

# WBCS (Exe.)Etc. MAINS EXAMINATION 2016

## COMPULSORY ENGLISH

### ENGLISH ESSAY, PRECIS WRITING, DRAFTING REPORT, COMPOSITION AND TRANSLATION

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Paper: I**

**Full Marks: 200**

**Q 1. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper describing the rising instances of rough behaviour of taxi and auto drivers. Suggest remedies for the situation. (Write X,Y,Z instead of your name and address)**

To

The Editor

The Statesman

4, Chowringhee Square

Kolkata – 700001

Sub: Rough behaviour of taxi and auto drivers

Dear Sir/Madam,

Dealing with auto-drivers has become an inevitable part of everyday commuting. From commuters to pedestrians, everyone is unhappy with the growing insensitivity of auto drivers. Frequent honking and their reckless driving through busy roads are often leaving pedestrians frightened. Everyday, passengers are fighting over exact change. A clear sign of an ungratefulness toward passengers is growing. Perhaps, auto drivers have taken our necessity for granted.

One day I asked myself, as a passenger, have I ever been compassionate toward my auto drivers? The answer is humiliating. On the contrary, we have synonymized “auto-drivers” as a slang in our vocabulary and have committed a social crime by not giving them the pride they deserve, in the first place. Moreover, I have realized that gradually we are becoming a bunch of impatient passengers who do not even thank the auto drivers after reaching our destination.

There must a remedy to this problem otherwise we will erode our social values. I feel that correction has to begin from our side. Recently I have taken an initiative of creating awareness among the local residents of our block. We have organized a small social get-together and invited all auto-drivers of our locality. In the ceremony we have conveyed to them how grateful we all are for their relentless services, in particular during the days of melting heat and heavy rains.

Presuming that auto drivers are in possession of an infinite amount of coins is altogether our imagination. Therefore, we should be equally considerate to pay them an exact change. In order to seek a permanent solution I have discussed with our local auto union and have suggested to start an “Auto-Coin” system. Auto-coins are metal coins embossed with unique signature, which come in different quantum of denominations, matching all possible auto fares in our routes. These coins are

available in almost every grocery shop. Our local residents buy them in advance and use as they travel. Auto drivers collect coins and at the end of the day exchange them for money from the Union office.

Our compassion has been reciprocated. Since then, around our locality, a subtle relationship based on mutual respect has evolved between commuters and auto drivers.

Through your valued column I want to share our experiment, especially the power of compassion with the rest of the country. I hope someday everyone of us will enjoy pleasure rides even on the bumpy roads.

Yours sincerely

XYZ

Kolkata

**Q 2. Draft a report (within 250 words) on environmental pollution.**

Environment pollution and its harmful effects is a fact not unknown to the modern world. Despite that humans largely tend to close their eyes to this peril.

It has been noted that the city ( Kolkata) is gradually being choked by noxious fumes making it more and more impossible to breathe freely. The cause is not far to see. The rising number of vehicles and the polluting gases emitted by them are choking the lungs of the metropolis.

A survey conducted by a team of experts during the morning rush hour in the central office areas, revealed an alarming level of auto exhaust in the air. This thick grey blanket suffocating the residents has become a regular feature of the city life. People on being questioned seemed resigned to their fate though many were aware of the sharp rise in respiratory diseases in the city.

Further investigation brought to light the fact that many public vehicles were way past their prime, while quite a number were running on lapsed ' pollution under control' certificates. A random check carried out by the team showed up various loopholes in the process of obtaining these certificates.

Obviously something needs to be done immediately to improve the situation. Considering the increase in the number of vehicles on the road there is no quick and easy solution to the problem. Members of the public suggested the introduction of odd / even numbered cars as experimented with in the capital, hefty fines for flouting pollution norms, careful monitoring of testing centres and the like.

These and much more need to be done to save the city. ( Approx 265)

**Q 3. Write a dialogue between two persons on 'Fitness and Healthcare'. (Write X and Y instead of name of the persons)**

X – Hello Y ! I haven't seen you in a longtime. Where are you off to so early in the morning?

Y- Hello ! Yes, it has been quite a while. I'm off to the park for my daily workout.

X- ( Laughing). Workout? You never played any games in school. Why this sudden interest in physical exercise?

Y- You must know that with our life style and eating habits we tend to develop unhealthy ways which can be life threatening after a certain age. So I have decided to keep myself fit as long as possible.

X – Well, I am fit and slim and don't need all this exercising. I eat everything and it has not created a problem.

Y – You are saying so now. A few years later you may change your mind then it will be too late to turn the clock back.

X- Anyways, I have no time to waste on all these fads.

Y – It is not a waste of time. Brisk walking in the morning or evening is enough. Also try to eat healthy food at regular intervals. You will find yourself more energetic than before.

X- Are you really saying so? It's true I get tired easily nowadays.

