

Q1: Write a precis of the following passage.

English education and English language have done immense goods to our country, inspite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for our freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggles for freedom has been inspired by the struggles of Freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by those heroic struggles of Freedom in (England) other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied, will do immense good in future. English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact, our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English is indispensable. "English is very rich in literature", our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day, if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw in order to be upto date with modern education and to be an integral part of International community, we must not take learning English language for granted.

Precis :

Indent the paragraph.

Importance of Learning English

English language has done more good to our country than harm. Our leaders were greatly inspired by the freedom movements of West because of their knowledge of English language and culture. Presently, English is used all around the world for various commercial and educational purposes. It has also enriched our literature. Moreover, classic English writers should not be neglected to keep up with modern education. Hence, to be a part of global community, English education is essential.

Use of first person is not allowed in
Precis.

Q#2:

Rewrite the following dialogue, written in direct speech in a paragraph form. If first person is used in the given passage, start your precis with the phrase, "According to the author,...".

Jack : Hello, Swarup! Swatting away as usual. Come out, man; shut up your old books, and come and have a game of tennis.

Swarup : I am sorry. I can not do that, Jack. The examination is drawing near, and I want every hour. I can get for study.

Jack : Oh! Hang all examinations! I do not worry about mine. What is the use of them, any way?

Swarup : Well, you can't get a degree if you don't pass the examination; and I have set my heart on being a graduate.

Jack : And pray what good will graduation do you? You may get a clerkship in a government office; but that's all, and there are hundreds of fellows who have got their degrees, and are no nearer getting jobs of any sort.

Swarup : That may be so; but I am not studying so much to pass my examination and obtain my degree, as to store my mind with knowledge and develop my intellectual faculties.

Answer :

Jack greeted Swarup, who was busy in his usual swatting and asked him to shut his old books and have a game of tennis. Swarup declined his offer, saying exams were drawing near and he wanted every hour he could get for study as he had set his heart on being a graduate. But Jack dismissed all his concerns and questioned the value of exams and graduation, stating there were hundreds of fellows who had gotten their degrees but were no nearer getting jobs of any sort. Swarup answered that he was not studying to obtain any degree but to store his mind with knowledge and develop his intellectual faculties.