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NDA CSS-2025 Mock-5 Oct 2024English Precis and CompositionPart ITitle: Achieving peace has never been more essentialQ2) Precis

The author begins by opining that contemporary warfare has made peace paramount, stating that modern nuclear war is illogical. Great powers can use nuclear force as a last resort, which can cause untold destruction, and affect the entire world with radioactivity. Moreover, such weapons ~~use~~ cost billions while remaining unused, which the author believes is an inefficient way towards peace, especially since they only pulverize. The author thus believes peace, while not as attractive as war, is the only logical outcome, and of utmost urgency. There are skeptics of the idea of global peace, until leaders of nations perceived to be belligerent enlighten themselves. While the author hopes and believes this is achievable, he calls for introspection, at an individual and national level, stating that their own attitude matters equally as their opponents. The author believes it is dangerously pessimistic how many believe peace is a surreal idea, making conflict unavoidable. He concludes by asking for peace to be seen as possible, and helping others to perceive it as such, and move towards it.

Words: 174

Question 3 : Composition

Q(i)

Drought is the phenomenon whereby due to lack of rainfall, there is shortage of water. This results in water sources such as streams and rivers drying up; this ~~caused~~<sup>causes</sup> cattle to die from thirst, and destroys crops.

Q(ii)

The writer does not endorse the sayings about the red sky, stating that while at times it could be true, it is more frequently false. Instead, the author endorses the use of weather science and meteorology for weather forecasts.

(iii)

Weather forecasting is a science, and follows a scientific method. It is known as meteorology. This science uses instruments such as a thermometer and barometer to be able to measure different weather variables.



(iv)  
It is difficult to forecast the weather because of the many variables that affect it. Each variable requires study before a reliable forecast can be made, and these variables all act simultaneously and are constantly changing. Therefore, forecasting weather is not easy.

(v)  
The people would use the moon to help them forecast the weather. This was done by studying the shape of the moon. People believed that the moon held a lot of water, particularly a crescent moon. The people believed this would mean that rain is incoming. Thus, the people used the moon to forecast weather.



Question 4: Sentence Correction

(i)

The priest joined the bride and groom together in holy matrimony

(ii)

Alan Turing was a scholar, scientist, and artist

~~(iii)~~ (iv)

With the painting being thoroughly dissatisfying, it was hidden in the closet.

(v)

Tim let his son swim with his friends.

(vi)

He has a four-year subscription to that magazine.



Question 5A: 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."

Question 5B: Fill in the blanks with prepositions

(ii)

Sam is going to the meeting in place of his brother who has to work.

(iii)

The article discusses, for the most part, the possibility of life on other planets.

(iv)

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



(vi)

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

(viii)

Prop this cycle against the wall.

### Question 6 A: Pairs of words

(ii) Palate, Palette

Palate: the sense of taste or flavour of a person.

The chef had a highly refined palate, and immediately identified all ingredients of the dish.

Palette: A tray used by artists for mixing paint colours. Also, a range of colour.

The painter had been using his old palette to mix colours for so many years that it was covered in layers of old paint.

(v) Taut, Taught

Taut: something tight, usually stretched out.

The kite string became taut as the wind took the kite higher and higher.



Taught: The past tense of teach; to educate someone or provide someone with knowledge or skill.

All students loved the way the old professor taught ~~them~~ them in detail.

### (vi) Faint, Feint.

Faint: To pass out or fall unconscious.

The exhausted guard fainted after having been on duty all day long.

Feint: To fake a movement to confuse someone. With multiple feints, the footballer was able to beat the opponents and score a goal.

### (viii) Wreak, Reek

Wreak: To cause (usually some sort of havoc or damage).

The cruel armies of Vlad the Impaler wreaked destruction upon their unfortunate enemies.

Reek: To exude a pungent bad odour.

The fish market reeked and was difficult to be around for a newcomer.



### (i) Creek, Creak

Creek: A small stream of running water.

The small creek that ran through the woods provided drinking water for the animals.

Creak: A sound, usually made by wooden or metal objects when they move.

The rusty iron door used to creak whenever someone opened it.

### Question 7: Translation

Recently, a book fair in Lahore became <sup>the</sup> subject of controversy, because the focus was shifted from books and literary activities towards numerous stalls over there, selling food and drink and non-literary items, which caused the fair's true purpose to take a backseat. Many attendees expressed sorrow, and felt that the "book fair" had become more of a food street, where books, authors, and literary dialogue were given little focus or space. Due to the extreme focus on food stalls, instead of ~~the development of~~ improving reading habits and book sales, an argument arose over whether the event was fulfilling its literary objectives, or if ~~it was~~ ~~business ventures~~ ~~were~~ opportunities were being given greater importance.

