

## **Corona and our responsibilities**

Corona is an infective disease that is very much contagious and has taken the world by storm. Coronaviruses are a group of infections that incorporate the cold and the most recent outbreak that began in China called COVID-19. The infection can spread from a contaminated individual's mouth or nose in little fluid particles when they sneeze, cough, talk, sing or breathe. Any person can be tainted by breathing in the infection in the case that he/she is close to somebody who has COVID-19, or by contacting a sullied surface and afterward your eyes, nose or mouth. The infection spreads effectively inside and in jam-packed surroundings. A great majority of people who fall ill with COVID-19 will encounter gentle to medium symptoms and recover without any special treatment. In other cases, some will turn out to be truly sick and require clinical considerations.

To protect our collective right to health in the current pandemic situation, we need to balance our individual rights with collective responsibilities. We should seek to limit the impact of COVID-19 as much as possible and ensure the health, safety, and well-being of every single member of our respective communities and make this our top priority in these times. Everyone should stay sanitized all the time and wash hands on a regular basis. We should keep ourselves physically distant from each other and wear masks whenever we are out in public. Any person who has somehow contacted the virus should isolate right away until he/she tests negative for the virus.

Regardless of whether all state run administrations were making an effective move, yet if people, on individual bases, didn't likewise do their fair share of tasks by remaining at home and staying clean, this crisis would not be deflected. Our greatest responsibility might be to sort out some way to change this crisis into a stage forward for worldwide administration as opposed to a stage away from it.

## THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER

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#### BANNING NEW PETROL AND DIESEL CARS FROM 2030: UK GOVERNMENT

By Qasim Bajwa

United Kingdom: The UK government has moved the ban on new petrol and diesel cars from 2040 to 2030 after another proposition from the scientists in the Committee on Climate Change. The government says it will allow sale of hybrid vehicles until 2035. The decision comes in light of growing concerns about climate change all over the world.

To meet her goals of decarbonization by 2032, scientists proposed a complete ban should be imposed, including on the hybrid vehicles, but the UK government said constant lobbying from a number of automotive groups did not allow UK government to go ahead with the decision.

This decision from the government has inspired a rise in the popularity of electric cars and their sales. This increase is also due to the fact that the tensions continue to rise in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which has further impacted the cost of petrol prices to rise abruptly. A recent survey has shown that more and more people are now preferring the usage of second-hand electric cars. "We still need the right policies and incentives from government to give new car buyers confidence to choose the cleanest petrol, diesel and electric models that best suit their needs," remarks Mike Hawes, CEO of The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

Keeping an electric car is more effective considering the environment because one can easily go about their business while keeping carbon emissions low. As compared to petrol cars and diesel cars, the air pollutants are very low in electric vehicles which helps in environment sustainability even more.

The concept of electric vehicles is ever expanding globally and in light of the rising temperatures everywhere on the planet, this switch from petrol and diesel cars would come in very handy for the environment overall. There are a number of other environmentally friendly benefits of electric vehicles as well. Using electric car for your day-to-day exercises and movements and going completely electric should now a days be considered a game-changing decision and must be appreciated by everyone, just as people appreciate the person who likes cycling and prefers to walk more often than not.

## Creative writing

### **ASSIGNMENT # 03**

#### **QASIM BAJWA**

### ***Persuasive email to request the extension for the submission deadline of a Freelance Project to your client***

Dear Mrs. Sadie,

This is regarding the book illustration project that I am doing for your publishing company's upcoming picture book 'The Catacombs of Paris.'

I was supposed to submit the final illustrations for the project on Mar. 05, 2022, but, regretfully, that won't be possible. I have been feeling discomfort in my right knee since yesterday. The doctor has advised me to rest for a speedy recovery.

As I have already completed the main part of the illustrations, I wonder if it will be possible to get an extension on the deadline to finish the project. I expect to recover fully by Mar 21, and it will take me a week after that to finish the illustrations.

I regret the inconvenience caused here. I will complete the work as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my situation.

Best regards.

Qasim Bajwa

# **CREATIVE WRITING**

## **ASSIGNMENT # 04**

### **QASIM BAJWA**

#### **Task: An Article On The Topic**

#### **"The Impact Of Covid19 On Society"**

#### **The Impact Of COVID19 On People's Careers**

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted an emotional loss of human life overall and presents a remarkable test to general well-being, food frameworks and the universe of work. The monetary and social interruption brought about by the pandemic is wrecking: a huge number of individuals are in danger of falling below the line of poverty, while the quantity of undernourished individuals, at present assessed at almost 690 million, could increment by up to 132 million before the years over.

