

## ENGLISH PRÉCIS AND COMPOSITION

### NOA MOCK

#### Question no: 4

- a) He had hardly reached the station when it began to rain.
- b) I could hear the thunder while standing in line.
- f) My mother forbade me to smoke.
- c) We should better leave before the police arrive.
- d) I have been preparing for CSS exams since last October.

#### Question no: 5

(A)

Robert Whiting, an elderly US gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on. "You have been to France before?", Monsieur, the Customs officer, asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to keep your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France", sneered the Customs officer. The American senior gave the Frenchman a long, hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach at 4:40 am, on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate your country, I could not find a single French man to show a passport to..." You could

have heard a pin drop.

(B)

2) On the night before the exams, she was seen pouring over the books.

5) The man was blind in his left eye.

6) After being fined, he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

8) Mr. Hawking was walking through a wood on a rainy day.

1) A drawing man catches at a straw.

Question no. 6

(A)

3) The bullies beat the child black and blue.

1c) The family has come a full circle with the living conditions in the new house.

5) My aunt called me out of the blue to tell me about my cousin's wedding.

6) "Just look at the beautifully kept roses in the garden by Ali, he has certainly got a green thumb!"

1) Sara's friends started giving her a cold shoulder after she gossiped about them.

(B)

Hassan Ali Ghandal <sup>greeted</sup> ~~asked~~ Shabab and asked him when would his essay book be ready.

Shahab responded by saying that it would be ready by the end of November.

Hassan Ali Gondal then <sup>inquired about the uniqueness of</sup> asked ~~what was special about~~ Shahab's book, considering the market was full of essay stuff for competitive exams.

Shahab defended himself that he only spoke about the international standards followed in essay writing that he was taught at the Christ Church University during his one year teachers training course. He further clarified that his book followed the same standards & included different practice activities rather than ready-made content for cramming.

Hassan Ali Gondal remarked that if that were the case, then Shahab's book would clear most of the misconception about essay writing.

## Question no: 7

Millions of Pakistani youth come under the category of Generation Z. This is the generation which is born after the year 2000 and is currently 23, 24 years of age. All across the world, this generation is considered to be the most physically weak and mentally unstable. The era in which this generation grew up is ~~the~~ marked with the most use of technology in human history. So, this generation grew up while using technology. The technology includes internet, mobile phone, tablet, TV channel and social media. Generation Z ~~is~~ has been nurtured & brought up by social media instead of the elderly. Throughout the world, this generati

has the same problem i.e., they have low patience and extreme anger. Their physical health is extremely weak and insufficient. Moreover, this generation is the first in human history to take up the most time in getting up on their feet and stable.

### Question no: 3

1) Following are the ways in which we "complicate our lives" according to the author of the passage.

- a) By conversing in complex version of English which makes communication ineffective and misinterpreted.
- b) By <sup>not</sup> shielding children from tension and worries so that they can relax.
- c) Complications in life are also brought about by the rat race culture in schools which promotes rote learning and does not develop analytical abilities in children.
- d) By having a lot of noise in the background through the constant running of radio and television, roar of traffic etc.

(a)

The writer implies that we ~~we~~ should communicate in simple language and adopt simpler methods of going about our life. Instead of engaging in complexity which further complicates our life. The writer refers to the "wisdom of our ancestors" in this regard as they lived a simple life and we can learn a thing or two from them.

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The writer's opinion is that the psychologists and sociologists have been telling us to open up & share our problems with our family but this is not the way to go. The writer believes that parents should in fact hide tensions from their families especially children who are severely impacted by those worries. So parents should learn how to bottle up their worries even though that is not what psychologists and sociologists recommend.

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The writer implies that we should exercise our reasoning powers and measure of choice to focus on our freedom in the rapidly changing world around us. Moreover, we should keep reflecting upon ourselves to find a part of our soul which cannot be disrupted by any amount of change or technological revolution which the body experiences.

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"The new Tower of Babel" refers to the start of a nuclear war whose chief architects and builders are Americans.

## Question no: 2

~~There are certa~~

Title: Attributes of Generals.

There are certain qualities like moral, courage and physical strength which are necessary for generals as they help them win wars even under the most bleak circumstances. Health is also significant but its value varies as can be seen through life evidences of Napoleon, Wolfe and Marlborough. There are diverse success stories in war when it comes to the question of age. Both old and young soldiers have varying attributes which make them stand out despite their age difference.

However, young generals have an edge over the old ones due to their fresh mind & bold nature. Therefore, the decrease in age of generals is the way to go, even if it costs us an amazing commander.

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