



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION – 2024 FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Roll No.

ESSAY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	MAXIMUM MARKS: 100
<p>NOTE:(i) Make an outline and write a COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY (2500-3000 words) on any ONE of the given topics. Make sure you use different forms of discourses, e.g. exposition, argumentation, description and narration. Credit will be given for organization, relevance and clarity.</p> <p>(ii) No Page/Space be left blank between the answer. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.</p>	

1. **Hope: the greatest driving force.**
2. **CPEC and “Indo – Middle East – Europe”, new war fronts.**
3. **The power of propaganda and Muslim World.**
4. **Phase out of fossil fuel and Arab Economies.**
5. **Pragmatism vs Passion in politics.**
6. **BRICS and Pakistan: Prospects of Recovery.**
7. **Artificial Intelligence: The Death of Creativity.**
8. **Pathways to Pakistan’s prosperity.**
9. **Globalization and National Economies.**
10. **Political Polarization; Governance and Society.**



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1. **Instruction in youth is like engraving in stone.**
2. **The one who uses force is afraid of reasoning.**
3. **Not all recycling projects are cost effective.**
4. **The fool speaks, and the wise listens.**
5. **A friend walks in when everyone else walks out.**
6. **Online learning is not only convenient but often more effective than traditional classroom instruction.**
7. **To encourage healthy eating, higher taxes should be imposed on soft drinks and junk food.**
8. **People have become overly dependent on technology.**
9. **Both parents should assume equal responsibility in raising a child.**
10. **Boys will be boys.**



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1. An analysis of the concept of globalization of markets.
2. Digital democracy: social media and political participation.
3. Global trade and trade policies of China.
4. “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”
5. Global politics and international relations.
6. The controversial issues of feminism in contemporary women’s rights movements.
7. World food systems: the economics of agriculture.
8. Is there such a thing as ethical consumerism?
9. Human development and economic sustainability.
10. How is terrorism and its perception shaped by the Mass Media?



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1. “Do not waste water even if you were at a running stream”.
2. Meaning purposive education.
3. COVID-19: A wake up call for Pakistani researchers.
4. Human inventions move the societies backward.
5. Universal human equality is utopic.
6. Bureaucracy doldrums.
7. Gender equality: A popular slogan.
8. Pros and cons of globalization.
9. Intercultural communication is panacea to avoid 3rd world war.
10. “I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed”.



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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION – 2020 FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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ESSAY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

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1. Do we really need literature in our lives?
2. Women universities as agents of change.
3. Pakistan and the future of Kashmir cause.
4. Polarized politics: the issues and challenges of democracy in Pakistan.
5. Global power dynamics and Pakistan's foreign policy.
6. Pakistan's informal economy: the way forward.
7. Promoting tourism in Pakistan: opportunities and challenges.
8. I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.
9. Is Pakistan ready for digital revolution?
10. IMF bailouts: roads to stability or recipes for disaster.

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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION - 2019 FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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ESSAY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

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1. Let there be more light in the corridors of worship places.
2. New war fronts lie in economic zones.
3. Urdu literature and progressive movement.
4. Art for peace.
5. Truth is lived not taught.
6. New Waves of feminism and our culture.
7. Democracy and illiteracy do not move together.
8. Sometimes we do not see what we see.
9. Expanding information technology: a curse or blessing.
10. Classrooms decide the future of the nation.



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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION - 2018
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ESSAY

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MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

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1. **Real development should transform people's lives, not just economic statistics.**
2. **Higher Education in Pakistan: Ills and Remedies.**
3. **Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.**
4. **China – Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its Socio-economic Implications for the Region and the World.**
5. **Beware the barrenness of a busy life!**
6. **The Emerging Power of Social Media: Prospects and Problems.**
7. **In the fight against terrorism and corruption, it is imperative not to compromise human rights and civil liberties.**
8. **The threat of Global Warming and the ways to counter it.**
9. **Will “Rule of law” always remain an impracticable myth in our country?**
10. **Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and Hurdles.**



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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION - 2017
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ESSAY

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1. Is colonial mentality impeding Pakistan's progress?
2. Brexit means globalization is the rhetoric of the privileged, and capitalism will return ferociously as ever.
3. More and more International military engagements by the United Nations; is the world moving towards peace?
4. Modernity is an unending project.
5. Feminism is not really a Third World issue.
6. Literature is a lonely planet of idealists.
7. Being a minority is a fate no one wants. Can nationalism be really inclusive?
8. Ideologies thrive on notions of resistance, yet change is a simulation.
9. Are modern wars not holy wars?
10. Life without controversy is no life. But why one should not choose the safe haven of conformism?

