

Aga Khan University Examination Board

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Introduction

This document has been produced for the teachers and candidates of the SSC II (Class X) Pakistan Studies. It contains comments on candidates' responses to the 2016 Secondary School Certificate (SSC-II) Examination, indicating the quality of the responses and highlighting their relative strengths and weaknesses.

E-Marking Notes

This includes overall comments on students' performance on every question and some specific examples of students' responses which support the mentioned comments. Please note that the descriptive comments represent an overall perception of the better and weaker responses as gathered from the e-marking session. However, the candidates' responses shared in this document represent some specific example(s) of the mentioned comments.

Teachers and candidates should be aware that examiners may ask questions that address the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) in a manner that require candidates to respond by integrating knowledge, understanding and application skills they have developed during the course of study. Candidates are advised to read and comprehend each question carefully before writing the response to fulfil the demand of the question.

Candidates need to be aware that the marks allocated to the questions are related to the answer space provided on the examination paper as a guide to the length of the required response. A longer response will not in itself lead to higher marks. Candidates need to be familiar with the command words in the Student Learning Outcomes which contain terms commonly used in examination questions. However, candidates should also be aware that not all questions will start with or contain one of the command words. Words such as 'how', 'why' or 'what' may also be used.

Constructive Response Questions

Detailed Comments:

Question 1

Industrial pollution is a major problem in developing countries.

Suggest any FOUR ways through which industrial sector can contribute towards controlling pollution.

Better responses provided good suggestions keeping in view their relevance for the industrial sector. They mentioned the use of air filters, sewage treatment plan, reuse of by-products, use of landfill method for solid waste disposal, use of environment friendly fuels, etc.

Example:

The four ways are ;

- 1) The use of efficient disposal mechanism, through which harmful substances in the effluents could be separated out from the waste and ^{in a safe way-} dispose it.
- 2) The use of Environment Friendly fuels so that less toxic gases are diffused in the ^{environment}.
- 3) Recycling the by-products or the waste produced so that less pollution is resulted and diseases could not be spread.
- 4) Restricting the disposal of effluents into waterbodies, land or air and also by educating the labours ~~is~~ about the consequences of polluting the area.

Weaker responses showed that the candidates were unable to comprehend the question and provided suggestions in relation to the government such as, making of laws regarding pollution control, penalty for the industries that contribute towards pollution, etc.

Example:

- 1.) The is used to the chemical smoke and carbon-dioxide and carbon etc. There is a effect ecosystem.
- 2.) The industry use chemical and outside ^{waste} & the effect of pollution etc.
- 3.) The government to give warning of industry ^{not} used chemical carbon & smoke & etc and the control pollution.
- 4.) The government are stop ^{industry} ~~industry~~ chemical outside waste and the controlling pollution.

Question 2

Overpopulation is a serious problem faced by developing countries.

Describe any TWO problems caused by overpopulation.

Better responses indicated and properly described the problem. Candidates talked about unemployment, scarcity of resources, pollution in terms of increase in waste, traffic congestion, etc. It was a relatively easy question and most of the students answered it well.

Example:

- (1) Lack of employment opportunities is one of the problem caused by over-population, because the population increases in number, which results in more competition to get jobs and only the best, skilled and trained person will get the opportunity. It also results in increase in slum areas as people are unable to find jobs.
- (2) Lack of resources for each person, as overpopulation is caused when there are ^{needs,} less resources and more people, and because of the need to get the basic ~~resources,~~ ^{needs,} the people get indulged in crime like robbery, shop lifting, murderers etc.

Weaker responses were the ones in which the candidates, instead of discussing the problems caused by overpopulation, discussed the reasons which contribute towards the increase in population growth.

Example:

* Over Population is increasing day by day in countries
the problems caused by over population are as follow :-
• Early Marriages: Most of the people in mostly rural areas
people do early marriages of their childrens and that is
the main cause of over population. Social factor is also
main cause people think that allah is benifical and
provides and large family are good they are provided
by god they do not do family planning, they ~~the~~ have no awareness.

Question 3

The idea of a separate state for the Muslims of the subcontinent is generally traced back to the famous presidential address delivered by Allama Iqbal at Allahabad in 1930.

Narrate the demands put forwarded by Allama Iqbal in his address in your own words.

Better responses mentioned the important issues highlighted by Allama Iqbal in his presidential address. These include a separate state (within or without the Indian Federation) for the Muslims by amalgamating Punjab, Sind, NWFP, and Baluchistan; Muslims are different nation with their distinct cultural values and religious trends, etc.