Y – See. That is what I am saying. Our fitness is in our hands. Why go in for expensive healthcare when we can stay fit without paying anything. Try it out and see the difference.

X – Alright. I will give it a try. Thank you for your suggestion. Goodbye.

Y – Goodbye. See you soon and let me know how it has helped you.

**Q 4. Make précis of the following passage and add a suitable title.**

In reality the soldier who is engaged in armed combat in a national war deliberately measures from day to day the sum of all degradation inflicted upon man by colonial oppression. The man of action has sometimes the exhausting impression that he must restore the whole of his people that he must bring every one of them up out of the pit and out of the shadows. He very often sees that his task is not only to hunt down the enemy forces but also to overcome the kernel of despair which has hardened in at the native's being. The period of oppression is painful, but the conflict; by reinstating the downtrodden, sets on foot a process of reintegration which is fertile and decisive in the extreme. A people's victorious fight not only consecrates the triumph of its rights; it also gives to that people consistence, coherence and homogeneity. For colonialism has not simply depersonalized the individual it has colonized: the depersonalization is equally felt in the collective sphere, on the level of social structures. The colonized people find that they are reduced to a body of individuals who only find cohesion when in the presence of colonizing nations. The fight carried on by its people for its liberation

leads it, according to the circumstances, either to refuse or else to explode the so called truths which have been established in its consciousness by the colonial civil administration, by the military occupation, and by economic exploitation. Armed conflict alone can really drive out these falsehoods created in man which force into inferiority the liveliest minds among us and which, literally, mutilate us.

### Sample answer I

#### Fight against colonial establishment

A fighter resorts to an armed revolt against colonial repression to free his country from its everyday colonial miseries. The main purpose of his struggle is not only to bring a downfall to the enemy but also to elevate countrymen from deep oppression. The prolonged period of colonial injustice snatches away individuality from a person, detaches people's connection from the society and ultimately reduces to an inferior individual. The colonial rule establishes a superficial truth through civil regulations, military might, and economic exploitation. The armed struggle helps in cleansing these falsehoods. (90 words)

### Sample answer II

#### War against oppression

A soldier fighting a national war constantly measures the degradation inflicted on the colonized. His goal is the restoration, reintegration and reinstatement of the downtrodden. Victory becomes a triumph of people's rights, conferring consistency, coherence and homogeneity. The depersonalized colonized people find cohesion only in the presence of the colonizers. Fight for liberation leads them to reject or explode the falsehoods ingrained in them by the civil, military and economic exploitation. This mutilation leading to inferiority and subjugation can only be wiped out through armed combat. (87 words)

### Q 5. Translate the following passage into English:

আমার দৃঢ় বিশ্বাস হয়েছে যে ভারতের কাজে তোমার (সিস্টার নিবোধিতা) একটা ভবিষ্যৎ আছে। ভারতের জন্য, বিশেষত ভারতের নারী সমাজের জন্য, একজন প্রকৃত সিংহীর প্রয়োজন। ভারতবর্ষ এখন মহীয়সী মহিলার জন্মদান করতে পারছেন, তাই অন্য জাতি থেকে তাকে ধার করতে হবে। তোমার শিক্ষা, ঐকান্তিকতা, অসীম ভালোবাসা, দৃঢ়তা এসবের জন্য তুমি ঠিক সেইরূপ নারী, যাকে আজ প্রয়োজন। কিন্তু বিঘ্নও আছে বহু। এদেশের দুঃখ, কুসংস্কার, দাসত্ব প্রভৃতি কী ধরনের তা তুমি ধারণা করতে পারো না। এদেশে এলে তুমি নিজেদের অসংখ্য নরনারীতে পরিবেষ্টিত দেখতে পাবে। তাদের জাতি ও স্পর্শ সম্বন্ধে বিরাট ধারণা। ভয়েই হোক বা ঘৃণায়ই হোক তারা শ্বেতাঙ্গদের এড়িয়ে চলে এবং তারাও এদের খুব ঘৃণা করে। পক্ষান্তরে শ্বেতাঙ্গরা তোমাকে খামখেয়ালি মনে করবে এবং তোমার প্রত্যেকটি গতিবিধি সন্দেহের চোখে দেখবে।

My firm belief is that you, Sister Nivedita, have a future in the work of the nation, Bharat (India). For India, especially for Indian women, a veritable lioness is needed. India is now unable to produce great women, so they have to borrow from other nations. Your learning, dedication, boundless love, determination, all make you the kind of women who is required. However, there are many obstacles. You cannot gauge the nature of the sorrow/ travails, superstition, slavery etc. of this nation. If you come to this country you will find yourself surrounded by limitless men and women. They have great knowledge about caste and creed. Either from distaste or fear they avoid whiteskinned people or the latter also finds them hateful. On the other hand white people will consider you whimsical and look upon all your activities with suspicion.

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