Combined Competitive Examination-2023 (PMS) (BS-17) (Held in 2025) — English (prepositions) — 2025 · Solved Past Paper

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> **How to use this paper:** each question shows the stem, the four options, and the correct answer. Click “Why each option?” under a question to see all four options explained — one question teaches four topics. General Knowledge answers are as of the 2025 sitting.

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Question 1 English

Can you find our town _____ the map.

- A. over
- B. in
- C. on ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. up

map" does not give the locating sense needed here.

B. "In the map" is wrong for finding a place shown on a map.

C. A town is found "on the map".

D. "Up the map" is not the idiom.

Question 2 English

She was very excited _____ her upcoming marriage.

- A. at
- B. about ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. with
- D. over

A. "Excited at" is not the collocation for a coming event.

B. One is excited "about" something coming up, such as a marriage.

C. "Excited with" is not the collocation.

D. "Excited over" is possible in some uses but the book's key and both transcriptions give "about".

Question 3 English

I am looking forward _____ buying a new car next month.

- A. with
- B. at
- C. from
- D. to ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "Looking forward with" is wrong.

forward at" is wrong.

C. "Looking forward from" is wrong.

D. "Look forward to" takes "to" followed by a gerund ("to buying").

Question 4 English

My nephew is married _____ a famous actress.

- A. with
- B. for
- C. to ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. by

A. "Married with" is wrong in this sense.

B. "Married for" is wrong.

C. One is married "to" someone.

D. "Married by" would name the person who performed the ceremony, not the spouse.

Question 5 English

Please turn _____ the volume of the music, I am getting deaf.

- A. down ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. over
- C. behind
- D. of

A. "Turn down" means lower the volume.

B. "Turn over" means flip something over, not lower volume.

C. "Turn behind" is not a phrasal verb here.

is meaningless here.

Question 6 English

Your absence was fatal _____ our plans.

- A. to ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. for
- C. of
- D. after

A. "Fatal to" is the collocation: fatal to our plans.

B. "Fatal for" is not the collocation.

C. "Fatal of" is wrong.

D. "Fatal after" is meaningless here.

Question 7 English

He is blind _____ reason.

- A. to ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. of
- C. about
- D. in

A. "Blind to reason" is the fixed phrase for refusing to see sense.

B. "Blind of reason" is wrong.

C. "Blind about reason" is wrong.

D. "Blind in reason" is wrong.

8 English

Success consists _____ hard work.

- A. at
- B. of
- C. to
- D. in ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "Consists at" is wrong.

B. "Consists of" names parts, not the quality success lies in.

C. "Consists to" is wrong.

D. "Consists in" is the collocation: success consists in hard work.

Question 9 English

Do not jeer _____ the poor.

- A. about
- B. for
- C. on
- D. at ✓ **Correct answer**

A. "Jeer about" is wrong.

B. "Jeer for" is wrong.

C. "Jeer on" is wrong.

D. One jeers "at" someone: do not jeer at the poor.

Question 10 English

She is not mindful _____ her responsibilities.

- B. of ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. about
- D. in

A. "Mindful for" is wrong.

B. "Mindful of" is the collocation: mindful of her responsibilities.

C. "Mindful about" is not the collocation.

D. "Mindful in" is wrong.

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