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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION – 2016 FOR RECRUITMENT TO
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ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	PART-I (MCQS)	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20
PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-II	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) Candidate must 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 attempted question will not be considered.		

PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage in about 120 words and suggest a suitable title: (20)

During my vacation last May, I had a hard time choosing a tour. Flights to Japan, Hong Kong and Australia are just too common. What I wanted was somewhere exciting and exotic, a place where I could be spared from the holiday tour crowds. I was so happy when John called up, suggesting a trip to Cherokee, a county in the state of Oklahoma. I agreed and went off with the preparation immediately.

We took a flight to Cherokee and visited a town called Qualla Boundary surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery, the town painted a paradise before us. With its Oconaluftee Indian Village reproducing tribal crafts and lifestyles of the 18th century and the outdoor historical pageant *Unto These Hills* playing six times weekly in the summer nights, Qualla Boundary tries to present a brief image of the Cherokee past to the tourists.

Despite the language barrier, we managed to find our way to the souvenir shops with the help of the natives. The shops were filled with rubber tomahawks and colorful traditional war bonnets, made of dyed turkey feathers. Tepees, cone-shaped tents made from animal skin, were also pitched near the shops. "Welcome! Want to get anything?" We looked up and saw a middle-aged man smiling at us. We were very surprised by his fluent English. He introduced himself as George and we ended up chatting till lunch time when he invited us for lunch at a nearby coffee shop.

"Sometimes, I've to work from morning to sunset during the tour season. Anyway, this is still better off than being a woodcutter ..." Remembrance weighed heavy on George's mind and he went on to tell us that he used to cut firewood for a living but could hardly make ends meet. We learnt from him that the Cherokees do not depend solely on trade for survival. During the tour off-peak period, the tribe would have to try out other means for income. One of the successful ways is the "Bingo Weekend". On the Friday afternoons of the Bingo weekends, a large bingo hall was opened, attracting huge crowds of people to the various kinds of games like the Super Jackpot and the Warrior Game Special. According to George, these forms of entertainment fetch them great returns.

Our final stop in Qualla Boundary was at the museum where arts, ranging from the simple hand-woven oak baskets to wood and stone carvings of wolves, ravens and other symbols of Cherokee cosmology are displayed.

Back at home, I really missed the place and I would of course look forward to the next trip to another exotic place.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

The New Year is the time for resolution. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's and 'don'ts'. The same old favorites recur year in and year out with the children, do a thousand and one job about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully, and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self-discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped into watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humoredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th I was back to where I had started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercises in the morning, I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotizing effect of television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps it will solve my problem, but I just have not had time to read it.

Questions: 1. Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement? (5)

2. Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody? (5)

3. Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day? (5)

4. Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following:

(1) intimidating (2) peril (3) dwindle (4) repel (5) barb (5) Page 1 of 2

ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

Q. 4. (a) Correct only FIVE of the following: (5)

- (i) We were staying at my sister's cape's code vacation home.
- (ii) She recommended me that I take a few days off from work.
- (iii) I tried to explain him the problem, but he had difficulty understanding me.
- (iv) I'll do the grocery shopping for you grandma, Lucy said.
- (v) We took a tent, a cooler, and a sleeping bag.
- (vi) I don't know why you didn't go. If I were you, I should have gone.
- (vii) Kevin says he stopped to travel internationally because of his family.
- (viii) Don't run! Mr. Salman shouted.