Example:

Allama Iqbal put forward his idea of ~~the~~ a separate nation for muslims on the basis of Two-Nation theory. Allama Iqbal expressed his desires saying that he would like to see sindh, Punjab, NWFP and Balochistan all amalgamated into a single state. He demanded that because muslims and hindus were two-separate nations as many things were uncommon between them such as culture and most importantly religion, so they could be made to remain in a single state. He demanded that muslims should have their independant homeland where they could practice their religion and culture freely without being dominated by the hindus.

Weaker responses were either not clear about Allama Iqbal's role and mentioned the thoughts of Sir Syed instead or wrote very general statements such as Muslims were not getting their rights; Muslims were not treated fairly by Hindus, etc.

Example:

Ans) Allama Iqbal Demands:-
Allama Iqbal ^{wants} that every one ~~getting~~ good and high education. Every one has to be educated so that the illiteracy ~~is~~ rate will be low and literacy rate has to increase. And Allama Iqbal wants separate country where Muslims can live peacefully.

Question 4

Following the independence in 1947, Pakistan took nine years to draft its first Constitution.

Explain any THREE reasons that delayed the process of constitution making in the initial years of Pakistan.

Better responses explained valid reasons for the delay. For examples constitutional crises between east and west Pakistan, death of leaders such as Jinnah and Liaquat Ali Khan, power struggle among the leaders, disagreement on the decision of the national language, etc.

Example:

Constitution was delayed because there were conflicts on distribution of power between East and West wing. Government could not decide how to satisfy the two wings by equal distribution of power. Assassination of Liaquat Ali Khan and sudden death of Quaid-e-Azam also delayed the constitution because these were two important leaders and their loss led to political crisis. Governor General Ghulam Muhammad had dissolved the constitution Assembly on ground that it had lost people's confidence.

Weaker responses mentioned the early problems faced by Pakistan but were unable to connect them with the delay in the constitution making process. Some candidates even mentioned the distance that separated East and West Pakistan to be the cause of the delay of the constitution making process.

Example:

1. The problems arising due to East and West Pakistan cause their relationship weak and the Constitution get delayed.
2. No ~~any~~ proper governmental system to impose constitution. so constitution get delayed.
3. Problems arising due to defence and other different sectors causes delay in constitution making.

Question 5

Islam gives great importance to women and has elevated the status of women in the society. However, despite being an Islamic state, the status of women in Pakistan is not encouraging.

Suggest any FOUR ways through which the status of women can be improved in Pakistan.

Better responses: This question was attempted very well by the candidates and the candidates came up with good suggestions such as improvement in their education, allowing them to work, giving them freedom to make their own marriage choice, having active participation in political activities, etc.

Example:

- ① Compulsory education should be provided to women as they are the future mothers who will build up a new nation for the upcoming generation.
- ② Women should be encouraged to take part in political activities to ~~but~~ create a society in a better aspect.
- ③ Women should be encouraged to do jobs and ~~the~~ handle the business like a man.
- ④ Communities and meetings should be held to create general awareness of a woman's role in the modern society.

Weaker responses mentioned irrelevant suggestions which can't either be associated with the upliftment of women's status in the society or those which are exactly contradictory with the problem posed in the question.

Example:

1. They should not go out from their homes that they could affect or irritated by mans.
 2. They should not do jobs in public sittings.
 3. They should not go in public areas where the males are working.
 4. To be remain in home as a house wife.
- These are status for women which ^{can} improved in Pakistan.

Question 6a

China and Pakistan have been enjoying cordial relationship since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1951.

State any TWO examples of support provided by China to improve the defence industry of Pakistan.

Better responses were the ones in which the candidates were able to provide the examples of support provided by China such as Al-Khalid MBT (main battle tank), Heavy Rebuild Factory (HRF), Karakoram-8 (or K-8) trainer/ fighter, JF 17 thunder jets/ Jets, etc.

Example:

China has been assisting Pakistan for many years. China assisted Pakistan for creating HMC (Heavy mechanical complex) which is important for steel and machinery or weapons. The JF-17 jet is made by assistance of China. China supported Pakistan with weapons in war with India.

Responses which mentioned general statements such as China helped Pakistan during wars; China helped Pakistan financially; or China provided lots of technical support to Pakistan, were considered as *weaker responses*.

Example:

- 1- China provided Pakistan with different military weapons.
- 2- By providing army force to Pakistan.

Question 6b

China has heavily invested in the development of Gwadar port project.

Explain THREE ways by which Gwadar port will serve China's interest.

Better responses highlighted the interests of China in the Gwadar Port such as it will shorten the distance from China to the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Aden; it will help China in promoting trade with the Gulf States; it will help in building an oil pipeline from Gwadar to Xinjiang province, etc.

Example:

1) It links China with the Middle-Eastern countries. These countries are rich in oil and minerals and ~~there is an immense~~ ^{thus exports and} imports would be made easier. (2) The Pak-China economic corridor would help urbanize the rural areas of China. This road is linking China to the Gwadar Port. (3) Chinese ~~profes~~ professionals such as engineers, technicians, etc are given employment opportunities ~~at~~ for the administration of the port.

