



**SPECIAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION
FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BS-17
UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)**

Roll Number

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	(PART-I MCQs)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 20
PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	(PART-II)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 80
NOTE: (i) First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes along with the Question Paper.		
(ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit.		
(iii) There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted.		

PART-I (MCQs)(COMPULSORY)

Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ■ on the OMR Answer Sheet. (20x1=20)
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.

(a) Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to the capitalized word in each part.

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| 1. OMNISCIENT | (A) Unconscious | (B) Supernatural | (C) Inadvertent | (D) All-knowing |
| 2. RESUSCITATE | (A) Re-emphasize | (B) Revive | (C) Rehabilitate | (D) Complicate |
| 3. AMBIVALENCE | (A) Inconclusiveness | (B) Antagonism | (C) Stupidity | (D) Arrogance |
| 4. RHETORIC | (A) Abundance | (B) Renunciation | (C) Oratory | (D) Rhythm |
| 5. EXONERATE | (A) Absolve | (B) Analyze | (C) Authenticate | (D) Alleviate |
| 6. INERT | (A) Introvert | (B) Inadequate | (C) Defamatory | (D) Passive |
| 7. PRECIPITATION | (A) Prediction | (B) Probability | (C) Rain | (D) Promulgation |
| 8. ENTREPRENEUR | (A) Interpreter | (B) Counterpart | (C) Efficient | (D) Businessman |
| 9. LUCRATIVE | (A) Fortunate | (B) Profitable | (C) Laborious | (D) Recreational |
| 10. CYNOSURE | (A) Focus | (B) Cypher | (C) Cynic | (D) Reluctant |

(B) Choose the word that is nearly most opposite in meaning to the capitalized word in each part.

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| 11. INNOCUOUS | (A) Unconvincing | (B) Identical | (C) Harmful | (D) Inevitable |
| 12. MISANTHROPIST | (A) Humanist | (B) Sadistic | (C) Genius | (D) Capitalist |
| 13. PRAGMATISM | (A) Pessimism | (B) Idealism | (C) Valour | (D) Skepticism |
| 14. PIVOTAL | (A) Auxiliary | (B) Paternal | (C) Futuristic | (D) Centrifugal |
| 15. COMMEMORATE | (A) Overlook | (B) Command | (C) Counter | (D) Narrate |
| 16. HUMANE | (A) Sober | (B) Cruel | (C) Harmonious | (D) Divine |
| 17. CLANDESTINE | (A) Spontaneous | (B) Open | (C) Unresolved | (D) Inadvertent |
| 18. COMMUNISM | (A) Socialism | (B) Imperialism | (C) Colonialism | (D) Capitalism |
| 19. FICTITIOUS | (A) Realistic | (B) Factual | (C) Functional | (D) Futuristic |
| 20. REVERE | (A) Deride | (B) Demoralize | (C) Rectify | (D) Pre-empt |

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-I (MCQS) PART-II	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20 MAXIMUM MARKS = 80
NOTE: (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book. (ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II. (iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places. (iv) Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper. (v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed. (vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.		

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

Despite complaints from viewers, television commercials are not getting any more realistic. Their makers continue to present idealized people in unreal situations. The wide gaps between their fanciful depiction and the mundane realities of life in most cases make them appear funny as well as repulsive. A footballer suddenly starts scoring goals after consuming a particular energy-drink. A would-be groom avoids hugging his father-in-law because he recalls not having used a particular shampoo that morning. A busy manager leaves an important meeting to grab a dozen packets of his favourite cookies, and so on. The advertisers also persist in showing a version of male-female relationships that can hardly exist in two households in an entire city. A wife panics simply because a meddlesome neighbor points out that her husband's shirt is dirty, while another fears for her marriage because her finicky husband doesn't like her coffee. What do the advertisers know about us, or how we see ourselves, that make them continue to plunge millions of dollars into these kinds of commercials? They probably don't know that these glamorous and noisy clips in no way promote the product for which they are aired. The reported number of viewers may be heartening and tempting for the manufacturers of the products. It might also be the main reason for them to keep on hiring the advertisers for promoting these products. In fact, however, these advertisements are mostly watched either to laugh at, or because the viewers are unable to skip them by changing the channel as soon as they start.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. (20)

