

Precis 2023

Freedom In Children's Education

The author talks about the three prevalent schools of thought regarding freedom in education. The first advocates the complete liberty of children, second believes in absolute authority and third is proponent of freedom but with an exception of moral perfection. However, Rousseau galvanized the third perspective. But to the author, children can not be completely free as they cannot be virtuous. Arguably, world today is based on cooperation among communities. Thus, from a social perspective, Education must provide opportunities for mental and moral growth which children can not acquire merely on their own. (words: 301)

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PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

On the question of freedom in education there are at present three main schools of thought, deriving partly from differences as to ends and partly from differences in psychological theory. There are those who say that children should be completely free, however bad they may be; there are those who say they should be completely subject to authority, however good they may be; and there are those who say they should be free, but in spite of freedom they should be always good. This last party is larger than it has any logical right to be; children, like adults, will not all be virtuous if they are all free. The belief that liberty will ensure moral perfection is a relic of Rousseauism, and would not survive a study of animals and babies. Those who hold this belief think that education should have no positive purpose, but should merely offer an environment suitable for spontaneous development. I cannot agree with this school, which seems to me too individualistic, and unduly indifferent to the importance of knowledge. We live in communities which require co-operation, and it would be utopian to expect all the necessary co-operation to result from spontaneous impulse. The existence of a large population on a limited area is only possible owing to science and technique; education must, therefore, hand on the necessary minimum of these. The educators who allow most freedom are men whose success depends upon a degree of benevolence, self-control, and trained intelligence which can hardly be generated where every impulse is left unchecked; their merits, therefore, are not likely to be perpetuated if their methods are undiluted. Education, viewed from a social standpoint, must be something more positive than a mere opportunity for growth. It must, of course, provide this, but it must also provide a mental and moral equipment which children cannot acquire entirely for themselves.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. (20)

The majority of people have always lived simply, and most of humanity still struggles on a daily basis to eke out a meager existence under dire circumstances. Only in affluent industrialized countries do people have the luxury of more goods and services than they need to survive. On the basis of material wealth, North Americans and Europeans should be the happiest people on earth, but according to the 2012 Happy Planet Index (HPI), they are not. Surprisingly, what had begun as an experimental lifestyle evolved into a quiet revolution that spread the word through books such as Duane Elgin's best-selling *Voluntary Simplicity: Toward a Way of Life that is Outwardly Simple, Inwardly Rich* (1981), as well as numerous magazines, alternative communities of the like-minded, and, later, Internet websites. Combined with a growing awareness of the environmental consequences of consumerism, the voluntary simplicity movement sought to reduce the consumption of goods and energy and to minimize one's personal impact on the environment. "Voluntary" denotes a free and conscious choice to make appropriate changes that will enrich life in a deeper, spiritual sense. "Simplicity" refers to the lack of clutter, that is, eliminating all those things, patterns, habits, and ideas that take control of our lives and distract us from our inner selves. However, this is not to be confused with poverty, which is involuntary, degrading, and debilitating. Neither does it mean that people must live on a farm or reject progress or technology, or do without what is necessary for their comfort and welfare. To practice voluntary simplicity, one must differentiate between what one wants (psychological desires) and what one needs (basic requirements of life), and seek a healthy balance that is compatible with both. In a consumer society where advertising bombards us with the message that without this, that, and the other product, we are unsuccessful, undesirable, and unimportant, being clear on what you really need and resisting what you don't can be an ongoing struggle. The beauty of voluntary simplicity is that it is a philosophy, and not a dogma. How one goes about it depends on individual character, cultural background, and climate. For this, three Rs (i.e., Reduce, Recycle & Reuse) represent the best way to get a handle on rampant consumerism. In economies driven by the quest for ever more, living with less is erroneously equated with poverty and social inferiority. By conserving energy, for instance, you are actually ensuring that more resources are available for future use. By making a frugal budget and sticking to it, you can eliminate unnecessary expenses. Recycling paper, metal, plastic, and glass and reusing building materials and old clothing keep materials in the loop and out of landfills. Pooling skills and resources through barter networks not only saves money, but sharing with others establishes bonds and fosters a sense of community. With the glut of cheap goods that are usually designed for obsolescence, quality products that last are becoming progressively harder to find. In the long run, a more expensive but durable and repairable item or even an older used item that is still in good condition is a better investment than a brand new piece of junk that will only break down and end up in the trash. Thus, at the heart of voluntary simplicity is the conscious realization that less is really more. Less consumption means more resources for future generations. Less activity that brings little satisfaction or reward is more time for yourself and your loved ones. Less stuff is more space to move around in. Less stress means more relaxation and better health. Less worry provides more enjoyment and more fulfillment in life.