Weaker responses focused on Pakistan rather than China or simply gave generalised and incorrect statements that China is a landlocked country; it will shorten China's distance with the world; it will provide trade route to Central Asian Republics, etc.

Example:

1) By increasing in finance. ^{Gwadar} ~~Pakistan~~ port serve China's interest.
2) Balochistan is economically develop by it.
3) People of Balochistan have many employment opportunities.

Extended Response Question

Detailed Comments:

Question 7a

At the time of promulgation of martial law on July 5, 1977, General Zia said that he has no interest in politics and promised to hold elections within 90 days and restore the democratic system in Pakistan. However, he turned his back on the promise of holding elections and restoring democracy in the country and ruled over Pakistan for eleven years.

Discuss any THREE reasons for the longevity of General Zia's rule in Pakistan.

This was an Extended Response Question having part **a** and **b**. Part **a** is based on history whereas Part **b** is based on human geography.

Better responses were the ones in which the candidates answered the questions well by discussing the reasons such as Zia's process of Islamisation, support provided by religious parties, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, policy of privatisation, economic policies introduced by the Zia-ul-Haq, etc.

Example:

1. Many people wanted Pakistan to become a full Islamic state thus by introducing 'The Process of Islamization' Zia won the support of many people, who voted for him in elections because they wanted Islamic rule to continue.
2. Due to Afghan War lots of foreign aid was flowing in Pakistan which allowed Zia to take steps to improve the economy of Pakistan. He privatized the industries and was very popular with the West and the people of Pakistan. Relations with different countries were also very good.
3. Zia passed the 8th Amendment which gave full control and authority to the President to appoint a Prime Minister and the National Assembly. No one could question him even if he violates human rights.

Weaker responses were not clear about the reforms of Zia-ul-Haq and gave incorrect statements. They included nationalisation policy, removal of Ayub Khan, Awami League's win in the elections and not allowed to form the government. Some of the candidates wrote general statements such as his policies were good; he was honest, etc. without providing any supporting facts.

Example:

- ① A negative politician power of party were in the hand of zia's rule. zia's proclaimed that democratic system should reduce in Pakistan
- ② Zia's rule the election of awami league and PPP^{that} was done in this rule but awami league had won this election then the central government in the hand of awami league.
- ③ General Zia's resigned the Ayub Khan for the prime minister and he considered for the prime minister is that yusuf Khan -
- ④ Zia's rule is that no body can talk to prime minister but zia was only talk to prime minister and no body without permission can go anywhere.

Question 7b

International trade is considered to be vitally important for the growth of developing countries. Discuss the importance of international trade for the economic development of Pakistan.

Most of the candidates attempted this question.

Better responses discussed the importance of international trade. This included the earning of foreign exchange, exchange of technology, increase in employment opportunities, promotion of domestic industries, reduction in poverty level, reduction in inflation, overcoming the balance of payment and balance of trade, etc.

Example:

No country is self-sufficient in everything. Trade allows us to exchange goods and services. It is important for economic development:-

- ① Trade allows us to earn foreign exchange from our exports. We can use the money to import capital goods that promotes industrialization and hence our countries grow economically.
- ② It allows flow of capital and information technology from developed to developing ^{countries like Pakistan} areas. We can use those techniques to enhance economic growth.
- ③ Trade helps to to achieve economies of scale which reduces the production cost and profit is achieved.
- ④ Trading sector provides employment opportunities to the work force and so it also is ~~essential~~ important for rise in our Gross National ^{Product} Income and Gross domestic production.
- ⑤ It promotes domestic industries as well as primary industries as we utilize our own raw materials for ~~prod~~ production. In this way goods from primary as well as secondary industry ^{are} is exported and it ~~bec~~ ^{also} becomes a source of foreign exchange.

Weaker responses discussed the ways by which exports can be increased rather than the contribution of exports towards the development of Pakistan. Some of the candidates wrote generalised responses such as international trade is beneficial for the country; it can improve the image of country, etc. Some also mentioned the countries which are trading partners of Pakistan.

Example:

The international trade route of Pakistan is very important for the economic development because it is the best way to earn. Pakistan mostly export fruits like mangos, apples, bananas etc. It ^{also} exports fruits mostly to Arab countries (Saudi Arabia), America and etc. It ^(Pakistan) also export clothes, rice, cotton, etc. It ^(Pakistan) gets petrol from Saudi Arabia, guns and bombs from America and etc. We ^(Pakistan) export goods and in return get things/goods from different countries. Sport goods ^{are} also exported ~~made~~ from Sialkot. We also get goods from China which we use in our daily life. So, it proves that the international trade is very beneficial for Pakistan for economic development.