

MOCK-7 ENGLISH PRÉCIS

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The Dynamic Interplay of Courage and Age in Command

Q2) Courage, health and age are of utmost importance in military leadership. The strength of some military leaders should be praised, who even in poor health, have shown exceptional ability. Health of a general is important but it ~~also~~ varies. The ~~the~~ role of age in generalship is also difficult to analyze. Its impact varies as certain young leaders ^{have} triumphed, ^{while} ~~but~~ older ones ^{have} also succeeded. Similarly, there were some who achieved military success at older ages and others excelled when young. Although, ^{but} experience and judgement often benefit from maturity, ^{but} youthful & capable young general may outperform an experienced one. Recent lower age limits for generals, while beneficial, may ~~lose many~~ result in losing many skilled leaders.

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Q3. (i) Infer from the passage how we "complicate our lives." List the ways in the order given. With the advancements in technology, we humans find our lives becoming more complicate. We suffer from anxiety and depression as we do not know how to relax. Our education curriculum is more competitive now, which has made this rush our daily-grind. The constant, loud background music on our television and social media has also affected our attention span, and the peace of our daily lives. We have made our lives difficult in response to this fast-paced world.

(ii) In the passage, the writer makes a reference to "wisdom of our ancestors." What example of it does he give or imply?

The writer suggests following the wisdom of our ancestors to make our lives less complicated.

He suggests that communication should be clear and straightforward. It should not be overcomplicated with long words, as ambiguity and vagueness only makes our ~~life~~ lives more complex.

(iii) What does "the new Tower of Babel" refer to? Who are its chief designers or builders?

The writer gives an example of the "Tower of Babel" to explain the complicated nature of language. By making words longer and language difficult, we are just making it ~~to~~ harder for communities to live together in harmony. The Americans are mainly the designers and builders of this new Tower of Babel.

(iv) Give one example, implied in the passage, of what the psychologists and sociologists have been telling us. What is the writer's opinion of it?

The psychologists and sociologists have been telling us to relax ^{to teach our children} and ~~not~~ to worry too much about things. ~~Stress~~ ^{Stress} and tension ~~can~~ ^{are} be considered the epidemic of the 20th and 21st century. The writer, ~~however, believes~~ agrees and suggests that parents should continue to suppress their feelings from their children. In this case, they won't be aware of further tensions and stress in life.

(v) To what purpose does the writer imply we should exercise our reasoning powers and measure of choice?

The writer implies that we should use our reasoning powers and measures of choice to help restore balance and peace in our lives. We need to reflect carefully on our lives and see how we

can make the change around us affect us positively. Even in this fast-paced chaotic life, we can make life easier if we learn to adapt to changes without over complicating things.

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Q4) Correct any five.

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(a) He hardly reached the station when it began to rain.

(d) I have been preparing for CSS exams since last October.

(e) If only I could go back in time!

(g) Many children dream about becoming famous one day.

(h) The culture of our country is richer than ^{that of} other countries.

Q5) A. Punctuate.

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. "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, "~~For~~ 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. Re-write with appropriate Prepositions.

3. He felt no qualms about borrowing money from his friends.

5. The man was blind in his left eye.

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

7. In some countries much of the natural environment has been transformed into farmland.

1. A drowning man catches at a straw.

Q6) A. Idioms.

(1) Cold shoulder

After the misunderstanding, Alisa was cold-shouldered by her group members.

(2) Scape Goat

The police uses vulnerable groups as scapegoats to cover for the mistakes of the elite.

(5) Out of the blue

My best friend from Germany ~~surprised~~ ^{visited} me in Lahore out of the blue.

(8) Black and Blue

Everytime she would ask for monthly expenses, he would beat her black and blue.

(9) Square meal

The poor children stuck in war haven't had a square meal since weeks now.

Q6) B. Convert Direct speech into indirect.

Hassan Ali Gondal greeted Shahab and asked when his essay book would be ready.

Shahab told Hassan that he ~~believes~~ it would be ready by the end of November.

Hassan Ali Gondal inquired about Shahab's book, asking what ^{was} special about it as the competitive exam market ~~was~~ already filled with similar stuff.

Shahab enlightened Hassan about the international standards he followed in his essay writing ~~that~~ ^{which} he was taught at Christ Church University during his teachers training course. Shahab assured that his book follows the same standards and it also includes different practice activities.

Hassan Ali Gondal agreed that if this was the case, then, it would clear most misconceptions about essay writing.

Q7) Translation.

Pakistan's ten million youngsters fall under the category of generation Z. This is the generation that was born after the year 2000 and are currently ^{in the whole world,} twenty three to twenty four years old. In the history of mankind, this generation is considered physically the most weak and mentally unstable. The age in ^{where} which they have grown up is ^{is} technologically ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{increasingly} most used. This generation has grown up using technology. Internet, mobile phone, tablet, TV channel and social media are in its access. Their upbringing was

done by social media itself. This generation has a universal problem that they are not patient, ~~and~~ rather they display intense anger. Their physical health is extremely frail and debilitating. And ~~in~~ according to history, this generation is taking the most time to settle down and be independent.