

PSC Miscellaneous Main Exam – Practice Set

Paper – I (English) Answers with Explanation

1. (i) Good books are store-house of knowledge and wisdom. Any one who has the key can enter these store-houses and help himself. What is the key? Simply the ability to read. He who can read can store his mind with the great thoughts of great thinkers of the world. The man who never opens a book has an empty mind. শ্রীচিভর্ষ
- (ii) We are living in an age of science. Science has discovered and invented many things. We use them on our daily life for our comfort and convenience, Electricity is one of the greatest and most important gifts of science to man. The nineteenth century witnessed the discovery of electricity. The twentieth century is making use of it on a large scale. Electricity has almost changed the mode of our life.
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The importance of books in moulding the youth cannot be overlooked. Compared to other sources from which knowledge is acquired, books are the most effective. Books are our greatest companions. The loneliness of man leads to creation in every field of art and science. However, man is a social being and is afraid to be alone. Reading of books gives one true peace of mind.
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On Massacre by Terrorists

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In the worst ever massacre committed by Kashmiri militants, 40 persons including three security personnel were killed in the sensitive area of Rajouri. The terrorists came at night and sprayed bullets on the inmates on Tuesday night. The militants entered a cluster of huts and asked the men to come out. They segregated the group of Hindus, lined them up and shot them dead. One Inspector and two constables of the BSF who challenged the militants were also shot dead. শ্রীচিভর্ষ

Indefinite curfew was imposed in the area including Jammu district as well as Rajouri Poonch and Udhampur towns. The state Govt. claimed that safety measures have been tightened to avert any further mishap. Among the victims there were also tourists
- who were on visit to their relatives. The victims were from Delhi and Kanpur. Their dead bodies were flown to their home towns by Indian Airlines. In view of impending rush of pilgrims to Vaishno Devi, security measures have been beefed up. The J&K cabinet held an emergency meeting to review the law and order situation and passed a resolution condemning Pakistan having failed to stop cross border terrorism. The cabinet also ordered ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the victims. So far no militant group has owned responsibility for the killing. However, an official spokesman in Srinagar claimed that the identity of the militant group has been established. The army has taken control of the management of route leading to the shrine. Taking no chances in this regard, the Inspector General of police has ensured security for the pilgrims. The incident is likely to adversely affect the inflow of the pilgrims. Moreover, any further attack on the pilgrims may lead to communal riots in Jammu as well as other parts of the country. শ্রীচিভর্ষ
4. (i) **revealed (Verb)** : caused to be seen; shown
Here, revealed is the right usage.
- (ii) **extravagance (Noun)** : the habit of spending more money than you can afford or than is necessary
Here, extravagance is the right usage.
- (iii) This structure uses a Past Tense form to talk about the Present or Future. So, ‘acted’ is the right usage.
- (iv) **in (Prep.)** is used for indicating a location or place
Here, in is the right usage. শ্রীচিভর্ষ
- (v) **indifferent (Adjective)**: uninterested. It agrees with Prep.-to Here, to is the right usage
5. (i) No correction is required. **many a (Det., Pro.)** : a large number of used with a **Singular Noun and Verb**
- (ii) The basic sentence structure is as follows :

Subject → Verb → Object
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 fill the sweet notes শ্রীচিভর্ষ

Hence, Birds sit on the boughs of trees in my garden and fill the air by their sweet notes with music.

(iii) **beneficial (Adj.)** is used in the place of benevolent.

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Hence the sentence is - Exercise is beneficial to good health

(iv) **English (Noun)** : English language or literature as a subject of study

The English (Noun) : the people of England

The English language (Adj.) : relating to England, its people, or its language

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Hence the sentence is - The English opens the window upon the world's knowledge.

(v) The sentence is in Passive Voice. Here, being will not be used.

Hence the sentence is - Many workers were held hostages.

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6. **Bring out: (publish)** When asked to explain, she could not bring out the meaning of the poem

Come across: (meet by chance) I came across my old friend in the market yesterday.

Give up: (abstain from) He gave up smoking to save money

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Keep on: (continue) She kept on crying inspite of my assurance to help

Look after: (take care of) In her old age she has no one to look after her.