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Questions:

(4 marks each)

- How important is happiness to most people, and what is the relationship between material wealth and happiness?
- How does the author characterize the concept of 'Voluntary Simplicity' as a movement and as a philosophy?
- What impact is feared by the growing consumerism of modern society?
- What influences make it difficult for people to reduce their consumption patterns?
- What are the challenges and rewards of voluntary simplicity?

Q. 4. Correct only FIVE of the following:

(10)

- His knowledge of languages and international relations aid him in his work.
- The ambassador, with his family and staff, invite you to a reception at the embassy on Tuesday afternoon.
- This year, he will sit in the CSS examination.
- The Chief Executive will let us know whether or not he can attend the meeting.
- When he came back from vacation, Aslam and me plan to look for another apartment.
- If some of you make a noise, they shall be punished.
- He came to me to enquire what is the salary attached to the appointment.
- I am too tired that I do not hunt words and idioms in my English book.

Q. 5. (a) Punctuate the following text, where necessary.

(05)

while taking a nap on the porch one hot summer day hodga dreamed that a stranger promised to give him ten pieces of gold the stranger placed them in hodgas hand one by one until he reached the tenth piece which he hesitated to give him come on what are you waiting for said hodga you promised me ten just then he woke up he immediately looked at his hand and saw that it was empty he quickly shut his eyes again stretched out his hand and said all right i ll settle for nine.

(b) Re-write the following sentences (ONLY FIVE) after filling in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions.

(05)

- The neighbours came _____ my house to see what's going on in the house.
- She sat _____ the shade of the tree.
- The moon does not shine _____ its own light.
- The burglar jumped _____ the compound wall.
- She entered _____ an agreement with them.
- I have been working hard _____ arithmetic.
- He got _____ his bicycle.
- It cannot be done _____ offence.

Q. 6. Use only FIVE pairs of words in sentences clearly illustrating their meanings.

(10)

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| (i) Antic, Antique | (ii) Draught, Drought |
| (iii) Quaint, Queer | (iv) Momentary, Momentous |
| (v) Compliment, Complement | (vi) Eminent, Imminent |
| (vii) Faint, Feint | (viii) Immigrant, Emigrant |

Q. 7. Translate the following into English by keeping in view figurative/idiomatic expressions.

(10)

بزرگ نے بتایا کہ جنگ کے پار ایک پہاڑ ہے جہاں وہ پہل آتا ہے جس کی خوشبو سے آگسوں کی کھوٹی ہوئی روشنی لوٹ آتی ہے، مگر پہاڑ بہت بلند ہے اور اس پر بے شمار پہاڑیں ہیں، ناکتے دار جھاڑیاں ہیں اور بڑے بڑے پتھر ہیں جو رات روک لیتے ہیں۔ اس پہاڑ پر جانے کے لیے کوئی لوگ آتے اور پلٹے گئے مگر یہاں کوئی شخص نہیں آیا جو پہل تک پہنچا۔ شاید اسی لیے وہاں کبھی کوئی شخص نہیں آتا اور انسان روشنی کا شام میں ہے۔

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Comprehension :

Question No : 01

How important is happiness to most people, and what is the relationship between material wealth and happiness?

Happiness is significant to majority of the people. They spend their life in simplicity rather than acquiring material wealth. However, majority are striving to have a better life on daily basis under dire circumstances.

only people residing in industrialized countries have luxurious life due to the influx of more goods and services more than necessary to survive. For example, on basis of material wealth North American and Europeans should be the happiest people on earth, but according to 2012 Happy Planet Index (HPI) surprisingly they are not. Thus establishes that there is an imbibuous relation between happiness and material wealth.

Q NO: 02

How does author characterizes the concept of "voluntary simplicity" as a movement and a philosophy

The author characterizes the concept of "voluntary simplicity" as a movement and philosophy not a dogma. Voluntary simplicity seeks to reduce consumption of goods and energy in order to reduce personal environmental impact. Moreover, simplicity is often equated with poverty and social inferiority but that doesnot mean halting technological progress but to have a balance in between want and need. Thus, voluntary simplicity is the conscious realization that less is more and it depends upon

the individual character, cultural background and climate. For this, three Rs (i.e., Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) represents the best way to get a handle on rampant consumerism.

Q No: 03

What impact is feared by growing consumerism of modern society?

The feared impact by growing consumerism of modern society is devastating environmental consequences.

Q No: 04

What influence make it difficult for people to reduce their consumption patterns?

The influence of advertising bombards make it difficult for people to reduce their consumption patterns. The advertisement in consumer society compels masses to purchase a product otherwise, they would be unsuccessful, undesirable and unimportant. Thus, this confuses the consumers and they become unable to differentiate between wants and need.

