

Mock Exams CSS-2026

Precis And Composition

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Part-II

Question 05:

A. Punctuate the following passage:-

The prisoner looked through the narrow window and said, "They call this justice, yet I have never been heard." The guard replied softly, "Orders are orders, sir. Freedom isn't decided here."

A journalist outside shouted, "The minister claimed, no one is above the law but who decides what law means when truth is behind bars? The cell fell silent. The prisoner smiled faintly and whispered, "They can cage a man, but not his conviction."

B. Rewrite following sentences after filling blanks with Prepositions:-

- ii- She died **of** starvation.
- iii- Look **to** the left and you will see our destination.
- iv- We saw a movie **at** the theatre.
- vi- You can go **since** you have done your homework.
- viii- I pushed **through** the crowd.

Question 06:

Use following in sentences to bring out their meanings:-

ii. To give the devil his due:

I don't like his attitude, but to give the devil his due, he is a hardworking student.

iii. Go to the wall:

My business is going to the wall due to less budget.

vi. On pins and needles:

I was on pins and needles waiting for my test results.

i. A fish out of water:

I felt like a fish out of water on my first day at work.

viii. To put back the clock:

Regret is useless, ~~even~~ because one can not put back the clock.

Question 07:

Translate the following into English, keeping in view the idiomatic / figurative expression:-

If an Urdu professor claims to know Ghalib's poetry and that he can talk on its artistic aspects, then he is definitely showing his scholarly abilities, but if he is asked to say only a verse of

poetry, he would fall short. Because comprehension and creation are two different things. Comprehension is born of intellect, while creation comes from inspiration and divine revelation.

The rank Ghalib was fortuneed with was not merely the outcome of effort or learning, but was the result of extraordinary spiritual insight and divine intuition. This is the reason why even after centuries, his words continue to influence hearts, just ~~the~~ as they did in his own time.

Question: 03

- Read passage carefully and answer the following questions:-

Questions:

1. Why did Timothy Dexter's rivals advise him to ship coal to Newcastle, and what was the intended outcome of this suggestion?

Timothy Dexter's rivals were tired of his success so they advised him to ship coal to Newcastle because the city already had abundant coal supply and they intended to make a fool out of him, expecting the shipment

would be useless leading to his financial ruin.

2. What unexpected event in England transformed Dexter's apparently foolish coal venture into a profitable success?

An unexpected miner's strike in England halted local coal production causing a shortage. This allowed Dexter to sell his coal at high prices, turning what seemed like a foolish venture into a highly profitable one.

3. What does the author imply about the relationship between luck and intelligence in Timothy Dexter's success?

The author implies that Dexter's success was a blend of luck and boldness rather than intelligence. His good fortune often turned seemingly ridiculous decisions into profitable outcomes, showing that luck can sometimes achieve more than formal wisdom and intelligence.

4. How does Dexter's repeated success in turning mockery into profitable challenge conventional ideas about business wisdom and education?

Dexter's repeated success despite mockery challenged the conventional

belief the business success requires education and calculated planning. His story suggests that intuition, risk-taking, and some luck can sometimes achieve more than intelligence and can outweigh logic.

5. What can be inferred about human perception of "foolishness" and "genius" from the way Dexter's rivals reacted to his achievements?

The reaction of Dexter's rivals shows that people often label unconventional behaviour as "foolishness", only to later recognize its brilliance when it succeeds. It highlights how the line between a foolish and a genius person only depends on the outcome of his decisions rather than their intentions.

Question : 02

Make a précis of given passage.

» Title: "The hidden cost of green revolution"

• Précis :

Renewable energy is widely celebrated as humanity's moral and environmental salvation, yet there lies a troubling contradiction. The production of solar panels, wind turbines and electric vehicles relies mostly on the mining of rare earth

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minerals and its metals like cobalt and lithium, often through destructive practices in improvised regions. Although labeled "clean", actually these technologies causes deforestation, pollution and waste, only shifting planet's burden instead of removing it. Electric vehicle batteries generate high carbon emissions during production and contribute to electronic waste after use, while wind and solar infrastructure depend on fossil fuels and it creates non-recyclable materials. This exposes the illusion of "zero emissions." True sustainability, ~~the perfect~~ ~~aspects~~ requires humility, moderation, and efficiency but not the industrial exploitation disguised as environmental virtue.

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