

ENGLISH PRECIS & COMPOSITION

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Qs- PRECIS WRITING: "The Dynamics of Leadership in Warfare"

The writer delves into the fundamental traits of courage and determination and crucial for military leadership. He highlights how physical courage along with mental calmness and surety are pertinent for overcoming the adversary. He acknowledges the historical figures like Marlborough and Joffrey in this regard while acknowledging the importance of a resilient spirit in a commander such as Wolfe as well. The author further enquires into the conundrum of how age plays a defining role as well. Youth often displays prowess in battle such as in the case of Alexander, Napoleon and others. However, the experience, sound judgement^{and} restorative policies of the older leaders has repeatedly counterbalanced this advantage throughout history. Moreover, probing deeper into the historical venues it can also be deduced that while a younger mind possesses greater vitality of spirits and an inherent sense of vigor, the mature mind, owing to its experience and durability for innovative strategies is more competent in this regard. Simultaneously, the youthful approach of recent commanders is undoubtedly an asset for optimal military leadership.

Q4. Correct the following sentences:

i) Hardly he reached the station than it began to rain.
Hardly had he reached the station then it began to rain.

ii) I am preparing for CSS exams since last October.
I have been preparing for CSS exams since last October.

iii) If only I can go back in time!
If only I could go back in time!

iv) My mother forbade me to not to smoke.
My mother forbade me to smoke.

v) The culture of our country is richer than any other country in the world.
The culture of our country is richer than that of any other country in the world.

Q5A) Punctuate the following passage:

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 have 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 couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to." You could have heard a pin drop.

Q5 B) Fill the blanks with appropriate Prepositions.

- i) A drowning man catches at a straw.
- ii) He felt no qualms in borrowing money from his friends.
- iii) The man was blind in his left eye.
- iv) In some countries much of the natural environment has been transformed into farmland.
- v) On the night before the exam, she was seen pouring over the books.

Q6 A) Use the following idioms in your own sentences:

i) Out of the blue

Out of the blue, the company announced new fraternizing policies that suited many employees the wrong way.

ii) Black and blue

The robbers beat him black and blue before sweeping him clean of all his valuables.

iii) Cold shoulder

My mother-in-law has been giving me cold shoulder ever since I declined her offer to dine together.

iv) Sitting ducks

The Palestinians are sitting ducks, ~~so~~ vulnerable and defenceless before the Israeli onslaught.

v) To come full circle

After months of dialogues, Pak-Afghan relations have come full circle with the ^{deportation} of Afghan _{mass} refugees.

B) Convert direct speech into indirect speech and vice versa.

Hassan Ali Gondal asks Shahab when his essay book would be ready. Shahab tells him that it is expected till the end of November. Hassan inquires him about the speciality of this book; how it was different from the multiple essay books available in the market for competitive exams. Shahab explains that his book follows the international standards of essay writing only; that he himself learned during his year long teaching training course at Christ Church University. Additionally, it included practice-activities rather than ready-to-learn content. Hassan concedes how such an approach ~~would not~~ clear the misconceptions regarding essay writing.

Q7. Translate into English.

Millions of Pakistani youth falls under the Generation-Z. It is the generation born after the year 2000 and is of 23 to 24 years of age now. All over the world, this generation is considered as the weakest physically and psychologically ill in all of the human history. It has grown up in the times of when there is the greatest use of technology. This generation has grown up using technology. It has access to internet, mobile phones, tablet, T.V. channel and social media. This generation has been brought up by not by the elderly but the social media. It has a single issue around the world; they are short on patience and but big on anger. Their physical health is fragile and languid. And this generation has been taking the longest to stand on their own feet in all of the human history.