

National Officers Academy

Mock Exams CSS-2025

January 2025 (Final Mock)

ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	PART-I (MCQS)	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20
PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-II	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.		

PART-II

Q. 2 Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

(15+5=20)

Ah, politicians, those paragons of probity and bastions of integrity! One cannot help but marvel at their unparalleled aptitude for convoluted verbosity and dexterous evasion. In the grand theatre of governance, their antics form a riveting spectacle—a symphony of shrewd machinations and hyperbolic rhetoric. Observe, if you will, their unparalleled mastery of linguistic acrobatics. When confronted with the simplest of inquiries, our esteemed leaders employ an arsenal of sesquipedalian phrases, cloaking their evasions in an aura of intellectual gravitas. Should one dare to question their motives, rest assured the retort shall be a masterclass in circumlocution, leaving the inquisitor ensnared in a labyrinth of words. And who can ignore their profound commitment to the sacred art of promises? Promises, like autumn leaves, are scattered generously before elections, only to be swept away by the winds of forgetfulness once the ballots are counted. It is a rare talent, indeed, to promise the moon and yet deliver naught but shadows.

Let us also pay homage to their theatrical prowess. Whether shedding crocodilian tears at a public forum or offering meticulously rehearsed displays of indignation, these virtuosos never fail to keep their audience entertained. It is said that the pen is mightier than the sword, but in the hands of a politician, a well-timed photo-op with a baby or a stray dog wields greater power than either.

Alas, it would be remiss not to acknowledge their unparalleled talent for self-preservation. Like chameleons, they adapt seamlessly to shifting political climates, shedding ideologies as effortlessly as a snake sheds its skin. The agility with which they leap from scandal to scapegoat is nothing short of Olympian. The antics of our political class serve as a poignant reminder: leadership, it seems, is less about serving the populace and more about perfecting the performance.

Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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The notion that renewable energy unequivocally saves the planet and eradicates pollution is a narrative as appealing as it is oversimplified. While solar panels gleaming in the sun and wind turbines spinning gracefully against a clear blue sky evoke a sense of eco-utopia, the reality of renewable energy is far from unblemished.

To begin with, the very production of renewable energy systems is a resource-intensive process that leaves a sizable environmental footprint. Solar panels, for instance, require rare earth elements like cadmium and tellurium, whose extraction involves environmentally damaging mining practices. Similarly, wind turbines demand vast quantities of steel, concrete, and rare earth magnets. Manufacturing these components not only generates significant greenhouse gas emissions but also disrupts ecosystems and exploits finite resources.

A parallel can be drawn to electric vehicles (EVs), which are often lauded for their environmentally friendly image but whose production also results in significant pollution. The manufacturing process, particularly of lithium-ion batteries, requires extensive mining of materials like lithium, cobalt, and nickel. This mining causes habitat destruction, soil contamination, and high water usage, often in regions already facing environmental stress. Additionally, if the electricity used to charge EVs comes from fossil fuels, their environmental benefits diminish significantly. Battery disposal presents further challenges, as improper recycling leads to toxic waste. While EVs have potential, their current lifecycle emissions suggest they are not a complete solution to reducing pollution.

Moreover, the issue of waste is a looming specter. Solar panels and wind turbines have finite lifespans, typically ranging from 20 to 30 years. As they reach the end of their utility, the question of disposal becomes critical. Recycling these components is neither straightforward nor widely practiced, often resulting in the accumulation of toxic waste. Without a robust infrastructure for managing this influx of discarded materials, the green promise of renewable energy begins to tarnish.

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latter of which poses its own environmental challenges. Batteries rely heavily on lithium and cobalt, both of which have supply chains notorious for environmental degradation and human rights abuses.

Land use is another concern. Solar farms and wind parks require vast expanses of land, potentially displacing local wildlife and communities. Forests are often cleared to accommodate these installations, undermining their supposed environmental benefits. While renewable energy does reduce reliance on fossil fuels, it is disingenuous to ignore these associated costs.

This is not to discredit the value of renewable energy as a critical component in mitigating climate change, but rather to advocate for a balanced perspective. Blindly heralding renewables as a panacea risks complacency and overlooks the importance of improving energy efficiency, reducing consumption, and diversifying the energy mix.

