
PSCSCC MAINS EXAMINATION – 2018

ENGLISH COMPULSORY

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.
- Question paper is divided into two parts i.e. Section and Section-B.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer booklet must be clearly struckoff.

Important: Whenever a question is being attempted, all its parts/sub parts must be attempted contiguously. This means that before moving on to the next question to be attempted, candidates must finish attempting all parts/sub parts of the previous question attempted. This is to be strictly followed

Q1. Read the passage below and answers the questions that follow: **(Marks 10)**

When your heart is not in what you are doing, walk away. It doesn't matter what anyone else thinks. It doesn't matter if you are at the top of your career, or just beginning. This is not to say that we should act irresponsibly and walk away our actions or inactions will harm others who are depending on us. We can't walk out on every job we don't like if we don't have a way to support family members who are counting on us. However, when we stick with what we are doing because of what other people will think, or because we are afraid of an unknown future, we guarantee the continuation of our misery. We will suffer emotionally and physically as we try to force ourselves to override the clear message of our heart. Most of us will face situations in our lives when we know it's time to walk away from some activity. It no longer feels right and we know life is pushing us to move in another direction.

Yet we're afraid of what the new path might bring. We are even more afraid of how others will view our decision if we just walk away from something we've done for a while.

When discomfort arises, you can try as hard as you want to get your head to override your heart.

You can come up with a hundred reasons why you should keep doing what you are doing. None of these mental justifications will work in the long run. When your heart tells you to walk away, walk away. You may encounter a period of confusion and uncertainty. Yet afterward, you'll gain a sense of peace and clarity – and it's likely that you will never regret your decision to walk away.

- What is the central idea of the passage?
- What factors hold us back from taking bold decisions?
- What are the consequences of not taking the right decision at the right time?

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- (d) What does „head overriding the heart“ mean in the context of the passage?
(e) Is the passage positive or negative in its import? Justify your answer.

Q2. Make a précis of the following passage and give it an appropriate title: **(Marks 10)**

At least since Rousseau’s Social Contract and the end of the divine right of kings, the state has been seen as party to a contract with the people – a contract to guarantee or supply the necessary order in society. Without the state’s soldiers, police, and the apparatus of control, we are told, gangs or brigands would take over all our streets. Extortion, rape, robbery, and murder would rip away the last shreds of the “thin veneer of civilization.”

The claim is hard to deny indeed, the evidence is over whelming that in the absence of what we have earlier described as vertical power – order imposed from above – life quickly becomes a horror. As the residents of once beautiful Beirut what it means to live in a place where no government has sufficient power to govern?

But if the first function of the state is to ensure order, how much is enough? And does this change as societies adopt different system of wealth creation?

When a state imposes iron control over everyday life, silences even the mildest criticism, derives its citizens into their homes in fear, censors the news, closes the theatres, revokes passports, knock on the door at 4:00 a.m. and drags parents from their screaming children – who is served? The citizen in need of a modicum of order – or the state itself, protecting itself from outrage?

When does order provide necessary stability for the economy and when does it strangle needed development?

There are, in short, to analogize from Marx, two kinds of order. One might be called “socially necessary order.” The other is “surplus order.”

Surplus order is that excess order imposed not for the benefit of the society, but exclusively for the benefit of those who control the state. Surplus order is the antithesis of beneficial or socially necessary order. The regime that imposes surplus order on its suffering citizens deprives itself of the Rousseauian justification for existence.

Q3. Write a formal letter to the Minister of Human Resource Development on the measures to be taken as make Indian universities globally competitive. **(Marks 10)**

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper about the need for the media to evolve a self-regulatory mechanism against media trails.

Q4. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 300 words: **(Marks 10)**

(a) Happiness is when you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

- (b) Students' Union Elections: Its Pros & Cons
(c) Positive attitude as Panacea for all ailments
(d) Equity, Equality and Amity as themes of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings.

