



PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION
FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF
PROVINCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE - 2020**

SUBJECT: ENGLISH (Precis, 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.

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

(20 Marks)

- a) The Climate Change and its Impact on Pakistan
- b) The Impact of COVID-19 on Global Education
- c) The Growth & Success of Entrepreneurship in Pakistan
- ☒ d) Let us change ourselves before we change the system

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

(10 Marks)

- a. Black sheep. b. To harp on the same string. c. At cross purposes. d. Out of pocket.
e. Put on the market. f. to rough it. g. To speak of. h. All the rage. i. Shake in one's shoes. j. A dead letter. k. cut someone dead. l. Beside the mark.

Q.No.3 Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper protesting against the street noises.

(10 Marks)

OR

Write an application to the executive engineer electricity to solve the problem of constant power failure in your locality.

Q.No.4 Write the antonyms of the following words.

(5 Marks)

- a. Elysium b. Promethean c. Abstruse d. Goliath e. Aberration

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

(5 Marks)

- a. He said, 'Alas! I am undone.'
- b. The King was deeply grieved, and said to his queen, 'What can I do for you?'
- c. He said to me, 'I don't believe you.'
- d. They wrote, 'It is time we thought about settling this matter.'
- e. He said to him, 'Please wait here till I return.'
- f. 'My hour is come,' thought he. 'Let me meet death like a brave man.'
- g. 'What are you doing, good old woman?' said the prince.

Q.No.6 Change the voice of any FIVE of the following sentences.

(5 Marks)

- a. He wrote a letter to his friend yesterday.
- b. open the door of my car.
- c. The thief was arrested by the police.
- d. He broke the window pane.
- e. We should support the needy.
- f. The king abdicated the throne.
- g. The sun rises in the east.

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Q.No.7

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

(10 Marks)

- He is indifferent _____ his own interest.
- He supplies the poor _____ clothing.
- There is no exception _____ this rule.
- I am not envious _____ his success.
- He inquired _____ the servant if his master was at home.
- He promised not to do anything repugnant _____ the wishes of his parents.
- He is capable as a leader, but intolerant _____ opposition.
- He was born _____ humble parents.
- The climate of Karachi does not agree _____ him.
- He scoffed _____ the idea of revolution.

Q.No.8

Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

(15+5=20 Marks)

People moan about poverty as a great evil; and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attended by servants, and have governesses at a later age; at the same time I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and social envies and jealousies—how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathize with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and always must spring. If you will read the list of the "immortals who were not born to die," you will find that most of them have been born poor.

It seems nowadays a matter of universal desire that poverty should be abolished. We should be quite willing to abolish luxury; but to abolish honest, industrious, self-denying poverty would be to destroy the soil upon which mankind produces the virtues that will enable our race to reach a still higher civilization than it now possesses.

Q.No.9

Translate the following passage into English.

(15 Marks)

ہم دنیا کی پہلی قوم نہیں ہیں جسے اپنے جغرافیائی محل وقوع کے عدم توازن کا سامنا ہے۔ گن جانے کہ دنیا میں کتنے ملک ہیں جو سمندر تک رسائی سے محروم ہیں۔ جو اپنے سے کلی گنا بڑھا حجم رکھنے والے قوموں کے ہمسائے ہیں۔ ہم دنیا میں واحد ملک نہیں ہیں جسے مسئلہ کی قلت کا سامنا ہو۔ دوسروں نے ترقی اور سلامتی کے لیے ہمارا نسخہ کیوں استعمال نہیں کیا کہ ستر برس میں اپنی آبادی سات گنا بڑھا لی۔ ناخواندہ آبادی میں تین گنا کا اضافہ کر دیا تعلیم کا معیار اس قدر گرا لیا کہ اندرون ملک تعلیم پانے والے روزگار کی منڈی میں بے قیمت ہو گئے۔ زرمبادلہ کے ذخائر پچھلے بیس برس سے یک عددی سے نکل نہیں پائے۔ معلوم ہوا کہ سرکار اس کھوج میں ہے کہ گزشتہ دس برس کے دوران لیے گئے بیرونی قرضے کہاں گئے۔ کسی ملک کا بندوبست پرکھنے کا ایک معمولی پیمانہ یہ ہے کہ ریاستی پالیسیوں کے باعث کتنے جانی اور مالی وسائل کا زیاں ہوا؟ دہشت گردی کے تجزیے میں ستر ہزار اموات کا عدد ہم آسانی سے بھلا دیتے ہیں۔ خدا کی شان ہے کہ دہشت گردی کے جواز تراشنے والے آج دہشت گردی کی مزاحمت کا دعویٰ کرتے ہیں۔ سیاسی استحکام کے بغیر معیشت کی گاڑی نہیں چلتی۔