

English Précis and Composition

Question # 2

Respecting State Institutions

The judiciary being an important pillar of the state discharges critical functions for upholding rule of law and fundamental rights of citizens and is worthy of respect. It is pertinent to ensure that the judiciary stays impartial and free from any external influence. The citizens and political leaders alike should not malign the judiciary and be cognisant of the role (that) it plays in ensuring justice in society. The legislature represents the will of the people and through various means the citizens and politicians engage to upkeep democratic principles which is a feature of a thriving democracy. The executive is the implementation arm of the state and requires the support and trust of the citizenry. A country progresses and its governance system gets better when state institutions work in unison. Not just citizens but also political leaders need to exhibit respect for the state institutions.

Political leaders need to exhibit respect epitomise principles like transparency and ethics in governance which will help them win public support. It is an obligation on all citizens to respect state institutions and work collectively for the benefit of society.

Question 3

Answer 2:

In 1944, Onoda was sent to Lubang Island in the (Philippines) Philippines with orders to disrupt enemy operations and engage in guerrilla warfare.

Answer 3:

Onoda's unit continued to stay isolated even after the war had ended because communication was cut-off. Over the years numerous efforts were undertaken to send messages and inform the unit about the end of the war but the dense plantation and skepticism of the soldiers led them to disregard these messages.

Answer 4:

Leaflets were dropped, messages were broadcasted by the government of Philippines but all these efforts

were unsuccessful as the messages could not reach them because of the dense forest cover and even when they did the unit refused to believe them as true and considered it an enemy's trick.

Answer 5:

In 1974, Norio Suzuki, a young adventurer ventured into the jungles with a mission to find Onoda. He stumbled upon Onoda's hiding spot and did extraordinary efforts to convince Onoda that the war was over.

Answer 1

Hiroo was a Japanese intelligence officer sent in 1944 to Lubang Island but for three decades he stayed under war conditions in a jungle until official communication did not reach him confirming that the war was over. This makes him a symbol of loyalty and resilience.

Question 4

1. Hassan Ali Bontal would stay at home rather than going to the polling station.

3. If there were no ^{bad} people, there would be no good lawyers.

6. Money makes the mayor go.

8. Sir Majid not only grilled a steak for Sir Azhar but also cooked biryani for Sir Shahab.

10. I was not satisfied with the education I received at from my university, so I took admission in NOA.

Q5

Bill Clinton walked into a Karachi restaurant and asked the waiter, "Do you have biryani?" The waiter grinned, "Of course, Sir. Our biryani is so good it will make you forget your own name." Bill replied, "I hope not, I need that for Imran." Later during a power outage, Imran quipped, "In Pakistan we don't need candles, our biryani alone can light up the room." Bill replied, "True, and if you add some chutney, we might even have a disco party." They both chuckled realizing that in Pakistan humor and hospitality go hand in hand making every meal an unforgettable experience.

Q6

- 1 My brother sat with me during the movie and shared his popcorn.
- 2 He hid the gift under the bed to surprise his sister.
- 3 We walked across the bridge to reach the other side of the river.
- 4 The kids played in the park till the sun went down.
- 5 The book is on the shelf next to the encyclopaedia.

Question 6A

Crocodile Tears: Ayesha does not regret the incident and is only shedding crocodile tears.

Burning the midnight oil: Success in the competitive exams can only be achieved after burning the midnight oil.

Castles in the air: Ahmed keeps sleeping throughout the day and his plans of getting rich are all castles in the air.

Jump on the bandwagon: Ayeda jumped on the bandwagon by getting a double-piercing just like her friends.

Elephant in the room: They had to speak about Rashid's death as the elephant in the room could no longer be avoided.

6B

Heer asked Ranjha that where had he been. She had missed him so much. Ranjha responded that he had to travel but his heart never left Heer and asked how had she been. She said that she was lonely without him and asked how had his journey been. He told that it was a quest for self-discovery as he wandered through valleys and crossed rivers, but his thoughts were always with her. Heer asked about what he learnt on his journey. He said that he learned the value of struggle and the strength it gave. Heer said that she had been counting the days till he returned. Ranjha

replied that he had been counting the moments till he succeeded in his final trial. Heer said that they should not dwell on the time apart. They were together there and that was all that mattered. Ranjha said that he cannot as the exams were near but his successes would conquer distance and time.

Question 7

All degrees will become useless in the next three years. The pace with which technology is developing coupled with the desire to benefit from the same is so intense that our previous knowledge, curriculum and subjects all are becoming irrelevant. When all types of information are available on a palm-sized phone, talent overpowers knowledge and actions overtake ideas. There is a danger that in the coming days how will storytellers gather audience and how will teachers gather students in a classroom who are already benefitting from the internet.