



**National Officers Academy**  
**Mock Exams PMS PUNJAB 2023**  
**June 2024**

**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) Disinformation in the age of Information
- (b) Success: An Ultimate Remedy to Depression
- (c) The Impact of Political Instability on Economic Growth in Pakistan
- (d) Great losses are great lessons

**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. at the drop of a hat | e. all the rage     | i. in dire straits    |
| b. wag one's chin       | f. to rough it      | j. dog in a manger    |
| c. dead wood            | g. damp squib       | k. make a beeline for |
| d. be a cold fish       | h. thick as thieves | l. off the wall       |

**Q.No.3 Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage ceremony of your brother.(10 Marks)**

**OR**

**Write an application to the Superintendent of Police of your district requesting the investigation into the increased cases of Street Crimes in the city.**

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

- a)Virulent b)Exodus c)Dormant d) Cosset e) Tedious

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

- a. "You had better not leave your room unlocked", said my friend.
- b. He said to her in a calm voice, " If you don't keep quiet, I will be compelled to disclose your secret."
- c. The man said, "No, I refuse to confer guilt."
- d. The manager said to his colleague, " You all have been given a chance to prove your capability for the next project and anyone who succeeds, will get unimaginable benefits."
- e. You said to your servant, " You have been misusing all the facilities and this has incurred a heavy loss which is unforgiveable."
- f. She said, "My father left us when I was three years old and I know how it feels."
- g. Rashid said to me, "My problem is different from yours but we have common source of our problem and that is our own mind-set."
- h. She said to you, "You are such a loser!"

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

- a) His grandmother looked after him.
- b) I did not paint the wall.
- c) He took away my books.
- d) She did not obey her parents.
- e) Did you visit the zoo?
- f) The teacher had punished the boy.
- g) We use milk for making cheese.
- h) He will give you a box of chocolates.

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

- The police officer is \_\_\_ the station.
- The Sun will not rise \_\_\_ 6 o'clock.
- I know Jack \_\_\_ he was a little boy.
- Ayesha's house is \_\_\_ mine.
- The opponents sat \_\_\_ to each other.
- The scientist looked \_\_\_ the microscope.
- I met Sohail when I was \_\_\_ college.
- I will have completed my task \_\_\_ Friday.
- There's a rift \_\_\_ these two kids.
- The soldiers are \_\_\_ war.

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

One should also guard one's self from another possible misinterpretation. The fact that great art and profound thought are difficult to comprehend does not mean that simplified instruction in the humanities cannot be offered to beginners. On the contrary, wise introduction becomes the more necessary, just as is true in science. High-school pupils get something out of Julius Caesar, a reproduction in the classroom of Millet's "The Gleaners," a recording of "The Ride of the Valkyries," and Emerson's The American Scholar. But youth will never get beyond this "something" if these masterpieces are "taught" as if they did not differ from the latest Broadway comedy or television hit, the pictures in Look, a jazz record, and an inspirational message by some popular preacher. Introductory matter that never gets beyond introductions seldom leads to acquaintanceship. Complaint is made about science teaching in the secondary schools that textbooks have been so debased by the supposed demands of teaching that they are both obsolescent and unattractive; and it is to remedy this situation that, under a grant from the National Science Foundation, the Physical Science Study Committee is preparing textbooks in physics that will really introduce the beginning student to modern science and lead him to further study. Many beginning books in literature, the arts, the languages, and, in some ways, ethics and philosophy are like the physics books complained of. They lead nowhere. They assume that what is contemporary or novel must alone be true and lasting. Their emphasis is upon entertainment and pleasure rather than upon challenge and instruction. If we really seek in our public education to mature American youth, we shall make small progress in the humanities unless our elementary work leads into greatness and not into the merely contemporary. The contemporary fades every year; the problems of humanity continue.

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

پاکستان کی موجودہ سیاسی اور معاشی صورتِ حال ابتری کی اس سطح پر پہنچ چکی ہے۔ جس سے آگے نا قابلِ تصور قومی سانحے نوشتہ ۶ دیوار دکھائی دے رہے ہیں۔ گویا ہم ایک ایسے آتش فشاں پر بیٹھے ہوئے ہیں جو کسی وقت بھی پھٹ سکتا ہے۔ اگرچہ ہم ہمیشہ سے سیاسی عدم استحکام کا شکار رہے ہیں جس نے نہ صرف ہمیں کبھی ایک قوم نہیں بننے دیا اور معاشی طور پر ہمیشہ پس ماندہ رکھا ہے۔ بلکہ یہی سیاسی عدم استحکام اور معاشی بدحالی ہماری قومی وحدت کیلئے زہر قاتل ثابت ہوئی اور ہمارا ملک صرف 23 سال بعد ہی دولت ہو گیا۔

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