

English Precis & Composition - Mock 3 Date 26/8/25

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Question #02 Precis and Title

Title: The Civil Servant as a Brand

Once a symbol of sober public duty, Pakistan's civil service now blends security and status with social media spectacle. For many, CSS is a pragmatic route to stable income, influence, and respect which are the advantages scarce in the private sector. For others, it becomes an all-consuming pursuit where success defines self-worth, fueled by romanticized tales of triumph. A newer trend casts officers as lifestyles influencers: curated reels, designer props and captions about service sit alongside the unglamorous reality of files, field work and disputes. Admirers say such visibility inspires youth; critics fear it eclipses the hard, unseen work of governance. In a society where symbols often rival substance, the image of authority can seem as potent as authority itself.



Question #03 Reading Comprehension

Q1 → Answer

The writer pairs food with moods/events: rain with pakoras, heatwaves with falooda, and depression with haleem to humorously show food as the default response to every situation.

Q2 → Answer

Cricket matches in Pakistan often become more about food than the game itself, because snacks and street food surrounding the stadium provide the reliable "fun" while the match can be tense or disappointing; eating becomes the stress free, winning part of outing.

Q3 → Answer

The author is skeptical: amusement parks exist but are portrayed as uncomfortable or poorly maintained like "one ride and your back pain will need MRI" implying they are not truly entertaining.

Q4 → Answer

"Waist-lines expand but horizons do not" means relying on food for fun may contribute to

physical weight gain while limiting people's
curiosity and engagement with broader
cultural or recreational experiences.

Q5 → Answer

With vibrant entertainment options like
Disneyland or Broadway, people would
likely diversify leisure beyond eating;
food would complement outings rather
than serve as primary, near-universal
recreation.



Question #04 Sentence Correction

1. The government wants to keep the plan to itself.
2. Knowledge of computer science is very important nowadays.
3. They left the hotel where they had been staying, in a car.
4. At the end of fall came the hard tests.
5. The soldier was given a medal for his courage while his colleagues cheered for him.



Question # 05

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 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."

B - Preposition

- 1- She has been working towards a solution that lies hidden beneath the surface of the problem.
- 2- His reputation rests on principles he never strayed from, even when under severe pressure.
- 3- The old diary was discovered aimed the ruins, carefully placed between two broken bricks.
- 4- The cat leapt gracefully onto the shelf above the fireplace and curled itself around the vase.
- 5- Success ~~not~~ often depends not merely on effort but also on the opportunities presented to us.

Question # 06 Sentences

1 - Donkey's Years

I ran into a school friend I had not seen in donkey's years.

2 - Sour grapes

His criticism on the topper sounded like sour grapes.

3 - Raise a red flag

The inconsistent data should raise a red flag for reviewers.

4 - To go bananas

The crowd went bananas when the underdog won.

5 - Chip on one's shoulder

She argues with supervisors as if she has a chip on her shoulder.



Question # 07 Translation

"In ~~the~~ my autobiography The Story of My Life, I understood an unusual wish: if I were granted only three days of sight. On the first day, I would want light in my eyes so I could see how the face of love appears, so I could behold the radiance of nature: the trees, the sun rays,

the blue sky and the green world. On the second day, I would wish to see the colours of flowers and the liveliness of the day to understand how the glories of nature shimmer in the eyes. On the third day, I would desire to witness the bustle of art and civilization: the theater, the bazaar, and the masterpieces of fine arts, so that I might observe the creative genius of humankind. To her, this three-day gift would be the art of turning darkness into light."

