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**COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION**

**FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF**

**PMS Ministerial Quota**

**SUBJECT:**

**English Essay**

**Time allowed: 1 Hour**

**Maximum Marks: 25**

**Attempt any one of the followings.**

- 1- Pathways to a Healthy Democracy in Pakistan.
- 2- Digitalization of Economy in Pakistan: Prospects.
- 3- Will Good Governance Remain an Illusive Dream in Pakistan?

## **English Essay**

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## English Essay

"Pathways to a Healthy Democracy in Pakistan"

### Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Causes of failure of democracy in Pakistan
3. Pathways to healthy democracy in Pakistan
  - (a) Education is the key to Healthy democracy
  - (b) Free and fair election
  - (c) Freedom of speech
  - (d) Freedom of Press
  - (e) Eradication of corruption
  - (f) Independence of Judiciary
4. Conclusion

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1.

Democracy is derived from two Greek words "Demos" and "Kraatos".

The word "Demos" means people and "Kraatos" means power. So "Democracy" means power of people. Democracy may be defined in the words of Abraham Lincoln:

"Government of the people,  
for the people and  
by the people"

2.

There are many causes of failure of democracy in Pakistan, like less knowledge of people regarding how democracy works, lack of education, leadership crises, illiterate leadership, popularity of dynastic politics, corruption and nepotism and no independence of judiciary.

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3.

According to me, there are following pathways to healthy democracy

(a)

From The Newspaper "DAWN"  
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In the recent elections, I was posted as as (APO) Assistant Presiding officer. I was fascinated to become a part of the process, as I always wanted to have first hand experience of the ground realities. While executing the assignment, I was intrigued by the lack of general awareness among the voters. It was clear to me that without improvement in the level and standard of education, the true spirit of democracy would struggle to prevail in the country.

Faisal Ahmed, Khairpur Mills  
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(b)

It is very important that the election process is open and fair, with no cheating. That means everyone should get honest information and the people running the election should be neutral and honest too. Fair elections help people to trust the government and keep things peaceful when leader change. When elections are fair it shows that the government really represents what the people want. So making sure elections are fair is super important for keeping democracy strong and healthy and making sure every one voice count.

(c)

## Article 19

"Every citizen shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression.  
And there shall

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be freedom of press subject  
to any reasonable restrictions"

According to Article 19, every citizen possess right to speech and freedom of expression, but the laws are not implemented in the right way, as they are prescribed. Laws should be applicable, people should not afraid to speak truth and reality.

(d)

The success of a democracy is directly related with the freedom of press. Freedom of the press implies the entitlement of expressing opinions without any constraints. Moreover it is also regarded as the necessary condition of a true democracy. In democratic country the news paper must not be under direct control of the government.

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There the news paper should be allowed to criticise the actions and decisions of the government. It is the duty of the press to make the government get's much beneficial to the people. The press also has the responsibility to make the people aware socially and politically.

(e)

Our latest corruption index CPI 2024 shows that corruption is contributing to a crisis of democracy in many parts of world. Democracy does not consist only a free and fair election. It also includes other political and civil rights like freedom of speech, the right to protect and strong independent institutions. Corrupt leaders don't want to be in news and certainly don't want to face justice. So many of avoid these challenges by undermining democracy. In countries where

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corruption is prevalent democracy, simply cannot flourish a strong and healthy democracy.

(f)

Impartiality of judge and judiciary is most important. When justice is bought or politically interfered with, the people suffer. Leaders should fully invest in and guarantee the independence of institutions that uphold the law and tackle constitutions.

4.

== In the end we can say that there are so many systems of government prevailing in the world. But no other system could satisfy the basic needs of the people. So democracy has been accepted as the best form of government, whereas a man can really enjoy equality of opportunity, liberty and freedom. And if our Leaders pay some heed to the golden rules of Islamic democracy, they would be successful rulers indeed.

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