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NOA English Mock.Q. No. 2. (Précis)."Civil Service : A Dream of Many"

The civil service of Pakistan once known to be the most esteemed service has become a blend of attraction, a symbol of social identity and marketing. Civil service is a dream of many aspirants as it offers an illustrious career prospects in the backdrop of economic uncertainties in Pakistan. Some aspirants has made CSS exam as a matter of life and death and scale to ~~the~~ measure the worth of candidate often neglecting their physical and mental health. This sugar coated pill is often given by the academics. On the other hand, the civil servants use social media and make reels to fascinate their seats and lifestyle. It seems they serve and act better in front of camera than in government offices. The civil servants has become part-time influencers. Some people are of the opinion that these civil servants attract youth towards the government amidst the governance issues.

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Q. No. 5.

A. Punctuation.

"Let us explore the meaning of the quote, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,'" said the teacher. The student replied, "does it mean that if I want want kindness, I must first show kindness." The nodded and replied said, "exactly, it is about treating people the way you wish to be treated." The student smiled and added, "so, if I respect others, I am likely to be respected in return." "Yes", the teacher concluded, "that is the golden rule of life."

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B. Prepositions.

- 1- The professor insisted on our completing the assignment before deadline despite the university being closed at holidays.
- 2- She has been working on a solution that lies hidden beneath the surface of the problem.
- 3- Success often depends not merely on effort but also on the opportunities presented to us.
- 4- The lawyer argued for the proposal while standing in front of very committee that had voted in favor of it last year.

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5- His reputation rests on principles he never strayed from, even when under severe pressure.

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Q. No. 4:

Sentence Correction.

- i)- The government wants to keep the plan to itself.
- ii)- Knowledge of Computer Science is very important nowadays.
- iii)- As he was running down the street, the bag fell from his hands.
- iv)- The soldier was given a medal for his courage while his colleagues cheered for him.
- v)- At the end of fall come the hard tests.

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Q. No. 6.

Idioms	Sentence.
iii)- To have other fish to fry.	Complete the work quickly because we have other fish to fry.
iv)- Sour grapes.	After being rejected in the interview, he dismissed government jobs as mere sour grapes.

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Q. No. 7

Translation.

→ Helen Keller had expressed an interesting desire in her autobiography that how would she spend her life if she gets her eye-sight back only for three days. She says that on first day, I will see the faces of loved ones to know that how light of love glitters in the eyes. On second day, she was desirous of looking at scenarios of nature like rays of sun, greenery of plants, colours of flowers and blueness of sky. On third day, she wants to see charms of the world, the hustle and bustle of the markets, the lights of theatre and samples of Arts and Literature, so that she can witness the human's creative genius. To her, this gift of three days will be equivalent to turning the darkness of a ~~time~~ lifetime into light.

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Q. No. 3.

Q.1. What humorous examples does the writer give to show how food is linked with different situations in Pakistan?

Ans. The writer has linked food with different situations in Pakistan in a very humorous manner. The writer says that even after heated debate or family meetings, we plan to go^{*} outside to eat something. We have ugg for pakoras in rain and for falooda in a heatwave. If we are having a depression, Haleem is the last resort. Food is the only source of entertainment for us in all situations. We may offer a Nihari to an alien instead of showing him our civilization.

Q.2. According to the text, why do cricket matches in Pakistan often become more about food than the game itself?

Ans. According to the text, cricket matches in Pakistan often become more about food than the game itself because there are food stalls outside the stadiums. Every street food is available at these stalls ranging from biryani to gol gappas. Moreover, the experience inside the stadium is not good ^{of audience} due to lack of modern infrastructure. This worse experience forces the audience to eat and enjoy the match by lowering down the stress.

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Q. 3. What can be inferred from about the author's attitude toward Pakistan's amusement parks?

Ans. It can be inferred from about the author's attitude toward Pakistan's amusement parks that they are in terrible conditions. There are low precautionary measures taken in ^{the} rides. Most of the rides are older and over-crowded. A person might develop a back pain after having ~~in~~ a ride. That is why author stresses that food is ^{the} only safest, cheapest and socially accepted mode of entertainment.

Q. 4. The writer says, "Ironically, this obsession with food entertainment has created a society where waistlines expand but horizons do not." What does it mean?

Ans. By this sentence, the writer means that we eat everything so fondly, without any care for our health, it raises our waist measurement. We might become obese due to our obsession with food. But we do not have any ambition and future goals. All the time, we think about food. This mental retardation. That's why author has said that obsession with food has expanded waistlines but not horizons in an ironic manner. He is criticizing this culture.

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Q5. If Pakistan had developed entertainment industries like Disneyland or Broadway, how might people's reliance on food for recreation have been different?

Ans. In Pakistan, we have many problems. To escape from these for a short period, people need entertainment. There are only few sources of entertainment in our country. Amusement parks are not safe. Concerts are not socially acceptable. Cinema is censored. It leaves food as the ~~so~~ only safest, cheapest and socially acceptable source of entertainment. So, if Pakistan had developed entertainment industries like Disneyland or Broadway, people would rely on them for recreation because these are very safe and there is much more for recreation, than food.

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