Q No: 05

What are challenges and rewards of voluntary simplicity?

The challenges of voluntary simplicity is that it is an ongoing

struggle to resist unnecessary products and maintain a healthy balance between wants and needs. whereas, the rewards of Voluntary Simplicity are conscious realization of less is more, less consumption gives more conservation of resources, less activity and less stuff provides more space, less stress means more relaxation and better health, more enjoyment and more fulfilment. Thus, rewards of voluntary simplicity are enormous.

Punctuation

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Translation:

The noble man said that there is a mountain across the jungle. Where a flower grows whose fragrance returns the lost vision. But the mountain is very high and it has numerous rocks on it. Thorny bushes and large stones obstruct the way/path. Numerous people came and went to this mountain, but none reached the flower. Perhaps, that is why world has sorrow and pain and man is in the quest of light.

Fill in the blanks?

- 1) The neighbours came **in** my house to see what's going on in the house.
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Sentence correction:

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Pair of words:

<u>Word</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
Faint	All of a sudden, she fainted in examination hall.
Feint	The boxer made a feint to confuse his opponent.
Antic	To distract yourself from depression you must watch antic and funny movies.
Antique	Anna's grand mother gifted her an antique piece of jewelry from her collection.
Drought	Drought can be prevented by planting trees at large scale.

Draught	My youngest sister drank drank the syrup in one draught.
Quaint	The quaint velvet is trending again in Pakistan.
Queer	The queer theory regarding LGBTQ has initiated a new wave of controversies in Pakistan.
Momentary	I had a momentary defuse ^{hesitation} at the start of my interview.
Momentous	I had a momentous trip with my friends to Budapest.
Complement	The necklace will complement your dress.
Compliment	My essay teacher complimented me for writing an essay on Global warming.
Eminent	It is eminent from his behaviour that he is non serious about his career.
Imminent	De-globalization is imminent amid the ongoing Sino-US rivalry.
Immigrant	A thousand thousands of immigrants shifted to New York in 2022.
Emigrants	Pakistani emigrants are facing worse situation in the countries abroad.



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PART-II

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(20)

Manto was a victim of some kind of social ambivalence that converged on self-righteousness, hypocrisy, and mental obtuseness. His detractors branded him as vulgar and obscene and implicated him into a long-drawn legal battle questioning the moral validity of his writings. Without being deterred by their negative tactics, he remained firm in his commitment to exploring the stark realities of life offensive to the conservative taste of some self-styled purists. In the line of Freud, he sought to unravel the mysteries of sex not in an abstract, non-earthly manner but in a palpable, fleshy permutation signifying his deep concern for the socially disabled and depressed classes of society, like petty wage-earners, pimps, and prostitutes.

For Manto, man is neither an angel nor a devil, but a mix of both. His middle and lower middle class characters think, feel and act like human beings. Without feigning virtuosity, he was able to strike a rapport with his readers on some of the most vital socio-moral issues concerning them. As a realist, he was fully conscious of the yawning gap between appearance and reality; in fact, nothing vexed him more than a demonstrable duality in human behaviour at different levels of the social hierarchy. He had an unjaundiced view of man's faults and follies. As a literary artist, he treated vulgarity discreetly --- without ever sounding vulgar in the process. Like Joyce, Lawrence, and Caldwell, in Manto's work too, men and women of the age find their own restlessness accurately mirrored. And like them, Manto was also 'raised above his own self by his sombre enthusiasm'.

Precis: 2020

Manto And His Critiques

According to the author, Manto encountered social criticism for his bold writings. He was labelled as immoral and unethical. However, undistracted from the wrath of his critiques, he tried to explore the mysteries of sex passion among the depressed common and ordinary people. To him, man is a mixture of both good and evil. His writings showed a clear reflection of his concern on socio-moral issues. Thus, Manto's writings are a reflection of festive passion of people.

Suggested Title:

Manto: A Bold writer's
Writings Of Manto

Translation: 2020

The education system of each nation in the world is synchronized/harmonized with its national interest, which shapes its national objectives. And nation strives for the requisite objectives.

Therefore, the education system of a nation is a totalitarian setup which helps in enhancing the mental capabilities of the individuals and constructing their character and conduct. The education

System trains the individual in such
a manner that it transforms the
destiny of the nation.



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Nizar Hassan was born in 1960 and raised in the village of Mashhad, near Nazareth, where he has lived with his family. He studied anthropology at Haifa University and after graduating worked in TV. Starting in 1990, he turned to cinema. In 1994, he produced Independence, in which he pokes his Palestinian interlocutors about what they think of the bizarre Israeli notion of their "independence". They have stolen another people's homeland and call the act "independence"! Hassan dwells on that absurdity.