A great many endeavors face an existential danger. Almost 50% of the world's 3.3 billion worldwide labor force are in danger of losing their careers. Casual economy laborers are especially vulnerable on the grounds that the greater part need social insurance and admittance to quality medical services and have lost admittance to useful resources. Without the resources to acquire a pay during lockdowns, many can't take care of themselves and their families.

We should reexamine the fate of our current society and tackle climate change and natural corruption with desire and desperation. Only then will we be able to safeguard the well-being, livelihoods, food security and sustenance of everyone involved, and guarantee that our 'new ordinary' is a superior one.

## Group Discussion

**Topic:** *Do News Channels create undue hype for media rating?*  
(Speaking in **favour** of the topic)

- Every news reporter wants to see their story on the front page or at the top of the main bulletin, which leads to the temptation to make a story sound bigger than it actually is.
- News channels are always looking to make the use of sensationalism in every scenario.
- Words like "exclusive" are overused on mundane, daily news stories to promote coverage.
- Reporters exaggerate the facts in the name of getting higher media ratings or more newspaper subscriptions.
- News channels now a days also create undue hype for media rating because of the fact that they are facing an intense competition with independent content makers on YouTube.
- Journalists write "clickbait" headlines to boost advertising sales.
- News channels want their viewers to be glued to the TV screens and by creating undue hype, they increase the channel viewership.

- Larger font size or bright colors are used to make a dull story look sensational.
- News channels create undue hype because the degree of the hype hints at the readership they are targeting; the more the hype, the more people watch (and subscribe eventually.)
- News channels are focused more on entertaining to keep the public's short attention in order to achieve their desired amount of views.

National Testing Service is the acronym of NTS (not to be confused with Nuclear Industry Services, which currently stands as the main and chief provider of nuclear goods in the world.) At University as well as College level, National Testing Service has been striving to promote world class education and merit for a good 16 (sixteen) years now and with quite some margin is the best organization in it's field.

National Testing Service is the kind of organization that is always looking to improvise and initiate schemes that have not been introduced before and it is forever trying to thrive in the pursuit of being the best in business with strength, control, depthness, superiority, calibre, brilliance, peerlessness, supremacy, worth and value, transcendence, pre eminence, greatness and much more while giving utmost respect to the values that are core to the organization.

Board of Directors from NTS are governing National Testing Service which, by the way, is the first of its kind in Pakistan. This firm was first developed in 2002 when a need for such an organization was felt in the National Education Policy (1998 to 2010) and the Information Technology (IT) Policy of Government of Pakistan, by a testing service. The current headquarters of the organization lie in Islamabad, Pakistan. National Testing Service recruits, promotes, gives admissions and scholarships by conducting assessments and tests. The tests are held on a set date every month.

National Testing Service is a very devoted member for the International Association for Educational Assessment, while the Higher Education Commission truly recognizes it as well. Building and promoting quality education with professional evaluation and testing is the mission listed out by the National Testing Service. Where as, a perfectly working testing system that is known and respected world wide and an assessing firm that thrives in making educated group of people, who are capable of doing equally well in any market in the world, is the vision listed out by this talented firm that is National Testing Service.

For every type of medical or engineering universities and colleges which are both private and public, National Testing Service assessments as well as the tests are being made imperative. For hiring purposes in both private and public firms and companies, assessments are conducted by National Testing Service as well.

National Testing Service has a very sound policy too. No tolerance is observed in the assessment and tests conducting process which in turn makes way for the highly intelligent and students with great mind getting selected on the basis of merit and merit only. World wide standards of testing are maintained through out the organization. The management is of high class itself which, right now, has the brilliant

minds working at the top. The current company secretary is Engineer Qazi Mustafa Kamal, the Chief Operating Officer is Air Commodore Dr. Sherzada Khan (who is retired now) and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the great human being Brigadier Dr. Tayyab Akram (who is retired now as well.)

The professional people working for National Testing Service trademark proffer training for teachers at all levels, be it Matriculation or Intermediate or even higher than that. Other services for consultation include technical help, building capacity, problem solving methods for different institutes, corporate and private business opportunities and organizations working specifically for the country.