During the past two decades, there has been a mushroom growth of universities and other degree-awarding institutions in Pakistan, which our policy makers consider a source of pride and prestige. This increase in the number of universities and the students enrolled therein has been recurrently projected as a major parameter for quantifying national development. No one can deny the pivotal importance of education for the progress and prosperity of a nation. In the contemporary world human resource has emerged as the greatest asset of unequivocal primacy, and education aims at creating and enhancing that resource. But can it be done through higher education only, or even primarily through higher education? Looking at the developed countries of the world—almost all having progressed by virtue of better human resource—one can easily explore that they don't encourage massive enrolment in universities. In other words, they don't want the domain of higher education open to every member of the population. After completing the 12-year school education (which is both compulsory and free for everyone), students are counseled and assessed for choice of further studies according to interest and aptitude. Those with true interest in academics and research, along with the requisite scholarly aptitude, are encouraged to undertake long-term academic pursuits in universities, while the rest—an overwhelming majority—opt for short-term courses leading to certificates and diplomas in colleges and training institutes. The admission criteria and fee structure of these colleges and institutes vary according to a number of factors. The latter class acquire practical skills in their chosen areas of utilitarian nature, without any undue burden of theoretical discourses. Consequently, due to these marketable skills and practical training, they easily get employed, earn for themselves and contribute to national economy. On the other hand, we produce an unskilled lot of university graduates without even a basic understanding of their subject. They consider themselves highly qualified, but have no meaningful knowledge. Hence, instead of becoming an asset, they become a social and economic liability. We need to realize that, unlike the fundamental right of basic education, higher education should be treated as a privilege of the deserving ones. This realization is imperative for enabling our universities to produce scholars, scientists and researchers as done by the developed world.

Questions: (4 marks each)

1. What can be inferred from the passage as the main goal of education?
2. What is the benefit of guiding students in the choice of careers?
3. Is the only direct question in the paragraph answered affirmatively or negatively?
4. Which sentence do you think to be the topic sentence of this paragraph, capturing its central point?
5. Which sentence looks redundant and out of place in the context of the paragraph, seeming a later addition rather than part of the original?

ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)**Q. 4. Correct only FIVE of the following:****(10)**

- (i) I am looking forward to see you on Monday.
- (ii) How many students are ready to give the test today?
- (iii) I contacted my five colleagues but all of them did not respond.
- (iv) I am tired and would not rather go out this evening.
- (v) Our economical situation is worsening day by day.
- (vi) One can find useful information about eating nutritiously on the internet.
- (vii) I couldn't found you there yesterday.
- (viii) Orphaned in infancy, he was brought about by his grandparents.

Q. 5. (a) Rewrite any FIVE of the following sentences with corrected punctuation, without splitting a sentence or adding/changing any word.**(05)**

- (i) Courts were open today, however no cases were heard.
- (ii) His duty was clear he had to report theft.
- (iii) Did he really say, "I can do it again?"
- (iv) Great Expectations is an autobiographical novel.
- (v) The item was discussed and decided, however members were by no means convinced.
- (vi) Theatrical performances are governed by one simple principle, the quality of play depends on the quantity of pay.
- (vii) Who said these famous words, "I regret having just one life to lose for my country?"
- (viii) Shakespeare's play Hamlet is popular due to the complex character of Hamlet.

(b) Re-write the following sentences (ONLY FIVE) after filling in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions.**(05)**

- (i) What can be the reason _____ his absence?
- (ii) You won't be able to bring him _____ his knees.
- (iii) I was utterly unaware _____ the looming threat.
- (iv) Please remind me _____ the meeting next week.
- (v) We shouldn't give _____ to such pressure tactics.
- (vi) Heavy rains are generally preceded _____ violent winds.
- (vii) Did you pay the bill _____ cash?
- (viii) I agreed _____ his revised plan.

Q. 6. Use only FIVE pairs of words in sentences clearly illustrating their meanings.**(10)**

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| (i) Industrial, Industrious | (ii) Veracity, Voracity |
| (iii) Eligible, Illegible | (iv) Dose, Doze |
| (v) Allude, Elude | (vi) Credible, Credulous |
| (vii) Exhausting, Exhaustive | (viii) Virtual, Virtuous |

Q. 7. Translate (ANY FIVE) of the following sentences into English by keeping in view figurative/Idiomatic expressions.**(10)**

- 1- آپ اس فیصلے کے مضمرات سے ابھی واقف نہیں۔
- 2- صدر کی اپنے ہم منصب سے ملاقات پہلے سے طے شدہ تھی۔
- 3- میرا بھائی ماہر فلکیات ہے، نجومی نہیں۔
- 4- ہمیں خود کو نئے حالات کے مطابق ڈھالنا چاہئے۔
- 5- نماز باجماعت جلد ادا کی جائے گی۔
- 6- سفارتی آداب کا خیال رکھنا ضروری ہے۔
- 7- تقریب کا باضابطہ افتتاح کون کرے گا؟
- 8- فرقہ پرستی کئی تعصبات کی جڑ ہے۔