As the world's attention was captured by the news of Israel planning to "annex" yet a bit more of Palestine and add it to what they have already stolen, I received an email from Nizar Hassan, the pre-eminent Palestinian documentary filmmaker. He wrote to me about his latest film, My Grandfather's Path, and included a link to the director's cut. It was a blessing. They say choose your enemies carefully for you would end up like them. The same goes for those opposing Zionist settler colonialists. If you are too incensed and angered by their daily dose of claptrap, the vulgarity of their armed robbery of Palestine, you would soon become like them and forget yourself and what beautiful ideas, ideals, and aspirations once animated your highest dreams. Never fall into that trap. For decades, aspects of Palestinian and world cinema, art, poetry, fiction, and drama have done for me precisely that: saved me from that trap. They have constantly reminded me what all our politics are about – a moment of poetic salvation from it all.

Nizar Hassan's new documentary is one such work – in a moment of dejection over Israel's encroachment on Palestinian rights and the world's complicity, it has put Palestine in perspective. The film is mercifully long, beautifully paced and patient, a masterfully crafted work of art – a Palestinian's epic ode to his homeland. A shorter version of My Grandfather's Path has been broadcast on Al Jazeera Arabic in three parts, but it must be seen in its entirety, in one go. It is a pilgrimage that must not be interrupted.

Precis : 2021

NAZIR HUSSAIN : A FILMMAKER

The author talked about the two documentaries of Nazir Hussain, a Palestinian film maker, in which he depicted Israel's occupation of his homeland. In the documentary "Independence" he showed the oppression of Israel against his people. Whereas, in the second documentary "My Grand father's Path" he portrayed the homage to the long struggle of Palestine. Thus, the connectivity to the ideas, film, art and literature can save the ~~the~~ persecuted people from destruction.

Suggested Titles:

- ⇒ Nazir Hussain : A Palestinian documentar maker
- ⇒ Contribution of Nazir Hussain.
- ⇒ Nazir Hussain's cinematography
- ⇒ Nazir Hussain : An advocate of Palestinian Freedom



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PART-II

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(20)

The fear of human beings when faced with the mysteries of life and their weakness by comparison with the vastness of nature created in them a need to communicate with the diving, with the superior powers which they believed regulated the universe and determined their own fates. Knowledge of wishes of the gods was always a sure guide for human behavior. In ancient Greece, the precise nature of these wishes was 'decoded' by the art of giving oracles, practiced by soothsayers who had the gift of understanding the signs or signals sent by the gods.)

The soothsayers uttered their oracles by interpreting flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder or the flights of certain birds of prey (omens); alternatively, they might observe the direction in which the fire burned when a sacrifice was made, examine the entrails of animals which had just been sacrificed, or base judgments on the sacrificial beast's willingness to approach the altar. The interpretation of dreams was popular too, and so was palmistry. The most notable soothsayers of ancient Greece were Tiresias, Calchas, Helenus, Amphiaraus and Cassandra.

However, there were abundant instances in which the gods did not manifest themselves to the faithful in the forms of signs but spoke directly to an intermediate who for a short time was overcome by a 'divine mania' and transcended his own human essence. Here the prophet- or more usually the prophetess- entered a state of ecstasy in which he or she delivered the message from the gods to the suppliants.)

These practices for foreseeing the future were the basis on which the ancient Greek oracles operated. Each oracle was located within a properly-organized sanctuary and was directly associated with one or other of the gods. Apollo was the archetypal soothsayer for the Greeks, the god who was responsible for conveying to mortals the decisions pronounced by Zeus. The most important of all the oracles, that at the Delphi, delivered the messages with the intervention of Apollo, while the oldest that of Dodona, functioned with the assistance of Zeus.

Precis : 2022

Human And Divine Messages

The author states that to overcome fear and resolve the mysteries of the huge universe, humankind tried to communicate with the Supreme divine message. Moreover, in Ancient Greece, an intermediate would interpret the signals and signs sent from the gods in the form of changes around. However, the signs were unclear, sometimes therefore a chosen man became the voice to deliver and decode the messages of gods. Hence, the intermediate predicted the future by those signals occurring around.

Translation : 2022

Every era brings such happening which are not liked by everyone but still they have to be accepted. Sometimes, It happens that nature test us by bringing something in front of us that we really do not like or nothing to do with us. However, still we have to make it a part of our life. Similarly, each century has brought totally new changes as compared to previous centuries. The development and progress of natural sciences and Arts has given man such things which can be termed as a Junk of scientific and economic processes, for instance, nature provides us fruits but at the same time, it bound us to discard it's peel properly. If it is not done correctly, the population of country exlates.