In conclusion, renewable energy is not the silver bullet for saving the planet. It is a complex, imperfect solution that requires careful management and realistic expectations. Only by acknowledging its limitations can we hope to harness its potential responsibly.

Questions:

1. What can be inferred about the environmental impact of renewable energy production compared to traditional fossil fuels?
2. How far the electric vehicles (EVs) are environmental friendly?
3. What challenge is associated with the disposal of renewable energy systems after their lifespan ends?
4. Why does the article suggest that renewable energy is not entirely pollution-free during its operational phase?
5. How does the article propose addressing the limitations of renewable energy?

Q. 4 Correct any FIVE of the following sentences. (10)

- i. I will be completing this project by this time tomorrow.
- ii. If I know the answers, I would pass the examination.
- iii. They cheated me. I wish I know them.
- iv. Looking through the view-finder, some strangers were seen standing at the door.
- v. All kinds of stationeries is sold here.
- vi. There has always been a fight between devil and divine.
- vii. A Little elegance is left in those arrogant youth.
- viii. The mother was herself searching in her young daughter.

Q. 5. A. Punctuate the following passage: (5)

a boy was gathering berries from a hedge when his hand was stung by a nettle smarting with the pain he ran to tell his mother and said to her between his sobs i only touched it ever so lightly mother that is why you got stung my son said she if you have grasped it firmly it would not have hurt you in the least

B. Re-write the following sentences (ONLY FIVE) after filling in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions. (5)

- i. She came _____ the wealth on her father's death.
- ii. I am broke _____ him because he is a selfish friend.
- iii. He has got _____ all his hardships in his life.
- iv. Every candidate tries to pull _____ each voter.
- v. The poor live _____ their honest wages.
- vi. The thief did nor swear _____ God.
- vii. You have no right to jeer _____ the beggar.
- viii. He is leaning _____ the wall as he is not feeling well.

Q.6. A. Use only FIVE of the following in your own sentences to bring out their meanings. (5)

- (i) black and blue (ii) silver surfer (iii) draw a blank (iv) carry coal to Newcastle
(v) ballpark figure (vi) bad hair day (vii) keep fingers crossed (viii) to get off scot-free

B. Use only FIVE pairs of words in sentences clearly illustrating their meanings. (5)

- (i) Plaintiff, plaintive (ii) valet, varlet (iii) monitor, mentor (iv) complacent, complaisant
(v) penitence, penance (vi) crevice, crevasse (vii) beneficent, beneficial

Q.7. Translate the following into English, keeping in view the idiomatic/figurative expression. (10)

مسابقتی امتحانات کی تیاری کرنے والے کچھ طلبہ ایسے ہیں جو سمجھتے ہیں کہ صرف کتاب کے کور کو گھورنے یا رات کو تکیے کے نیچے نوٹس رکھ دینے سے وہ ٹاپر بن جائیں گے۔ یہ وہی لوگ ہیں جو دو دن کی تیاری کے بعد دعاؤں میں بھی سفارش تلاش کرتے ہیں! حقیقت یہ ہے کہ "جادو کی چھڑی" نہ کسی کے پاس ہے، نہ کوئی کامیابی کا "شارٹ کٹ"۔ اگر غیر معمولی نتائج چاہیے تو غیر معمولی محنت بھی چاہیے۔ تو اگلی بار جب آپ چائے کا کپ پکڑے "پڑھوں یا نہ پڑھوں" سوچ رہے ہوں، یاد رکھیں کہ کامیابی مذاق سے نہیں، مشقت سے آتی ہے!

The Political Language of Politics

According to the author, in the art of governance one wonders about the politicians liking for difficult words and portrayal leading to a worthwhile spectacle. The author asks to observe the politician's reply when they are asked about simplest things, those answers consist of different equipments of language as an arsenal with them being the presentation of an intellectual. He believes that how would one question their motives when the answer is known that it would only be coated words. The author mocks the ^{politicians} talent of breaking promises and forgetting them after election. The well-rehearsed art of politicians to act in public and to display sympathetic personality has more power and impacts on public. The author wonders the agility and capability of politicians to shift & shape and mold themselves is not less than a talent. He considers leadership all about acting and less about deliverance.