(b) Choose the punctuation mark that is needed in each of the following sentences: (5)

- (i) "It isn't fair!" shouted Martin. Coach Lewis never lets me start the game!"
- (ii) Maureen's three sisters, Molly, Shannon, and Patricia are all spending the summer at their grandmother's beach house.
- (iii) For the centrepieces, the florist recommended the following flowers daisies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths.
- (iv) Lily is an accomplished gymnast she won three medals in her last competition.
- (v) Everyone was shocked when Max Smithfield – a studious, extremely bright high school senior decided that college was not for him.

Q. 5. (a) Choose the analogy of the words written in capital letters (Any five). (5)

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| (i) SLAPSTICK : LAUGHTER | (ii) CONVICTION : INCARCERATION |
| (a) Fallacy : Dismay | (a) Reduction : Diminution |
| (b) Genre : Mystery | (b) Induction : Amelioration |
| (c) Satire : Anger | (c) Radicalization : Estimation |
| (d) Horror : Fear | (d) Marginalization : Intimidation |
| (iii) PROFESSOR : ERUDITE | (iv) METAPHOR : SYMBOL |
| (a) Aviator : Licensed | (a) Pentameter : Poem |
| (b) Inventor : Imaginative | (b) Rhythm : Melody |
| (c) Procrastinator : Conscientious | (c) Nuance : Song |
| (d) Overseer : Wealthy | (d) Analogy : Comparison |
| (v) SPY : CLANDESTINE | (vi) VERVE : ENTHUSIASM |
| (a) Accountant : Meticulous | (a) Loyalty : Duplicity |
| (b) Furrier : Rambunctious | (b) Devotion : Reverence |
| (c) Lawyer : Ironic | (c) Intensity : Colour |
| (d) Shepherd : Garrulous | (d) Eminence : Anonymity |
| (vii) DELTOID : MUSCLE | (viii) DEPENDABLE : CAPRICIOUS |
| (a) Radius : Bone | (a) Fallible : Cantankerous |
| (b) Brain : Nerve | (b) Erasable : Obtuse |
| (c) Tissue : Organ | (c) Malleable : Limpid |
| (d) Blood : Vein | (d) Capable : Inept |

(b) Rewrite the dialogue, written in indirect speech, in a paragraph form. (5)

Helen: Mr West, what's happened to John?
Mr West: He's left the company
Helen: Why has he done that?
Mr West: He asked me for a rise but I didn't give it to him.
Helen: Why didn't you give him a rise?
Mr West: Because he was lazy.
Helen: Has he found another job?
Mr West: Yes, he is working in a film company.
Helen: What is his salary like?
Mr West: I think he earns quite a lot.
Helen: Does he like the new job?
Mr West: I don't know.

Q. 6. (a) Explain the difference between the following word pairs by using each word in your own sentences (Any five): (5)

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| (i) Adverse, averse | (ii) altogether, all together | (iii) allude, elude | (iv) braise, braze |
| (v) curb, kerb | (vi) faze, phase | (vii) maybe, may be | (viii) moat, mote |

(b) Use any FIVE of the following in sentences which illustrate their meaning: (5)

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| (i) Smash hit | (ii) Murphy's law | (iii) Place in the Sun | (iv) Wooden spoon |
| (v) Go bananas | (vi) Beard the Lion in his den | (vii) Groan inwardly | (viii) Chicken out |

Q. 7. Translate the following Urdu paragraph into English by keeping in view figurative/ idiomatic expression. (10)

عام لوگوں کا خیال ہے کہ ملک کے قانون اور فرد کی آزادی ایک دوسرے کی ضد ہوتے ہیں۔ بظاہر یہ بات غلط معلوم نہیں ہوتی۔ ہر قانون شہریوں پر کوئی نہ کوئی پابندی عائد کرتا ہے۔ اگر ملک میں قوانین کی تعداد زیادہ ہو تو مجموعی پابندیاں بھی زیادہ ہوتی ہیں۔ زیادہ پابندیوں سے فرد کی آزادی ان کے بوجھ تلے دب کر رہ جاتی ہے۔ اس کے برعکس قوانین کی تعداد کم ہو تو شہریوں کی آزادی کا دائرہ وسیع ہوتا ہے۔