There are a variety of ways in which National Testing Service regularly assists the needs of its partners. Some of these include a thorough and insightful guideline for the preparation of the test, abilities and knowledge based measurements and development of performance ranking tools. Then reporting is also done about the score.

Adding to this, National Testing Service trademark offers services for specializations such as researching, analytical behavior and training which is all done based purely on the action orientation process. Different strategies are planned, teachers are trained by moving through a number of cycles, professionals are enhanced further. Another important feature of National Testing Service is that a specific project is first identified, then put forth for designing. Evaluating and monitoring it closely is done in the later stages. National Testing Service surveys about the baseline, studies in detail about the impact assessment, then it is also very concerned about the documents, on the prospect of how they are being published etc.

National Testing Service is somewhat similar to another organization in the United States of America that goes by the name of Educational Testing Service (ETS.) National Testing Service currently has two chief categories of tests. One is called the Graduate Assessment Test (GAT,) while the other is called the National Aptitude Test (NAT.) The former test is set for the admission in postgraduate education for the already become graduates while the latter one is secured mainly for the admission in different universities and colleges for the students. In some of the cases, National Testing Service also regulates the process for the students who intend to study abroad, since it is an academics oriented evaluating organization.

National Testing Service has always found ways of moving alongside with the modern fast paced world. A new system of e-marking has been approved recently for quick and effective marking of tests. This process has been adjudged very helpful as it saves a lot of time and also minimizes the amount of errors



that were occurring because of human effort. Because of the arrival of this advanced system, assessment and testing is also reduced automatically.

National Testing Service has come into some heavy criticism of late. Many people believe that for admission in majority of the posts, these NTS tests have been made compulsory. For instance, there is a NTS test for government serving paramedic staff, a test for the court clerk, a test for a student who is out looking for admission in various degrees. Therefore, people are judging this as not a very effective system. There are question marks hanging over the credibility and effectiveness of the entry tests. Keeping National Testing Service in check is another factor which is that the organization is lacking accountability. Although it calls itself a nonprofit firm, it is not known whether the money they gain is spent within the organization or they make students pay for it.

## PSL 4 LIVE STREAMING

Pakistan Super League is a genuinely exciting prospect for the young generation of Pakistan. The excitement levels are already sky high and the nation just cannot wait for this tournament to start as it's already in the news that AB de Villiers, who is one of the greatest ever batters to ever play the game, will definitely be taking part in the fourth edition scheduled to be played at the start of next year.

There have been three wholly successful seasons played to date and the PSL just continues to amaze and inspire young kids across the country. The next season, PSL 4, shall IN SHAA ALLAH take place in about 6 months from now.

Despite of the fact that there is still no official schedule for the mega event by the authorities, but hopefully, as decided in the latest meeting held at the National Cricket Academy which consisted of officials from PCB and all PSL franchises, there shall be eight matches played in Pakistan in the cities of Karachi, Lahore and maybe Rawalpindi as well (which comes as a great news considering there were only 4 matches played inside the country over the course of previous three editions.)

A bulk of the population shall be turning ON their television sets to witness the showpiece event but that thing is a bit traditional and too mainstream now in the modern world. People now a days are accustomed to streaming whatever they want to watch on their smartphones.

The official streaming site listed by the PCB for the event is:

[www.cricketgateway.com](http://www.cricketgateway.com)

However, there shall be a handful of other live online streaming links and websites available to the users as we get closer to the start of the tournament. Also, the PSL goes live on YouTube.

## RESULT HSSC PART-I

Fasten your seatbelts, all the high schoolers out there, because the result day is getting closer and closer with every passing day! Every board that is working under Punjab province (and that includes the Lahore board and all other boards in different regions of the province) shall be announcing 11th class result and the date on which they shall be carrying out the above mentioned process has already been disclosed.

Since we are only discussing about the Lahore board here, so we shall be trying to keep it to that only and not talk about other boards. In light of the official and formal public statement by the jury, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Lahore, shall be declaring the results on October 10, 2018.

Students who are eagerly waiting to know how they fared in the examination of first year of high school have been handed over the facility of using some of the fastest and most used websites for online viewing of their result. First up, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Lahore, has its official website ([www.biselahore.com](http://www.biselahore.com)) where all the students can check their results at around 10 A.M. in the morning.

