



National Officers Academy
Mock Exams PMS PUNJAB 2023
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ENGLISH (Précis, Comprehension & Translation)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS = 100

NOTE:

- i. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- ii. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.
- iii. No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- iv. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

PART-II

Q.No.1 Write a paragraph of 200 words on any ONE of the following topics: (20 Marks)

- (a) Fortune favors the brave
- (b) Increasing Extremism and Religious Intolerance in Pakistan
- (c) Social Media as a Tool Of Hybrid Warfare
- (d) True Peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the Presence of Justice.

Q.No.2 Use any TEN of the following idiomatic expressions in sentences to make their meaning clear. (10 Marks)

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| a. the small hours | e. Walking on broken glass | i. Salt something away |
| b. kangaroo court | f. Joined at the hip | j. To carry one's own cross |
| c. In dribs and drabs | g. Letter perfect | k. To have the last laugh |
| d. Voice in the wilderness | h. Out to lunch | l. Up to the minute |

Q.No.3 Write a letter to a newspaper editor highlighting workplace nepotism and suggest strategies to foster a healthier work environment for all. (10 Marks)

OR

Write an application to the Superintendent of Police requesting him to address safety concerns in your area. Provide him with relevant details about the law and order situation.

Q.No.4 Write the Synonyms of the following words. (5 Marks)

- a)Disdain b)Eulogize c)Caress d) Rend e) Racy

Q.No.5 Change the narration of any FIVE of the following sentences. (5 Marks)

- a. He said, "I will be here again tomorrow."
- b. Amna said to me, "When did you arrive in Islamabad?"
- c. Akram said," I have to carry this bag."
- d. You said to me, "Have you read the articles?"
- e. She said, "Alas! My brother failed the test."
- f. You said to him, "What a beautiful drama you are writing!"
- g. My father said , " It is very important for you to learn the use of prepositions."
- h. Aliya said to her class teacher, " I wasn't absent for a single day in the entire year."

Q. No. 6 Change the voice of any FIVE of the following sentences. (5Marks)

- a) They laughed at his warnings.
- b) They didn't give me the money.
- c) She made a third attempt.
- d) The masons were building the house.
- e) The terrorists blew up the bridge.
- f) Someone sent her a cheque for a thousand euros.
- g) They called off the meeting.
- h) Ahsan gave me flowers on my birthday.

Q.No.7 Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. (10 Marks)

- i. I could not account __ his extraordinary conduct.
- ii. Never fail to do good _ others.
- iii. He is weak _ Mathematics.
- iv. He entered _ an agreement.
- v. The train is bound __ Gujrat.
- vi. He was knocked _ by the bus.
- vii. The beggar is blind _ one eye.
- viii. Ahsan invited Advocate Ali _ tea this evening.
- ix. It is warming up , ___ noon we should be able to go swimming.
- x. The train is passing ___ the tunnel.

Q. No. 8 Make a Précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title. (15+5=20 Marks)

The world dismisses curiosity by calling it idle, or mere idle curiosity - even though curious persons are seldom idle. Parents do their best to extinguish curiosity in their children because it makes life difficult to be faced every day with a string of answerable questions about what makes fire hot or why grass grows. Children whose curiosity survives parental discipline are invited to join our university. Within the university, they go on asking their questions and trying to find the answers. In the eyes of a scholar, that is mainly what a university is for. Some of the questions that scholars ask seem to the world to be scarcely worth asking let alone answering. They ask questions too minute and specialized for you and me to understand without years of explanation. If the world inquires of one of them why he wants to know the answer to a particular question he may say, especially if he is a scientist, that the answer will in some obscure way make possible a new machine or weapon or gadget. He talks that way because he knows that we world understands and respects utility. But to you who are now part of the university, he will say that he wants to know the answer simply because he does not know it. The way a mountain climber wants to climb a mountain simply because it is there. Similarly a historian when asked by outsiders why he studies history may come out with argument that he has learnt to repeat on such occasions. Something about knowledge of the past making it possible to understand the present and mould the future. But if you really want to know why a historian studies the past, the answer is much simpler: something happened, and he would like to know what. All this does not mean that the answer which scholars find to their questions have no consequences. They may have enormous consequences but these seldom from the reason for asking the question or pursuing the answer. It is true that scholars can be put to work answering questions for the sake of the consequences as thousands are working now, for example, in search of a cure for cancer. But this is not the primary function of the scholar, for the consequences are usually subordinate to the satisfaction of curiosity.

Q.No.9 Translate the following passage into English. (15 Marks)

انسان دنیا میں اپنی مرضی کے بغیر آتا ہے ، اور اپنی خواہش کے خلاف یہاں سے چلا جاتا ہے ۔ اس عرصہ میں اُسے نہ کوئی سمجھتا ہے ، اور نہ سمجھنے کی کوشش کرتا ہے ۔ وہ بچپن میں فرشتہ ، جوانی میں شیطان اور بڑی عمر میں احمق سمجھا جاتا ہے ۔ اگر شادی کرے تو اس کی زندگی جانوروں کی سی ۔ اگر کنوارا ہے تو کہتے ہیں کہ اس کا چال چلن اچھا نہیں۔ اگر وہ کھانے پینے والا آدمی ہے۔ تو لوگ اسے خطر ناک ہستی سمجھتے ہیں ۔ اگر اس کے برعکس ہے۔ تو کہتے ہیں کم بخت بخیل ہے۔ اگر غریب ہے تو فضول ہے ۔ اگر امیر ہے تو مغرور ہے۔ اگر خیرات کرتا تو کہتے ہیں۔ شہرت کا بھوکا ہے ۔ اگر نہیں کرتا تو کہتے ہیں۔ انسان کا بے کو بے حیوان ہے ۔ اگر مذہب میں دلچسپی لیتا ہے۔ تو مکار ہے۔ اگر مذہب سے پرے رہتا ہے تو بندہ گناہ ہے۔ دنیا میں آنے سے پہلے ہر شخص اسے چومنا چاہتا ہے۔ جانے سے پہلے ہر ایک آدمی اسے ٹھوکر مارنے کو تیار ہوتا ہے ۔ اگر جوانی میں مرجائے تو دنیا کہتی ہے۔ ہو نہار تھا۔ اگر زندہ رہے ، تو اس کے ساتھ ایسا ذلت آمیز سلوک ہوتا ہے ۔ گویا دنیا میں اس سے برا کوئی دوسرا تو نہ ہو گا۔

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