Q#3 Read the passage and answer.

(i) What can be inferred about environmental impact of renewable energy production compared to traditional fossil fuels?

The environmental impact of renewable energy production compared to traditional fossil fuel infers that both have shortcomings. Heavy reliance on fossil fuels and the ^{excessive} renewable energy production, can also lead to have devastating impacts on environments.

The mining practices, exploitation of finite resources, improper recycling of waste, deforestation are the inferred environmental impacts of renewable energy production as compared to traditional fossil fuel.

(ii) How far the electric vehicles (EVs) are environmental friendly?

Environmental friendly nature of electric vehicles ~~are~~ is praised widely. However, manufacturing process of batteries, required to run electric vehicles, causes habitat loss. The vehicles need to charge

with electricity either with fossil fuel or ^{through} renewable energy. Thus, the benefits it mentions diminishes its credibility and the environmental friendly benefits gradually decrease.

(iii) What challenge is associated with the disposal of renewable energy systems after their lifespan ends?

The only challenge that is associated with the disposal of renewable energy systems after their lifespan ends is improper recycling mechanism. The toxic waste accumulated after their lifespan ends and the unpracticed practices needed for recycling is the core challenge associated with disposal of renewable energy systems after their lifespan ends.

(iv) Why does the article suggest that renewable energy is not entirely pollution-free during its operational phase?

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during its operational phase due to the complex nature of its manufacturing, operating and recycling mechanism. The renewable energy sources need backup from fossil fuel or reliance on other non-renewable material and the finity of resources makes it not entirely pollution free during its operational phase.

(v) How does the article propose addressing the limitations of renewable energy? The article proposes to overcome the limitations of renewable energy through careful management and realistic expectations. The acknowledgement of the importance of improving energy efficiency, reducing consumption and diversifying the energy mix is needed to address the limitation of renewable energy.

Q#4 Correct any five.

(i) All kind of stationeries is sold here.

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(vi) ~~There~~ There has always been a fight between devil and divine.

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(vii) A little Elegance is left in those arrogant youth.

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(viii) The mother was herself searching in her young daughter.

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(iii) They cheated me. I wish I know them.

They cheated me, I wish I knew them.

Q#5A

A boy was gathering berries from a hedge when his hand was stung by a nettle. Smarting with the pain, he ran to tell his mother and said to her between his sobs, "I only touched it ever so lightly mother." "That is why got stung my son," said she. "If you have grasped it firmly it would not have hurt you in the least."

Q#5B Rewrite only five with app. Prepositions.

(vi) The thief did not swear on God.

(viii) He is leaning on the wall as he is not feeling well.

(vii) You have no right to jeer at the beggar.

(i) She came for the wealth on her father's death.

(iii) He has got off all his hardships in his life.

Q#6: Use only 5 in your sentences to bring out their Sentences Meanings.

(vi) Bad Hair day: Due to extreme wind and as she was walking outside, she told her friend that due to dusty wind she was having a bad hair day.

Q#6A: (vi) Bad Hair day:

She tried her best to make a hairstyle, but she failed so she helplessly acknowledged that she was having a bad hair day.

(vii) Keep fingers crossed:

Result is not announced yet nor finalized, the last over of the match is a deciding factor, keep your fingers crossed, your team will definitely win.

(ix) Carry coal to Newcastle:

She was having a bad hair day yet she carried the coal to Newcastle.

(iv) Black and blue:

Out of nowhere, she went black and blue.

Q#7 Translate into English.

Some of the students ^{who are} preparing for the competitive examinations are of the thinking that only by staring at the cover of the book or keeping the notes under the pillows will make them a topper. They are the same people who just after preparing for two days seek recommendation in prayers. Reality lies in that, neither does anyone has magical wand nor does success has any shortcuts. Unconventional results need unconventional efforts. So, next time when you hold a cup of tea and think whether to study or not, remember that success comes from rigorous hardwork not from humor.