

**KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF
PROVINCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICERS (BPS-17), 2022**

ENGLISH (PRÉCIS AND COMPOSITION)

Time Allowed: 03 Hours

Max Marks: 100

- Note: (i) Attempt ALL questions. Marks will be deducted for incorrect use of language and faulty expression. Extra attempt of any question will not be considered.**
(ii) Candidate must draw two straight lines "=====" at end to separate each question in answer book.

- Q.1: Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow in your own words. No credit will be given for exact reproduction of sentences from the given passage. (20)**

There is a confusion in the minds of many persons, that the gathering of the property of the poor into the hands of the rich does no ultimate harm, since, it must be spent at last, and thus, they think, return to the poor again. This fallacy has been again and again exposed; but granting the plea true, the same apology may, of course, be made for blackmail, or any other form of robbery. It might be (though practically it never is) as advantageous for the nation that the robber should have the spending of the money he extorts, as that person robbed should have spent it. But this is no excuse for theft. If I were to put a turnpike on the road where it passes my own gate, and endeavor to exact a shilling from every passenger, the public would soon do away with my gate, without listening to any pleas on my part that it was advantageous to them, in the end, that I should spend their shillings, as that they themselves should. But if, instead of outfacing them with a turnpike, I can only persuade them to come in and buy stones, or an old iron, or any other useless thing, out of my ground, I may rob them to the same extent, and be, moreover, thanked as a public benefactor and promoter of commercial property. And this main question for the poor of all countries is wholly omitted in every treatise on the subject of wealth. Even by the labourers themselves, the operation of capital is regarded only on its effect on their immediate interests, never in the far more terrific power of its appointment of the kind and the object of labour. It matters little, ultimately, how much a labourer is paid for making anything; but it matters fearfully what the thing is, which he is compelled to make. If his labour is so ordered as to produce food, and fresh air, and fresh water, no matter that his wages are low; --- the food and the fresh air and water will be at least there, and he will at last get them. But if he is paid to destroy food and fresh air, or to produce iron bars instead of them, to his great and final inconvenience. So that, conclusively, in political as in household economy, the great question is, not so much what money you have in your pocket, as what you will buy with it and do with it.

Questions:

- i. What argument is presented in the beginning of the passage? Which fallacy has been indicated?
 - ii. Does the passage favour capitalism or socialism? Give reasons for your answer.
 - iii. According to the passage, what should be the concern of an individual?
 - iv. What are the views of the author with regard to accumulation of wealth?
- Q.2: Make a précis of the following passage in your own words reducing it to one third of its length (about 105 words). No credit will be given for exact reproduction of sentences from the given passage. Provide a relevant title. (20)**

Neither misery nor folly seems to me any part of the inevitable lot of man. And I am convinced that intelligence, patience, and eloquence can, sooner or later, lead the human race out of its self-imposed tortures provided it does not exterminate itself meanwhile. On the basis of this belief, I have had always a certain degree of optimism, although, as I have grown older, the optimism has grown more sober and the happy issue more distant. But I remain completely incapable of agreeing with those who accept fatalistically the view that man is born to trouble. The causes of unhappiness in the past and, in the present are not difficult to ascertain. There have been poverty, pestilence, and famine, which were due to man's inadequate mastery of nature. There have been wars, oppressions and tortures which have

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been due to men's hostility to their fellow men. And there have been morbid miseries fostered by gloomy creeds, which have led men into profound inner discords that made all outward prosperity of no avail. All these are unnecessary. In regard to all of them, means are known by which they can be overcome. In the modern world, if communities are unhappy, it is because they choose to be so. Or, to speak more precisely, because they have ignorances, habits, beliefs, and passions, which are dearer to them than happiness or even life. I find many men in our dangerous age who seem to be in love with misery and death, and who grow angry when hopes are suggested to them. They think that hope is irrational and that, in sitting down to lazy despair, they are merely facing facts. I cannot agree with these men. To preserve hope in our world makes calls upon our intelligence and our energy. In those who despair it is very frequently the energy that is lacking.

Q.3: Explain the meaning of any Five of the following in not more than 4 sentences. (Any extra attempt will not be considered). (10)

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| (a) Loaded narrative. | (b) Economic sanctions. | (c) Impending doom. |
| (d) Rugged grandeur. | (e) Perpetual puzzle. | (f) Strong propensity. |
| (g) Planted personnel. | (h) Narcissist pride. | |

Q.4: Use any Five of the following idioms / expressions into sentences of your own words clearly bringing out their meaning. (Any extra attempt will not be considered). (10)

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| (a) As the crow flies. | (b) Besetting sin. | (c) A blue stocking. |
| (d) The loaves and fishes. | (e) The salt of the earth. | (f) On the sly. |
| (g) A red letter day. | (h) Hoist with one's own petard. | |

Q.5: Do as directed:

- (A) Write one word having the same meaning as each of the underlined phrases. (05)
- The object was shaped like an eight-sided figure.
 - On the arrival of the President, the town was decorated with lights.
 - His voice could not be heard.
 - The statement made by the witness was not in accordance with facts.
 - All fruit are not fit to be eaten.

(B) Correct the word order in the following sentences. (05)

- He turned quickly the pages of the book.
- He gave the other day a book to me.
- The man opened slowly the door.
- Are you this evening going to visit him?
- She finished very quickly her work.

(C) Rewrite the following sentences as indicated in brackets. (10)

- You can use my knife to cut it _____. (Provide appropriate preposition)
- He is accustomed _____ living in hostels. (Provide appropriate preposition)
- It (rain) in winter. it is (rain) now. (Put the verbs in brackets in their correct form)
- I remember the clown. He fell over. (Combine the two sentences into one)
- You go away and I will miss you. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'if')
- I had to go out _____ of bad weather. (Fill in the blank with correct expression)
- Immense damage _____ caused by the storm last night. (Provide correct verb form)
- I was struck by her singular appearance. (Change the voice)
- I said to my friend, "Please lend me your book". (Change the narration)
- He asked her to go with him. (Change the narration)

Q.6: Write about 250 words on any ONE of the following: (20)

- The importance of sports in national profile.
- Webinar: a good replacement of seminar?
- Journalism in modern world.
- Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit: a success story or a grand failure?

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