WWII and where the impact of nuclear war impacts our entire environment as well as our future generations. The author further says that billions of dollars are spent on weapons to attain peace. However, these weapons of mass destruction is the least efficient means of assuring peace and the pursuit of peace often goes unheard unless the world's leaders show more concern. Moreover, anyone who despairs war and wishes to bring peace must first indulge in self-catharsis on the possibility of peace. He further says that war and peace can be managed by clearly defined goals so that people might be able to get off hope from it.

Total words : 460

Precis words : 150.

Q3.

Comprehension

- (i) A drought is a weather phenomenon characterized by long period of little to no rain fall in an area or a region. Its consequences include

no rainfall for weeks and as a result the rivers and the stream dry. The livestock and cattle die of thirst and the crops are completely ruined.

Similarly, there is no water for human consumption, for trees and for animals and birds. Drought eventually leads to famine and food insecurity in its respective region.

- (ii) The writer does not endorse the popular saying about the red sky. He thinks that such sayings are often incorrect rather than being right and if all the sayings of the world were believed to be true then there would be no need or use of weather science or meteorology in any way.
- (iii) Weather forecasting is a science in which weather patterns are studied, the flow of air and the movement of clouds is observed to understand what weather may be expected in the next few days. Weather forecasting is known as meteorology and is extensively used to forecast all kinds of weather phenomena across the globe.
- (iv) It is not easy to forecast weather because it requires designated instruments such as barometer or a thermometer to measure temperatures and expertise to study cloud formation, condensation and precipitation, wind patterns and ^{much} more more to be able to precisely and accurately predict weather. Various variables affect weather and therefore,

all have to be carefully studied to fairly accurate forecast of an area.

- (v) During old times, when the moon lied on its back, people believed that it would rain soon because they believed that the moon contained a lot of water and it would rain once the moon was in the shape of a crescent.

Q4.

- (i) The priest joined the bride and the groom in a holy wedding.
- (ii) Allen Turing was a scholar, a scientist and an artist.
- (iii) Tim let his son to swim with his friends.
- (iv) He is a four-year subscription to that magazine.

Q5. Punctuation (a)

A fly sat on one of the shafts of the cart, and said to the mule, who was pulling it, "How slow you are?" "Do mend your pace or I shall have to use my string as a goad." The mule was in the least disturbed, behind me, in the cart, said, "He sits my master, he holds the reins, and flicks me with his whip and him, I obey, but I don't want any of your impertinence. I know when I may dandle and when I may not."

Q5 (b)

- (i) We walked at the beach for several hours last night.
- (ii) John called his brother in hopes of finding somebody to watch his children.
- (v) If you study the material very thoroughly, you will have no trouble during the examination.
- (vi) We were walking in the woods when, all of a sudden, we heard a strange sound.
- (v) The course will commence on 1st May, 2025.

Q6. (a)

- (ii) **Palate** : John has a fine palate. He can differentiate between the taste of all spices.
- (i) **Palette**
Palette : Jenny needs to buy a new palette for her paint colours.
- (iii) **Elicit** : She kept getting on his nerves in order to elicit a response from him.
- Illicit** : One of our neighbours was involved in several illicit activities. The police raided her house last night and found drugs.
- (iv) **Peal** : My househelp pealed the door bell so hard that I woke up from my sleep.
- Peel** : My husband always peels oranges for me and sits with me in the morning sunlight to eat them.

(i) Creak : The house looked so spooky, we could hear the sound of creaks at night, as if someone was there.

Creek :- After world war 2, local found several creeks under the ground where soldiers used to hit during the war.

(vi) Faint : The heatwave was so intense that several people fainted on roads due to heat and thirst.

Faint :- During research, it is not ethical to faint the participants and manipulate them into being a part of the study.

Q6 (b)

The judge asked Mr. Thompson, "You are seeking compensation for wrongful termination?" The plaintiff replied, "Yes. Your Honor, I believe I was unfairly dismissed." "You were let go after eight months, correct?" the judge asked. "Yes," replied the plaintiff. The judge said, "Under the law, employees with less than a year are not eligible for relief unless there's evidence of discrimination or a specific rights violation." "But I feel my rights were violated!" replied the plaintiff. The judge said, "I understand, but with those grounds, I can't grant relief." "So there's nothing I can

do?, the plaintiff asked. "Correct, Mr. Thompson. My hands are tied by the law," the judge responded. "Thank you, Your Honor. I understand," replied plaintiff. "Case dismissed," said the judge.

Q7.

Translation

Recently, a conflict emerged during an ongoing literary festival in Lahore, because instead of attracting people towards books and literary activities, several stall owners were busy selling food and irrelevant items. This belittled/ undermined the primary purpose of the organising the literary event. As a result, several participants expressed ~~dis~~ dissatisfaction and felt that the literary festival had turned into a food fest and that little attention was paid to books, authors and dialogues. Due to lack of focus on the books, an argument began as to whether the event had fulfilled its main purpose or was it merely prioritizing the trading interests of stall owners.

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