

## Précis 45: PMS Punjab 2015

Q.2:

Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title. Despite the existence of much poverty and inequality, it would nevertheless be wrong to portray Pakistan as an unchanging society. Despite major failings of governance, economic growth during the past decade has resulted in the emergence of a youthful and dynamic middle class. (According to some assessments there are now as many as 35 million people with a per capita income of upto \$ 1900.) There is no monolithic middle stratum of society; it is differentiated by occupation income family antecedents, language and gender. The middle class contain both modernist and traditionalist elements and is as a result not necessarily more westernized in outlook and lifestyle than the urbanized younger generation drawn from the feudal elite. Indeed, one of the most striking developments of the past decade has been the spread of the orthodox thinking among the youth. Perhaps the most unifying element of the middle class is consumerism as seen in the surge in the sales of cars, televisions and mobile phones. One in two Pakistanis is a mobile phone subscriber, one of the highest rates in the region. In addition to expenditure on electronic durables, the middle classes have establishments and privately run polyclinics which have become a marked feature of the urban landscape. (According to one estimate, around three quarters of all the health care is provided by the private sector.)

## Emergence of dynamic Middle class

Even though the country Pakistan is unstable economically, politically, and socially, it has developed in the form of emerging healthy middle class society. which can be identified by its profession, earning, family, language, and gender. This middle class contains both modern and traditional features as they have seen with orthodox ideology and consumerism elements. Further, according to some survey, this emerging middle class is so technologically developed that it is surviving private polyclinics and healthcare to public.

words in Passage = 235

words in Precis = 77

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36 min.

Words	Intimidating	Peril	Dwindle	Repel	Barb
Meanings	Formidable	Pitfall	Wane	Fend off	Jibes

### Comprehension 8: CSS 2015 ✓

**Q:** Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below:

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Experience has quite definitely shown that some reasons for holding a belief are much more likely to be justified by the event than others. It might naturally be supposed, for instance, that the best of all reasons for a belief was a strong conviction of certainty accompanying the belief. Experience, however, shows that this is not so, and that as a matter of fact, conviction by itself is more likely to mislead than it is to guarantee truth. On the other hand, lack of assurance and persistent hesitation to come to any belief whatever are an equally poor guarantee that the few beliefs which are arrived at are sound. Experience also shows that assertion, however long continued, although it is unfortunately with many people an effective enough means of inducing belief, is not in any way a ground for holding it.

The method which has proved effective, as a matter of actual fact, in providing a firm

② foundation for belief wherever it has been capable of application, is what is usually called the scientific method. I firmly believe that the scientific method, although slow and never claiming to lead to complete truth, is the only method which in the long run will give satisfactory foundations for beliefs. It consists in demanding facts as the only basis for conclusions, and in consistently and continuously testing any conclusions which may have been reached, against the test of new facts and, wherever possible, by the crucial test of experiment. It consists also in full publication of the evidence on which conclusions are based, so that other workers may be assisted in new researchers, or enabled to develop their own interpretations and arrive at possibly very different conclusions.

③ There are, however, all sorts of occasions on which the scientific method is not applicable. That method involves slow testing, frequent suspension of judgment, restricted conclusions. The exigencies of everyday life, on the other hand, often make it necessary to act on a hasty balancing of admittedly incomplete evidence, to take immediate action, and to draw conclusions in advance of the evidence. It is also true that such action will always be necessary, and necessary in respect of ever larger issues; and this in spite of the fact that one of the most important trends of civilization is to remove sphere after sphere of life out of the domain of such intuitive judgment into the domain of rigid calculation based on science. It is here that belief plays its most important role. When we cannot be certain, we must proceed in part by faith—faith not only in the validity of our own capacity of making judgments, but also in the existence of certain other realities, pre-eminently moral and spiritual realities. It has been said that faith consists in acting always on the nobler hypothesis; and though this definition is a trifle rhetorical, it embodies a seed of real truth.

### Questions:

(4 marks each)

1. Give the meaning of the underlined phrases as they are used in the passage?
2. What justification does the author claim for his belief in the scientific method?
3. Do you gather from the passage that conclusions reached by the scientific method should be considered final? Give reasons for your answer?
4. In what circumstances, according to the author, is it necessary to abandon the scientific method?
5. How does the basis of "intuitive judgment" differ from that of scientific decision?

## Comprehension 2015.

### Question No.1

1. Justified by the event.

Justified by the event means that some reasons to have a belief are more valuable because they are attached with some particular event.

2. An effective enough means of inducing belief  
The phrase means that teaching someone to accept a set of beliefs without questioning is considered an effective way to induce certain belief.

3. Trends of civilization

This phrase means that different aspects of civilization separate intuitive judgement from scientific decisions.

4. The master hypothesis.

The phrase master hypothesis means that it is the faith that holds the reality.

### Question No.2

The author justifies his belief in scientific method because scientific methods provide satisfaction on beliefs, demands facts, continuously

testing, draw conclusions, and allow everyone to interpret in their own way to challenge the conclusion.

### Question No.3

No, the conclusions reached by the scientific method should not be considered final. As scientific method requires consistency and continuously testing of conclusions this make it questionable. Thus scientific truth are liable to change.

### Question No.4

According to the author, it is necessary to abandon the scientific method which involves daily life activities and where immediate actions are required which do not need scientific calculations.

### Question No.5

The basis of intuitive judgement is differ from that of scientific decision in a way that the intuitive judgement is

based on belief system and scientific method is based on calculations. The intuitive judgement deals with supernatural beings and their understanding, however, scientific methods deal with worldly phenomena and how they work.

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