The procedure of checking the result has been in question now for many years but the board is taking huge strides in keeping it simple and to the point. First step the student should take is to open the official Lahore board website. It usually takes time opening because of the heavy workload on the servers and huge traffic (as everyone wants to know the result as soon as it announced, which is easily understandable.) After the website is opened, the student should enter their roll numbers and wait for a second or two. Then the result can be easily viewed on the next page, with all the details of how many marks the student obtained in respective subjects.

Let us talk something about Lahore board here. Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Lahore (commonly called as BISE, Lahore) can easily be contemplated as the boss of all the working boards in all of Pakistan and it keeps track of all the education of Lahore region, be it Matriculation or Inter level. Before this board was constructed, the ever-famous University of the Punjab was in charge of all the education of the area and all the examinations were supervised by its authorities. Then in the golden year of 1954, this board came into being and it has been executing its duties very handsomely since then.

The districts of Sheikhupura, Kasur, Okara, Nankana Sahib and the city of Lahore all come under the category of this very board as well.

The Lahore board has a tradition of holding the examinations in the month of May (or June.) Around 2 million students take part in the examination under the provision of Lahore board and the result is then declared after a good four or five months have been passed(usually in September, October or November.)

Other than the official Lahore board website, students can stay up-to-date with most recent updates regarding HSSC Part-1 result on below mentioned websites. Five of these hugely known websites are:

[www.beeducated.pk](http://www.beeducated.pk)

[www.myresult.pk](http://www.myresult.pk)

[www.ilmkidunya.com](http://www.ilmkidunya.com)

[www.careerkarwan.com](http://www.careerkarwan.com)

[www.hamariweb.info](http://www.hamariweb.info)

We wish all the best to the students who have worked so hard this entire time as this result matters very much for them. May you all get good grades, Aameen.

# **UHS MDCAT 2018**

Doctor or Engineer? Not really sure about the engineering part (no offense) but the equation is pretty straight forward if one wants to become a doctor. For admission in a dental college or a medical college, UHS' offered Medical and Dental College Admission Test (formally known as MDCAT) is one of the basic requirements, considering the public sector as well as the private sector.

Coming onto the details regarding this test which is scheduled to be held on 23rd of September, 2018, in the past this test was known as MCAT, which stood for Medical College Admission Test. Then in the year 2017, it was renamed as MDCAT. If a student wants to be called a MBBS degree holder (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) or a BDS degree holder (Bachelor of Dental Surgery,) he or she must clear this test first.

Every year, this test is being conducted in Pakistan on a regular basis. The higher authority here is the University of Health Sciences, currently base camping in Lahore, Punjab, of course. The inventiveness of Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, who at the time was the Chief Minister of Punjab province, saw this test being held every year as an effort to remove cheating from the annual examinations. First there was King Edward Medical University, who conducted this test for 9 years since the year it was started in 1998. Then in 2007, University of Health Sciences took the responsibility of holding this test.

As mentioned above, this year this test shall be held on 23rd September and the answer key shall be disclosed on the eve of that day (at around 4 P.M.) This test is applicable for all the actively working Medical as well as Dental colleges in the province of Punjab.

This test shall see a total number of 55,000 students (or probably more) competing for a mere 3400 seats and 200 more seats in public sector medical colleges and dental colleges, respectively, for the province of Punjab.

About the test itself: The test shall be comprising of MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions) only. One mark shall be deducted (in the form of penalty for attempting the question) from the total

marks obtained in case if the students' answer is incorrect, while 5 marks shall be awarded to the student for attempting the question correctly. There shall be no bonuses given to the student at the end of the test as well. The syllabus is announced two or three months before the examination date.

The eligibility criteria for this test has been made very simple by the authorities for the student facilitation. At least 60 percent marks in Higher Secondary School Certification are needed for the student to qualify for this test. The merit calculation technique has also been developed keeping in view the students advantage. Matriculation accounts for 10 percent, Intermediate marks make up 40 percent in the final calculation, whereas the rest of 50 percent marks are accounted by the MDCAT entry test itself. The marks after all these three steps are added which leads to the formation of aggregate marks, from which the aggregate percentage is then calculated by multiplying with  $100 \times 100$ .

Best of luck to all the participants who are going to take this test this year. Keep studying hard as there is still enough time till the test day and granted that the importance of test is huge, there is no need to panic at all.