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NOA (Mock Exam)  
English (Precis and Composition)

Q#2. Title:

Maintaining peace in the  
new era

Precis:

The author is talking about peace in this new era of war. According to him, the great powers having nuclear forces can be extremely explosive. The nuclear weapons are deadly, they can cause damage to environmental factors and also can be disastrous for coming generations. Today, a lot of money is spent on buying weapons for protection and assuring peace. He says that peace is not an urgent task. The leaders of the nations should adopt an enlightening attitude. At the same time, he says that people should also re-evaluate their own attitudes. Every

citizen should try to change their attitude if they want peace. The conclusion is that war is inevitable and some forces are beyond our control. People can draw hope and move towards peace by defining their goals and making them manageable.

Passage word count: 414

Precis word count: 138

Q#3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

i What is drought and what are its consequences?

Drought is basically a period, when there is no rain for a long time even weeks or months. The consequences of drought include dying animals, ruined crops, and streams and rivers drying with lack of water for a long time.

ii Does the writer endorse the popular sayings about the red sky?

The writer is telling about the popular sayings of red sky but he is not endorsing it. He is saying that it is sometimes right ~~as~~ but most of the times it is wrong because if it was true, then there would be no need of science and technology related to weather.

iii Is weather forecasting a science; if so, what is it called?

Weather forecasting is a science because it tells about the weather conditions of upcoming days. The weather forecast deals with the study of many aspects. The science of weather forecasting is called "meteorology".

iv Why is it not easy to forecast the weather?

The weather forecasting is not easy because there are many different things involved in it. Many things affect the weather and they should be studied carefully to make an accurate forecast. Hence, it is a difficult task to find about future weather conditions.

v How would the moon help the people in forecasting weather?

The moon help in forecasting weather because in early times people thought that the moon control the weather. They thought that it held alot of water. Even today, some people think that the sight of moon lying on the back is a signal that rain is coming. Some ancient weather sayings are still present today.

Q#4. Correct the following sentences.

ii Allen Turing was a scholar, a scientist, and artistic.

Allen Turing was a scholar, scientist, and an artist.

v Tim let his son to swim with her friends.

Tim let his son to swim with his friends.

vi He has four-years subscription to that magazine.

He has four years subscription of that magazine.

vii Your heritage is different than mine.

Your heritage is different from mine.

iii The dispute between the faculty and administration was not resolved until they got better working conditions.

The dispute between the faculty and the administration was not resolved until they got better working conditions.

(A)  
Q#5. Punctuation:

A fly sat on one of the shafts of a cart, and said to the Mule:

"Who was pulling it how slow you are, do mend your pace or I shall have to use my sting as a goad."

The mule was not in the least disturbed behind me in the cart; said he, sits my master, he holds the reins and flicks me with his whip, and him. I obey but I don't want any of your impertinence. I know when I may dawdle and when I may not.

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions.

i. We walked on the beach for several hours last night.

ii. Sam is going to the meeting at place of his brother, who has to work.

iv. John called his brother on hopes of finding somebody to watch his children.

v. If you study the material very thoroughly, you will have no trouble in the examination.

vi. We were walking in the woods when, all of a sudden, we heard a strange sound.

Q#6. (B) Rewrite the following dialogue, written in direct speech, in a paragraph form.

The Judge strangely asked Mr. Thompson that is he seeking compensation for wrongful termination and the Plaintiff responded with surety that yes, he believed he was unfairly dismissed.

The judge again interrogated that, Was he let go after eight months?

The plaintiff again answered Yes.

The Judge clarified him about the law that those employees with working period of less than one year are not eligible for relief unless there is evidence of discrimination or a specific rights violation. The plaintiff humbly told

the judge that he feels his rights were violated. The judge understood his feelings but he said that without these grounds ~~he~~ he can not grant relief. The plaintiff sadly asked that, there is nothing he can do, and the judge told him that ~~his~~ his hands are tied by law. The plaintiff pleased that judge and understood it and the judge dismissed the case.

### Q#7. Translation

Recently, there rose a clash in a book festival in Lahore because rather than focusing on books and literary activities there were some stalls where food and other non literary things were being sold. This derived back the real purpose of the festival. Many participants showed disappointment and felt that "Book Festival" has now mostly become a food market where there is limited space and attention towards books, authors and literary dialogues.



Because of giving too much focus on food stalls in this festival rather than promoting study and books, an argument started that whether this event was fulfilling its literary purpose or mere trade benefits were given priority.