

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR  
RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BPS-17 UNDER  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2003

ENGLISH (Précis & Composition)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.....Maximum Marks: 100

Q1. Make a precis of the given passage and give a suitable heading: (20) (184)

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If then a practical end must be assigned to a University course, I say it is that of training good members of a society. Its aim is the art of social life, and its end is fitness for the world. It neither confines its views to particular professions on the one hand, nor creates heroes or inspires genius on the other. Works indeed of genius fall under no art; heroic minds come under no rule; a University is not a birthplace of poets or of immortal authors, of founders of schools, leaders of colonies, or conquerors of nations. It does not promise a generation of Aristotle or Newtons of Napoleons or Washingtons of Raphaels or Shakespeares though such miracles of nature it has before now contained within its precincts. Nor is it content on the other hand with forming the critic or the experimentalist, the economist or the engineer, through such too it includes within its scope. But a University training is the great ordinary means to a great ordinary end; it aims at raising the intellectual tone of society, at cultivating the public mind, at purifying the national taste, at supplying true principles to popular aspirations. It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them, it teaches him to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought, to detect what is sophistical and to - discard what is irrelevant. It prepares him to fill any post with credit, and to master any subject with facility. (John H. Newman)

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end, in YOUR OWN WORDS. 20

## Precis-2003

Applied course of a university trains good persons for society and it has a broad scope. University is more than a place to produce writers, leaders, scientists and philosophers. Rather, university training is a great common means to a great and ordinary end. It raises intellectuals, shapes public opinion and imparts real principles in society. Practical education enables a man to analyze himself, realize and express truth, and understand realities and complexities of life. In sum, it trains him to get expertise in any subject and play any role with distinction.

**Title: Importance OF Applied Education**

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