

Test Series Batch-OnCampus & Online
CSS-2026 (Dec-2025, Jan-2026)
English Précis & Composition Test-1
Total Marks: 40

Test-1

Q.1. Make a precis of the following passage; also suggest a suitable title. (15+5 = 20)

The relationship between human societies and their domesticated animals has always extended far beyond simple utility or companionship, revealing deeper truths about how cultures understood their place in the natural world. In medieval Europe, the bond between humans and horses represented not merely a practical arrangement but a complex social institution that shaped everything from warfare to commerce, from aristocratic identity to peasant survival. The breeding and training of horses required specialized knowledge that was jealously guarded by those who possessed it. Master horsemen could read the temperament of an animal through subtle signs - the set of its ears, the tension in its muscles, the quality of its breath on a cold morning. They knew which bloodlines produced horses suitable for carrying knights in full armor, which animals possessed the stamina for long-distance travel, and which had the temperament for working fields from dawn to dusk. The most skilled among these practitioners were the farriers, blacksmiths who specialized in shoeing horses and treating their ailments. A talented farrier could diagnose lameness by watching a horse walk, could fashion shoes that corrected problems with gait, and understood the medicinal properties of various herbs and poultices. These craftsmen occupied an interesting position in medieval society, neither quite common laborers nor members of the merchant class, but essential figures whose services were required by everyone from kings to farmers.

Their workshops became gathering places where knowledge was exchanged, where young apprentices learned not from written manuals but through years of observation and practice. The bond between rider and mount was itself considered an art requiring patience, consistency, and intuitive understanding. Different regions developed distinct philosophies about horsemanship, with some emphasizing dominance and control while others advocated for partnership and mutual respect. These approaches reflected broader cultural values about power, nature, and the proper ordering of the world. The most celebrated horsemen were those who seemed to communicate with their animals through invisible means, whose mounts responded to the slightest pressure or shift in weight, creating an impression of perfect unity between human will and animal action.

Q. 2 Correct any FIVE of the following sentences. (10)

- i. When the minister met the advisor, he was dissatisfied with the proposal.
- ii. This explanation is more clearer than the previous one.
- iii. Only after reading the report the conclusion was understood.
- iv. Every candidate must submit their application before the deadline.

- v. The historian elaborated the causes of the rebellion in great detail.
- vi. The list of essential books were submitted to the committee.
- vii. Walking through the archive, several rare documents were discovered.
- viii. She was impressed by the most unique solution presented during the debate.
- ix. He speaks English very fluent for a non-native speaker.
- x. The policy aims to reduce corruption, improving transparency, and to strengthen institutions.

Q. 3. A. Punctuate the following passage: (05)

the historian paused looked directly at the audience and said the fall of ancient civilizations cannot be attributed to a single cause however we must consider several interconnected factors including environmental degradation economic instability and political corruption moreover the notion that these societies simply vanished is absurd they transformed evolved and in many cases their descendants continue to thrive today when examining primary sources from that era particularly letters written by merchants farmers and government officials we discover a far more complex narrative than traditional textbooks suggest dr ahmed one of the leading scholars in this field has argued that we must read between the lines to understand what really happened the evidence he claims speaks for itself

B. Re-write the following sentences (Only Five) after filling in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions. (05)

- i. The treaty was negotiated ____ the auspices of several international organizations.
- ii. The committee voiced concerns ____ the implementation of the new regulatory framework.
- iii. Her conclusions rested ____ a subtle distinction between correlation and causation.
- iv. The argument is predicated ____ the assumption that all parties will act in good faith.
- v. He was reprimanded ____ negligence in fulfilling his administrative duties.
- vi. The philosopher is revered ____ his reflections on the nature of human consciousness.
- vii. The company refrained ____ making any public statement until the investigation was complete.
- viii. The report dwells extensively ____ the socio-economic consequences of urban migration.
- ix. The witness testified ____ the accuracy of the financial records presented in court.
- x. Scholars often differ ____ the interpretation of ancient texts, particularly when sources are fragmentary.
