



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) The role of digital economy in Pakistan
- (b) Brain drain in Pakistan and its consequences
- (c) The need of skill development in modern world
- (d) Journalism vs Social media: Who wins?

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. Bite the bullet | e. An amazon | i. Cheek by jowl |
| b. At a stretch | f. House of cards | j. Tooth and nail |
| c. By dint of | g. Sitting on the fence | k. A brown study |
| d. Out of the wood | h. Out of sorts | l. A far cry |

Q.No.3 Write a letter to the Mayor of your city about the growing problems for the citizens due to inadequate waste management and sanitation in your locality. (10 Marks)

OR

Write an application to the Medical Superintendent of your district hospital complaining about the rude attitude and misbehavior of some of the key staff members with relatives accompanying the patients.

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

- a) Abstruse b) Exhaustible c) Mitigate d) Fiasco e) Deprecate

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

- i. "I have already finished my work," she informed him.
- ii. They said, "We should go to the beach tomorrow."
- iii. "Can you help me with this?" she asked.
- iv. You said to me, "Why don't you solve your own problems?"
- v. Ali said, "Mom, I can't go to apologize her. It's her fault."
- vi. The manager asked, "Why have you all decided to submit a complaint against me?"
- vii. My brother said to his teacher, "All is not going well in college these days."
- viii. You said, "Ali, your attitude is now getting worse."

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

- a) The chef prepared the delicious meal.
- b) She completed the project before the deadline.
- c) The teacher is grading the exams.
- d) They will decide about their visit to Lahore.
- e) You must not change this job.

- f) He has never compromised his principles.
- g) She is planting new plants in her garden.
- h) I have made all necessary preparations to go abroad.

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

- i. She walked ___ the street to reach the bookstore.
- ii. The cat jumped ___ the table and knocked over the vase.
- iii. We will meet ___ the restaurant at 7 PM.
- iv. He placed the keys ___ the drawer to keep them safe.
- v. The train departed ___ the station right on time.
- vi. They stood ___ each other and exchanged their vows.
- vii. The ball rolled ___ the hill and into the pond.
- viii. Please pass the salt ___ me.
- ix. The airplane flew ___ the clouds and into the clear sky.
- x. She fell asleep ___ her desk while studying.

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

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen, shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns.

Now, is discipline necessary at all? Please listen carefully. Don't immediately say YES or NO. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like and we think that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free and so on has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline. The keen athlete is disciplining himself the whole time, isn't he? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline and punctuality is not an imposition but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics. So, discipline, if taken in this way, extends beyond individual pursuits and permeates various aspects of life, including education and work environments. In schools, students adhere to rules and regulations to maintain order and facilitate learning, while in professional settings, employees follow codes of conduct to ensure productivity and harmonious collaboration. Is there any example of success that negates the aspect of discipline in its achievement? You can argue in favor of freedom being compromised when discipline is imposed. But that is only when you see discipline as a mere imposition by some outside authority. You may choose to remain free but the moment you set a goal, you find yourself compelled to follow a particular routine as necessity to realize your dream.

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

ملک میں بہت سی ایسی صنعتوں کے امکان موجود ہیں جو ملک کے تمام بے روزگار لوگوں کو روزگار فراہم کر سکتے ہیں۔ تعلیم کو صنعتی اور ملکی ضروریات کے لحاظ سے شکل دینا چاہیے تاکہ جو لوگ تعلیم حاصل کر کے نکلیں وہ ملک کے لیے کارآمد ثابت ہو سکیں۔ تعلیم میں فنی اور عملی صلاحیتوں پر زیادہ زور ہونا چاہیے اور صرف انہی لوگوں کو اعلیٰ تعلیم دینی چاہئے جن میں واقعی اس کی صلاحیت ہو۔ باقی لوگوں کو زراعت، تجارت یا دوسرے فنون کی تربیت دینی چاہیے تاکہ وہ آئندہ زندگی میں اپنے خاندان اور ملک کے دوسرے لوگوں پر بوجھ نہ بنیں بلکہ اپنی روزی خود کما سکیں۔ اس طرح کچھ حد تک ملک سے بیروزگاری کا مسئلہ حل ہو سکتا ہے۔

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