



# National Officers Academy

Mock Exams CSS-2022

August 2021(Mock-4)

## ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

<b>TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS</b>	<b>PART-I (MCQS)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS = 20</b>
<b>PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES</b>	<b>PART-II</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS = 80</b>
<b>NOTE:</b>		
i. <b>Part-II</b> is to be attempted on the separate <b>Answer Book</b> .		
ii. Attempt <b>ALL</b> questions from <b>PART-II</b> .		
iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.		
iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.		

### **PART-II**

#### **Q. 2 Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title. (15+5=20)**

It was a blistering hot day in summer. The track leading to "Atlantic City" (Wyoming) was dry and bumpy, and great clouds of dust blew up behind the car. In 1870, Atlantic City was a prosperous town, with several thousand inhabitants, mostly men. It was a strange place to find a town, mind you, hidden in little gulch in the middle of a wide scrub desert.

Atlantic City began life as a staging post on one of the transcontinental trails, taken by emigrants en route for California. Soon however it became a roaring gold town, where people could make (or lose) their fortunes in a day. Few did make a fortune; many found enough gold to keep them happy, but a lot found nothing, or nothing much.

Then, about seven years after the gold rush began, it finished. Suddenly, it seemed that there was no gold left in the ground. The miners packed their tools, their pans, and their bags, and went off somewhere else, to try their luck again. There were no more emigrants either; as soon as the first transcontinental railroad had opened in 1869, the old emigrant trails had been completely abandoned.

The hotels closed, the shops closed, the bars closed, the jail closed; and before long, Atlantic City was a ghost town, uninhabited except by the occasional rancher or hunter, and the wandering coyotes. I didn't expect to find much in Atlantic City. I knew that a few people lived there again now, some of the old houses had been restored, and others had been built. But I didn't expect much.

We drove round a dusty bend, and there in front of us lay the town, a couple of dozen wooden buildings, some old, some new, and mostly pretty plain.

Surprisingly there was a fire-station; then, in the middle of the town, a wooden "saloon". A drink, I thought, something to drink at last. I stopped the car in a cloud of dust, and we walked up the steps and into the saloon.

Well, if I'd wanted to do a bit of time-travelling, I couldn't have done much better; walking through that door was like walking back over a hundred years in time. Inside, the old Western saloon was still intact, with its big long wooden bar, and enormous mirrors on the walls. Apart from the electric light, the juke box, and the tables set for dinner, it was almost perfect.

#### **Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20)**

If you're a younger employee, you've no doubt run up against the struggle of getting noticed for your work. One of the biggest battles in the workplace is getting recognition for the work you do without coming across as boastful or a braggart. Even older, seasoned workers have to fight to get their work recognised.

The truth is, however, that you have lots of opportunities to champion yourself at work and point out your victories: in meetings, presentations and even company-wide e-mails. However, it's a fine line to walk; there's a definite art involved in the subtleties of touting your accomplishments. If you're always talking about how good you are at your job and how lucky the company is to have you, you'll come across as conceited, or even just as an idiot. But speak too little of your work, and you could miss out on assignments, raises, promotions, and your own private jet. OK, maybe not the last one, but if you want to take your career to the next level, you need to champion yourself at work.

The first rule of championing yourself at work is to have something worth crowing about. You need a particular achievement, because going around telling people you're great for no reason at all makes you sound full of yourself. You should always have something specific, and it should be measurable.

Measurements are a sure way to show change, improvement in an area that was weak, etc. There's a saying in business: "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it." We know, we know; things like your team's morale are important too, but the fact is your boss, your boss' boss and everyone else has a preference for numbers. Why? Numbers are an easy handle. Your boss could spend a few hours a week sitting in on the sales team, watching how many deals are made, and the overall mood of the division. Or, he could read the sales figures for the month, and the number of employees who've quit this year versus last. As a busy man, which do you think he's more likely to do? Exactly.

When you achieve the result you've aimed for, you truly have something to brag about. However, if you play that victory off the wrong way you'll come across as brash. So instead of going around bragging about what a fine job you did, share with the others around you how proud they should be of the success the company had. Do what you can to share the praise: It makes you look like a bigger man and nobody will be confused about who actually made the win possible.

### **Questions**

- 1- Why is it necessary to be recognized at work?

- 2- How would you showcase your success before your boss?
- 3- Can work be managed even without measuring it?
- 4- Discuss some of the ways you can champion your work.
- 5- How should you share your success with your colleagues?

**Q. 4 Correct any FIVE of the following sentences.**

(10)

- a) Those who lived in glasshouses should not throw stones on other.
- b) As they had finished their work, they are going to home.
- c) Many incidents of history are results of excessing greed.
- d) He felt very hungry in the fridge so he ate all the fruit.
- e) Did they all gone together or only Ali has?
- f) Do not believe in advices given by all.
- g) The simpler life was, the less the stress.
- h) After the fall my thumb felt so hurted.

**Q. 5. (A) Use FIVE of the following in sentences to make their meaning clear.**

(5)

- a) On the wane
- b) To pick holes
- c) Fall on your own sword
- d) To Fire on all cylinders
- e) Dog in the manger
- f) To be Dressed up to the nines
- g) A nine days wonder

**(B) Use FIVE of the following pairs of words in sentences.**

(5)

- a) Continual, continuous
- b) Deface, efface
- c) Contemptible, contemptuous
- d) Outbreak, breakout
- e) Rightful, righteous
- f) Immigrant, emigrant
- g) Enmity, amity

**Q.6. Punctuate the following passage.**

(10)

all over the english speaking world critics have greeted these essays with such comments as brilliant provocative magnificent many find that Huxley is the finest essayist since Montaigne it has been said that mr Huxley is not only a literary giant but one of the greatest thinkers of our time mr Huxleys topic is man the total compass of his faculties in science literature music religion art love speculative thinking and simple being here displayed to the full is the astonishing virtuosity of Huxleys genius the range of Aldous Huxleys thinking was astonishing his opinions on art were as original and well founded as his discussions of biology or architecture poetry music or history as a virtuoso of letters he was unequalled born into a famous family with a long intellectual tradition Huxley attended eton and oxford his reputation as a writer was well established before he was thirty

**Q.7. Translate the following into English, keeping in view the idiomatic/figurative expression.**

(10)

ایک دن آنے گا جب انسان سے پوچھا جائے گا کہ یہ جو غیر معمولی عقل تجھے دی گئی تھی، اس سے تو نے کیا فائدہ اٹھایا؟ انسان کہے گا، میں نے شادی کی، بچے پالے۔ خدا کہے گا کہ ہر بلی اور بندریا اپنے بچے پالتی ہے۔ انسان کہے گا کہ میں نے کاروبار کیا۔ خدا کہے گا کہ سب وسائل میں نے زمین میں رکھے، ان سے تو نے فائدہ اٹھایا۔ اس میں تیرا کون سا کمال ہے، تو نے میرا اگایا ہوا گندم کا دانہ کھایا، میری پیدا کی ہوئی آکسیجن سے سانس لیا، میرے پیدا کردہ وسائل استعمال کیے۔ یہ سب تو بجا، یہ تو بتا کہ تو نے میرے بارے میں سوچا؟ اس بات پر غور کیا کہ تجھے کیوں عقل دی گئی اور باقیوں کو کیوں نہیں دی گئی؟

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