

English Precis' and composition

Question #01

(1) His knowledge of languages and international relations aid him in his work.

His knowledge of languages and international relations aids him in his work. ✓

(2) This year, he will sit ~~in~~ ✓ the CSS examination

He will take the CSS examination this year.

(3) The ambassador, with his family and staff invites you to a reception at the embassy on Tuesday afternoon.

The ambassador, with his family and staff, invite^s you to a reception at the embassy on Tuesday afternoon. ✓

(4) The Chief Executive will let us know whether or not he can attend the meeting.

The Chief Executive will let us know either he can attend the meeting or ~~he cannot~~.

(5) When he ~~with~~ came back from vacation, Aslam and me ~~g~~ plan to look for another apartment.

When he came back from vacation, Aslam and me had planned to look for another apartment.

(6) If some of you make a noise, they shall be punished.

If ~~any~~ of you make a noise, ~~they~~ will be punished.

(7) He came to me to enquire what is the salary attached to the appointment.

He came to me to enquire what ~~is~~ ^{was} the salary attached to the appointment.

(8) I am too tired that I do not hunt words or idioms in my English book.

I am too tired to hunt ~~words~~ or idioms in my English book.

Question #03

Translation

An old man ~~has~~ told that there is a mountain across the river where ^{such} a flower grows whose fragrance brings ~~but~~ ^{lost} light ^{✓ given} in ~~one's~~ eyes. But the mountain is very high and it has numerous rocks, ~~thorny~~ bushes and big stones that hinders/blocks the path. Many people have come and left but ~~there~~ is none who have reached [✓] to flower. That is why there is pain and agony in the world and human is in search of light.

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Translate the following into English by keeping in view figurative/idiomatic expressions. (10)

بزرگ نے بتایا کہ جنگل کے پار ایک پہاڑ ہے جہاں وہ پھول اُگتا ہے جس کی خوشبو سے
آنکھوں کی کھوئی ہوئی روشنی لوٹ آتی ہے، مگر پہاڑ بہت بلند ہے اور اس پر بے شمار
چٹانیں ہیں، کانٹے دار جھاڑیاں ہیں اور بڑے بڑے پتھر ہیں جو راستہ روک لیتے ہیں۔ اس پہاڑ
پر جانے کے لیے کئی لوگ آئے اور چلے گئے مگر ایسا کوئی شخص نہیں آیا جو پھول تک
پہنچا ہو۔ شاید اسی لیے دنیا میں دکھ اور تکلیف ہے اور انسان روشنی کی تلاش میں ہے۔

Question #02

Punctuate the paragraph.

While taking a nap on the porch, one hot summer day Hodga dreamed that a stranger promised to give him ten pieces of gold. The stranger placed them in Hodga's hand one by one, until he reached the tenth piece which he hesitated to give him. "Come on! What are you waiting for?" said Hodga. "You promised me ten?" just then he woke up. He immediately looked at his hand and saw that it was empty. He quickly shut his eyes again, stretched out his hands and said "All right I'll settle for nine."

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