



# National Officers Academy

Mock Exams CSS-2026

April 2025 (Mock-1)

## ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)

PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

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NOTE:

- Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
- Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.
- All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- 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)

One of the more profound indicators of how deeply imperial hierarchies infiltrated both colonizer and colonized psyches lies in the psychological architecture of domination—a point often underscored by postcolonial scholars. The former colonial powers, particularly Britain and France, cultivated a civilizational narrative that naturalized their authority, often portraying subjugated populations as complicit in or even beneficiaries of imperial governance. This conceptual framing rendered resistance not only subversive but also irrational in the eyes of the metropole. Yet, the imperial relationship was never unilateral; the colonized, though oppressed, internalized and negotiated imperial norms, often exhibiting ambivalence towards the very structures that marginalized them. For instance, the memory of colonial rule in parts of Africa oscillates between traumatic recall of exploitation and nostalgic evocations of administrative order or educational advancement. While the postcolonial subject may recall arbitrary detentions, cultural erasures, and economic subordination, the former colonizer may perceive decolonization as a historical rupture—a loss not merely of territory but of moral purpose. In this duality, the post-imperial consciousness remains fractured, perpetually interpreting its history through contrasting emotional and ideological lenses.

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

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In Karachi, an acquaintance helped them find a vacant plot in Gulistan-e-Jauhar owned by a wealthy man named Seth Kareemuddin. Bashiran's father became the watchman of the plot, and the family built a hut there to live in. Soon, the whole family found work: Bashiran, her mother, and sisters started working in homes; her brothers joined repair shops or began training in mechanical work.

Within months, their financial situation improved. Bashiran's father bought an illegal 240-yard plot near Hazara Goth using the family's savings. Around Ramadan, a relative advised them to also collect charity like Zakat and Fitrana from wealthy employers. From then on, they began collecting donations and ration, along with their wages.

Over time, Bashiran's family registered with three welfare organizations and started receiving monthly ration bags. After ten years, the family owned five plots, had bank savings, and ran cars on rent—yet they continued to collect charity as they once did when they were poor.

This story is not unique. Thousands of families working as domestic workers, guards, and drivers continue to receive Zakat and charity despite becoming financially stable. They rarely reveal that they are no longer in need. Some justify this by saying, "No business is bad, and no religion is greater than business."

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Questions:

- Why did Bashiran's family continue collecting charity even after becoming financially stable?
- What can we infer about the effectiveness of charity distribution in Karachi?
- What message is the writer trying to convey through the phrase: "No business is bad, and no religion is greater than business"?
- Why might people like Bashiran's family hesitate to stop collecting charity?
- What does the passage suggest about the long-term impact of unchecked charity practices on society?

Q. 4 Correct any FIVE of the following sentences.

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

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**Q.6. A. Use only FIVE pairs of words in sentences clearly illustrating their meanings. (10)**

- i. Blurt, Blerf
- ii. Aciphty, Apathy
- iii. Defenestration, Dénouement
- iv. Vallum, Vellum
- v. Sow, Sough
- vi. (Sere, Seer
- vii. (Crepuscular, Crepitation
- viii. Uxoricide, Uxorious

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

رملانو جن ایک برٹش انٹیلین ریاضی دان تھا جسکے کام کو اب بھی سہیں ٹیکنالوجی میں استعمال کیا جاتا ہے۔ بھجن میں نامساعد حالات اور ریاضی کے علاوہ دیگر مضامین میں دلچسپی نہ ہو تکی دلچسپی سے کالج میں داخلہ نہ مل سکا۔ آخر ایک برطانوی پروفیسر ہڈی سے کبیر جے لے گیا جہاں سے بی اے کی ڈگری کا اعزاز دیا گیا۔ ہر دو 12520 سی کی دریافت تھی۔ اس ہر دو کی خوبی یہ ہے کہ یہ ایک سے دو کام اہر اد سے تقسیم ہو تے۔ رملانو جن ٹاکا ہڈی قتل برطانوی میں مناسب قذائے کیے جے سے یہ جیشس صرف 32 سال کی عمر میں 1920 میں پروف لوک سرد حار گیا۔ بھارت میں اس پر ایک فخر فلم بن چکی ہے۔

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Q1. The Bashiran's family continued collecting ~~to~~ charity even after becoming financially stable because they started to take it as a quick and easy source of income through which they could earn more in less time.

Q2. We can conclude that the charity distribution in Karachi is no longer effective because the people who are no more needy, continue to receive it. Whereas, the ~~who~~ people who are in dire need of charity remains void of it.

Q3. By this phrase the writer is trying to convey the message that the people give more priority to monetary benefits over religion. They even take Zakat and Charity despite becoming financially stable.

Q4. The people like Bahrain's family ~~do not~~ might not want it to be stopped because it ~~helps~~ helps them in improving their financial status quickly and without any efforts.



Q#5.

The given passage suggests that due to long-term unheeded charity practices, people who remain no longer needy keeps on receiving charity. Whereas, the ~~poor~~ actual needy do not receive it. As a result, the poor becomes more poor, and the actual motive of Zakat/Charity remains unfulfilled.

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Q#2:

## Colonial Rule & Post Colonial Mindset

One of the signs of how deeply colonial power affected the rulers and the ruled is seen in the way it shaped their thinking. The countries that once ruled over colonies, like Britain and France, created an atmosphere that made their control seem natural and right. It seemed to the people like they made people to perceive as if they were getting benefit from their rule. After imperialism ended, ~~perhaps~~ the understanding of the history got divided and people begin to see past through different point of views.

(81-words)