

Q No: 2

Precis Writing

Title:-

"Civil Service in Pakistan: From Public Duty to Personal Branding."

Precis:-

The prestige of civil service in Pakistan has evolved from a service-oriented profession into a blend of necessity, status, and personal branding. While many pursue it for security, stability, and influence, others view it as a symbol of self-worth, sacrificing personal life for the coveted officer's seat. The competitive CSS culture has created an "all-or-nothing" mindset, further glamorized through success stories and coaching platforms. A new trend has emerged where bureaucrats present themselves as social media influencers, showcasing an idealized lifestyle.

alongside their official duties. This hybrid image of public servant and lifestyle icon appeals to some, though critics argue it distracts from the real essence of governance. Yet, in a society where symbols inspire hope, the authority and aura of civil service continue to hold immense influence.

Total Words: 470

Required: 155

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Comprehension

QNo:1

The writer humorously states that every gathering in Pakistan - from family meetings to cricket matches - eventually centers on food like biryani, haleem, or pakoras. Even our nightlife is reduced to shawarma runs, showing food as the ultimate form of entertainment.

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Because the real excitement lies not in the match but in the snacks consumed during or after it. The stress of the game is overshadowed by the joy of eating together, which becomes the actual celebration.

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The author views amusement parks critically, describing them as either

closed, costly, or poorly maintained. This makes them unreliable and less attractive compared to food, which remains a more accessible and dependable source of joy.

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It means people focus excessively on food-based recreation, leading to obesity while neglecting intellectual, cultural, and creative pursuits. As a result, physical growth is visible, but mental and social horizons remain stagnant.

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If such industries existed, Pakistanis would have diversified sources of entertainment. Food would still remain important, but it would not dominate cultural life to the extent that it does today.

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- (i) Correction:- The government wants to keep its plans to itself.
- (ii) Correct (already fine)
- (iii) Correct (already fine)
- (iv) Correction:- They left the hotel in the car in which they had been staying.
- (v) Correction:- Running down the street, he dropped the bag from his hand.

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Q No: 5
(A)

Corrected Passage:-

Let us explain 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 if I want kindness I must first show kindness?" The teacher nodded and 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 more likely to be respected in return." Yes, the teacher concluded, "That is the golden rule of life."

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(B)

- i) The professor insisted on our completing the assignment before the deadline despite the university being closed for holidays.
- ii) She has been working on a solution that lies hidden beneath the surface of the problem.
- iii) Success often depends not merely on effort but also on the opportunities presented to us.
- iv) The lawyer argued for the proposal while standing in front of every committee that had voted in favor of it last year.
- v) His reputation rests on principles he never stayed from, even under severe pressure.

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Q No: 6

(A)

Idioms

- i) A different kettle of fish: Preparing for CSS exams is a different kettle of fish compared to university studies.
- ii) Donkey's years: We met after donkey's years at the alumni reunion.
- iii) To have other fish to fry: I can't attend the meeting today; I have other fish to fry.
- iv) To go bananas: The crowd went bananas when Pakistan won the cricket match.
- v) To raise a red flag: The auditor raised a red flag after finding irregularities in the accounts.

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Q No: 7

English Translation:-

To appreciate the blessings of life, one needs only to step into the garden at dawn and witness the world awakening. The dew drops on the petals sparkle like pearls, the chirping of birds feels like a melodious orchestra, and the rays of the rising sun paint the horizon with golden hues. The lush greenery, the vibrant flowers, and the clear sky create a scene that refreshes the soul. Nature, in its infinite beauty, silently proclaims the glory of the Creator. Indeed, every flower blooming and every breeze blowing is a testimony to Divine perfection. A person who reflects upon these signs with an open heart will find not only peace of mind but also gratitude for the countless bounties showered upon him.