

English (Precis and Composition)  
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**Q4. Correction of Sentences**

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

f- My mother forbade me to smoke.

a- Hardly he had reached the station that it began to rain.

b- While standing in line, the thunder <sup>can</sup> ~~could~~ be heard.

c- We had better left before the police arrived.

**Q5 A-Punctuation**

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 passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I did not have to show it." "Impossible! Americans always

have to show their passports on arrival in France," sneered the Customs officers. 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.

## B- Filling in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions

- 1 A drowning man catches at a straw.
- 5- The man was blind with his left eye.
- 6- Besides being fined, he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
- 7- In some countries much of the natural environment has been transformed into farmland.
- 3- He felt no qualms in borrowing money from his friends.

## Q6- Using Idioms in your own sentences

### 2 Scape goat:

The treasury benches usually made opposition benches scape goat to hide their lack of delivery of service.

### 5 Out of blue

Floods in July 2022 proved out of blue for already weakening economy of Pakistan.

### 7 Blue stalking

In case of being clueless on any topic, one must keep themselves silence to avoid becoming blue stalking.

### 1 Cold shoulder

Instead of giving <sup>cold</sup> shoulder to relatives in the time of need, one must extend helping hand.

## B- Rewriting the passage and converting direct speech into indirect speech

Hasan Ali Gondal asks Shahab about his essay book. Shahab affirms that it will be ready by November. He is inquired about the speciality in the book as the competitive exams market is already abound with such books on such topic. He replies that his book is written on the international standards for essay writing ~~he~~ learnt by him at Christ Church University. Furthermore, it also contains various practical exercises. Hasan Ali Gondal responds that then it will clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.

Q 7

### Translation

Billions of youngsters of Pakistan fall within the Generation-Z. This generation includes those born after 2000 and have attained the age of 23-24 by now. It is considered

physically weakest and most fragile and psychopath mentally in the human history across the world. The era of their growth is the era of the most wide use of technology in the human history. This generation has grown up using technology. It has internet, mobilephone, tablets, TV channels and social media in its reach. It has been trained by social media instead of elders. It faces single common issue in the entire world that they have more anger and less patience. Their physical health is very weak and fragile. It has been taking time more in the human history to stand fast on their own feet.

Q2

### Précis

What makes a general great?

According to the author, a general should have courage, physique and morality. As courage renders calmness and determination to a general in time of danger. Health is also good quality but a great spirit may reside in a weak body. However,

the question of age for a great general to become beggers description. As many young generals have shown their mettle at very young age. On contrary, there are also generals who proved their courage and bravery in growing age. Therefore, it is hard to determine the age for a general at which he can prove devastation for a foe. Generally, an old mature general with mind open to new ideas and capable to withhold against unexpected calamities can prove more useful than young ones. However, the young general can defeat an experienced old one. Therefore, it is good omen to lower the age limit of generals recently.

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