Q5. Translate the following into English: (Marks 5)

- (a) ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਜੀਵਨ ਦੇ ਆਖਰੀ ਵਰ੍ਹਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ

ਕਰਤਾਰਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਲਾਂਘੇ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਘਟਨਾਚੱਕਰ ਤੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ ਵਾਪਰਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨੇ ਇਕ

ਵਾਰ ਤਾਂ ਸਮੁੱਚੀ ਫਿਰਾ ਹੀ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਰੱਖ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਲਾਂਘੇ ਨਾਲ

ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਵ ਪਾਸ ਕਰਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਉਸ

ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਇਕਦਮ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਕਰਮ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਉਣ ਨੇ ਇਸ

ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਇਕਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਪਿਛਲੇ 71 ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਬਣੀ ਖੜੋਤ ਨੂੰ ਤੋੜ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ।

- (ਲ) ਉਗ.ਅਤ.;.ਵਕ ਵੀਕ ਰਿ.;;ਰਮਜਅਪ ਜਅਵਰ ਥਅਪ;ਜਤੀਯ (ਝ.ਗਾਤ 5)

- (ਜ) ਜਲਿਆਂ ਵਾਲੇ ਬਾਗ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਤਾਬਦੀ ਅਗਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਆ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।

- (ii) ਜਲਵਾਯੂ ਪਰਿਵਰਤਨ ਦੇ ਦੂ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵ ਸੋਚੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਦੇਣ ਲੱਗ ਪਏ ਹਨ।

- (ਜਜਜ) ਸੰਸਾਰ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਭਰਿਆ ਪਿਆ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਆਪਣੇ ਲਈ ਹੀ ਜਿਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ।

- (ਜਡ) ਆਤੰਕਵਾਦ ਦੇ ਦੌਰ ਤੋਂ ਕੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਦੇਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਬਚਿਆ।

- (ਡ) ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਬਾਹਰਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਹੋੜ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਡੁੱਬੋਗੀ।

Q6. (a) Give synonyms of the following words: (Marks 5)

- (i) Veneration
(ii) Fecund
(iii) Obviate
(iv) Travesty
(v) Vicissitude

(b) Give antonyms of the following words: **(Marks 5)**

- (i) Arduous
- (ii) Disparage
- (iii) Reproach
- (iv) Loosen
- (v) Lopsided

Q7. (a) Change the voice of the following sentences: **(Marks 5)**

- (i) Social networking interests everyone.
- (ii) Please write a letter to me.
- (iii) The matter will be considered by us shortly.
- (iv) The neighbours are taking care of the dog.
- (v) This book has attracted readers from all over the world.

(b) Correct the following sentences: **(Marks 5)**

- (i) I have seen him a moment ago.
- (ii) Neither of the boys have returned.
- (iii) I have been alone since all my life.
- (iv) The pine apple cake tastes deliciously.
- (v) Ultimately neither fame nor having bank balance would matter.

Q8. (a) Give one word substitution for the following: **(Marks 5)**

- (i) Proposed tour programme.
- (ii) A study of stars for human beings.
- (iii) A person who disagrees with government policies.
- (iv) Not showing strong feelings.
- (v) A quality of remaining balanced in all situations.

(b) Write the correct spellings of the underlined words in the following: **(Marks 5)**

- (i) System
- (ii) drive car
- (iii) worker
- (iv) of investigation
- (v) of this army

Q9. (a) Use each of the following words in two separate sentences, first as noun and then as a verb: (Marks 5)

(i) Man (ii) Blot (iii) Estimate (iv) Bang (v) Interest

(b) Rewrite the following sentences changing the form of narration: (Marks 5)

(i) I asked her to let it go.

(ii) “What happened to make him so angry?” She asked.

(iii) He asked me if I was India.

(iv) “Leave the room at once!” He said.

(v) She said to me, “Where is your father today?”

Q10. Do as directed: (Marks 10)

(i) I known him. (Change into passive voice).

(ii) The stranger said, “Could you tell me where the Post Office is?” (Change the Narration)

(iii) I did not spend as much money as you. (Change into comparative degree)

(iv) Your friend is waiting for you since morning. (Add question tag)

(v) When we arrived at the station, the train already left. (Correct the sentence)

(vi) We enjoyed our holiday. It rained a lot. (Make a complex sentence)

(vii) I almost gave _____ on him. (Fill up the blank with suitable preposition)

(viii) Cant we help the poor of our society. (Punctuate the sentence)

(ix) The sun is rising in the East every day. (Correct the sentence)

(x) He is stingy. He can’t spend money on clothes. (Rewrite using “too” and “to”)