

**Test Series Batch-3**  
**CSS-2025 (Dec-2024, Jan-2025)**  
**English Précis & Composition Test-1**  
**Total Marks: 40**

**Test-1**

**Q.1. Make a précis of the following passage; also suggest a suitable title. (15+5 = 20)**

In its purpose and practice, education today is very unlike what it was several decades ago. It has shifted from being a mere process of pouring information into young minds to a more dynamic approach aimed at equipping individuals with the skills needed to thrive in a fast-evolving world. In the past, the purpose of education was often tied to memorizing facts and reproducing them in examinations, with success measured by how well students could recall what they were taught. Today, such a system no longer meets the needs of a society where information is available at the touch of a button. Instead, education has taken on the task of fostering critical thinking, creativity, and adaptability. The focus is no longer simply on knowing but on understanding, applying, and innovating. For instance, students are encouraged to question, challenge, and connect ideas rather than passively accepting them. They are taught to think independently, work collaboratively, and approach problems with curiosity and resourcefulness. Equally, the importance of emotional intelligence has grown. Skills like empathy, communication, and teamwork, once considered secondary, are now recognized as vital components of a well-rounded education.

The role of teachers has also changed significantly. No longer viewed as mere transmitters of knowledge, they now serve as guides and mentors, creating environments where students feel safe to explore and experiment. Education today is not just about achieving academic success; it is about preparing individuals to adapt to a world where change is the only constant. Automation and artificial intelligence are reshaping industries, making lifelong learning and flexibility essential qualities. Ultimately, the purpose of education now goes beyond preparing students for their first jobs. It aims to equip them for life, nurturing individuals who are resilient, innovative, and socially aware. By instilling a love for learning and a capacity for growth, education seeks to build a future where individuals can not only face challenges but also contribute meaningfully to society.

**Q. 2 Correct any FIVE of the following sentences. (10)**

- i. Each of the students <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ given a task to complete by the end of the week.
- ii. Running <sup>across</sup> ~~through~~ the park, the flowers were in full bloom.
- iii. The committee wants to hire a candidate who is punctual, hardworking, and knows how to manage. <sup>who</sup>
- iv. The professor explained the theory to the students <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ he developed during his research, <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~.
- v. The team plays well, communicates effectively, and is motivated for working hard.
- vi. The bouquet of flowers, along with the gift, <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ delivered to her this morning.
- vii. She is one of the writers who <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ known for their unique storytelling style.

- viii. The manager appreciated the employee's performance, saying, "Your work is excellent, dedication commendable, and results are satisfactory." (05)

Q. 3. A. Punctuate the following passage:

The author said, "reading books is like having a conversation with great minds." However, he added, "not all books are created equal; some are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and a few to be chewed and digested." Therefore, choose your books wisely.

B. Re-write the following sentences (Only Five) after filling in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions. (05)

- i. The cat jumped outs the table to grab the food.
- ii. He has been working on the project for over a month.
- iii. She walked into the room, looking for her lost keys.
- iv. They arrived at the station just in time to catch the train.
- v. The teacher distributed the assignments among the students.
- vi. The painting was hung on the wall in the doorway.
- vii. He succeeded in sheer determination and hard work.
- viii. She was sitting behind the window, gazing at the stars.
- ix. I came to this decision in respect of your advice.
- x. They were discussing the issue in relation to the new policy.

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~~Precis~~

~~Title~~: Purpose and Practice of ~~Present-day~~  
Education

Present day education is quite different in its purpose and practice. In past, education was restricted to rote learning, which was considered as the hall-mark of success.

✗ In contrast, modern education is skill-based, with major focus on creativity and adaptability. It ~~is~~ enhances the emotional intelligence.

It is ~~fo~~ based on generating new ideas and social skills among students.

✗ The teachers now serve as mentors, providing room for improvement and change among students. This education is moderate and flexible, in terms of skills and practice. Its purpose is

not confined to acquire jobs in society, but to <sup>prepare</sup> ~~make~~ the individuals to attain life-long and meaningful purposive contribution in society.

Total words: 341      Precis = 110.

last sentence is too long  
sentence structure is not correct  
need improvement  
basics are fine  
9.20

Q:2 Correction of errors:

- i. Each of the students (was) given a task to complete by the end of week.
- ii. Running (across) the park, the flowers were in full bloom.
- iii. The committee wants to hire a candidate who is punctual, hardworking, and (who) knows how to manage.
- vii. She is one of the writers who (are) known for their unique storytelling style.
- viii. The manager appreciated the employee's performance saying, "Your work is excellent, dedication commendable, and results satisfactory."

Q3 A. Punctuation

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B. Prepositions.

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vi) The painting was hung on the wall in the doorway.

x) They were discussing the issue in relation to the new policy.

ii) She has been working on the project for over a month.

viii. She was sitting beside the widow, gazing at the stars.

