

# **National Officers Academy**

## **Islamabad/Lahore/Rawalpindi**

### **PMS Punjab**

Urdu (Essay, Precis, Comprehension & Translation)

a. Candidates would be required to write an essay in Urdu of about 1000 words. A wide choice of topics will be given in the question paper. The topics may include those on issues related to education, economy, foreign policy, governance, human rights, constitution, law & order and other socio-economic issues related to Pakistan and topics of general nature.

b. The candidates are expected to reflect a clear understanding of the topic, conceptual clarity and logical reasoning. Candidate's articulation, expression and correct use of Urdu language will be examined. c. Urdu Precis and Comprehension: The examination will essentially test the ability of the candidates to handle precis writing, comprehension, syntax, translation, grammar, vocabulary, etc.

(1) Precis Writing: A passage of generic nature with enough room for compression shall be given for writing a precis and suggesting a suitable topic.

(2) Comprehension: A carefully selected passage, which is rich in substance but not specific to any discipline, shall be given followed by five questions requiring answers from the passage itself.

(3) Grammar & Vocabulary: Questions relating to correct usage of tense, articles, prepositions, conjunctions, punctuations, verbs shall be given.

(4) Sentence Correction: Sentences may be given, each having a flaw in grammar, punctuations or use of capitals. Candidates shall be expected to correct them without making unnecessary alterations.

(5) Grouping of Words & Pair of Words: Words, chosen randomly, may be given that need to be grouped by candidates in pairs having similar or opposite meaning, use of idioms and proverbs as may be clearly directed in the question, antonyms, synonyms, etc.

d. Translation: A short passage in English that may contain figurative or idiomatic expressions, shall be given for an accurate translation into Urdu.

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