

Mock 07 for CSS 2024

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English Precis and Composition

Question #04

Sentence Correction

a) Hardly he reached the station than it began to rain.

He hardly reached the station ~~when~~ it began to rain.

b) While standing in the line, the thunder could be heard.

The thunder can be heard while standing in the line.

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

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

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

Question #05

Part (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 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 custom 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."

Question #05

Part (b)

Prepositions

1. A drowning man catches ~~at~~ a straw.
3. He felt no qualms ~~in~~ borrowing money from his friends.
5. The man was blind ~~for~~ his left eye.
7. In some countries much of the natural environment has been transformed ~~at~~ farmland.
8. Mr. Hawking was walking ~~with~~ a wood on a rainy day.

Question #06

Part (a)

Idioms

2. Scape goat:
In its defeat in Afghanistan, America uses Pakistan as a scape goat by accusing it of ~~do~~ playing dual role.
4. Sitting duck:
The terrorists with ~~limited~~ ammunition were a sitting duck for well-equipped soldiers.

7. Blue stocking:

Jane Austen is considered as a Victorian blue stocking.

8. Black and Blue:

She promised him to stand firm along his side in all black and blues of life.

10. To come a full circle

The fruitlessness of his efforts to persuade the President prove that he has come a full circle in this matter.

Question #06

Part (b)

Narration

Hassan Ali Gondal asked Shahab ~~that~~
when ~~was~~ will his essay book be ready?

Shahab replied that he believed it will come by the end of November.

Hassan exclaimed ~~him~~ that what was the deal? The competitive exams market was already full of essay stuff. What was special about his book?

Shahab answered that he spoke only about the international standards followed in essay writing that he was taught at Christ Church University during his one year teachers training course. His book followed the same standards. Moreover, it included different practice activities rather than ready-made content for cramming.

Learn the rules of narration and attempt again

Hassan said that if it was so, then it was going to clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.

Question #07

Translation

Millions of young people in Pakistan are from generation-Z. This generation has born after 2000 A.D. Today, it is of 22 or 24 years of age. In the whole world, this generation is considered as the most physically weak and mentally ill generation in human history.

It has grown up in an era of human history that has excessively used technology. This generation has grown up while using technology. Internet, cell phones, tablets, television channels and social media are in its access. This generation has not been educated by elderly rather than by internet. It has the same problem world wide i.e. low patience and excessive anger. Their physical health is extremely poor and weak. In the course of human history, this generation has been taking the longest to become independent.

Question No 3

Comprehension

(1)

- How we complicate our lives:

According to the given passage, we humans complicate our lives by exposing ourselves

to technological revolution in lieu of seeking refuge in simplicity. For instance, computers calculators relieve our torment of arithmetic and computers store our knowledge.

(ii)

• The wisdom of our ancestors:

In the passage, the writer refers to the wisdom of our ancestors by exemplifying their simplicity. The writer implies that the wisdom of ancestors was their preference of simplicity by adopting simple and clear communication, keeping children away from worries, preferring learning over grades and avoiding anything that caused them mental or emotional disturbance.

(iii)

• The new Tower of Babel:

The Tower of Babel symbolises power. In the contemporary world, the possession of nuclear arsenal is a symbol of power. The Americans are considered as the

It is about complexity of language and chances of misinterpretation

builders and designers of first nuclear weapon which is the new Tower of Babel.

(iv)

• Psychologists and Sociologists told us:

The psychologists and sociologists have been telling that bottling up feelings and hiding worries lead to mental problems. So, one should avoid doing so.

The writer is against the idea of parents telling their worries to their children and imbuing tension in them since infancy. The writer suggests that parents should revive the convention of disguising their worries from their families.

(v)

• The Purpose to which we should exercise our reasoning powers:

The writer suggests that we should exercise our reasoning and measure of choice to on reflecting long and carefully on independence. We, being the possessors of souls, should spend

much more time looking inwards to see whether we can recognize within ourselves an element which no technological revolution and change can pollute or violate.

Question #02

Precis Writing

Defining Traits of Generals

A general is always courageous. The determination during turbulent circumstances and bravery define a good commander. Health, however, is important but not the most significant trait of a general. A physically weak but intellectually strong general mostly ~~emerges victorious out of~~ **emerges victorious out of** challenges. ~~Another defining feature of~~ a general is his age. There are numerous examples of old generals in history that won wars and gained fame.

at a ripe age. But they are also instances of young people becoming best generals. It is because the enthusiasm of youth is irreplaceable, but the wisdom ^{of old age} gained by experiences is also matchless. A general ^{possessing} ~~with~~ progressive mindset of youth and sagacity of experience proves to be a better one. However, the modern times welcome young generals.
