

**FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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ENGLISH (Précis and Composition)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS MAXIMUM MARKS:100

1. Make a Précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: 25

Climate influences labour not only by enervating the labourer or by invigorating him, but also by the effect it produces on the regularity of his habits. Thus we find that no people living in a very northern latitude have ever possessed that steady and unflinching industry for which the inhabitants of temperate regions are remarkable. In the more northern countries the severity of the weather, and, at some seasons, the deficiency of light, render it impossible for the people to continue their usual out-of-door employments. The result is that the working classes, being compelled to cease from their ordinary pursuits, are rendered more prone to desultory habits, the chain of their industry is, as it were, broken, and they lose that impetus which long-continued and uninterrupted practice never fails to give. Hence there arises a national character more fitful and capricious than that possessed by a people whose climate permits the regular exercise of their ordinary industry. Indeed so powerful is this principle that we perceive its operations even under the most opposite circumstances. It would be difficult to conceive a greater difference in government, laws, religion, and manners, than that which distinguishes Sweden and Norway, on the one hand, from Spain and Portugal on the other. But these four countries have one great point in common. In all of them continued agricultural industry is impracticable. In the two Southern countries labour is interrupted by the dryness of the weather and by the consequent state of the soil. In the northern countries the same effect is produced by the severity of the winter and the shortness of the days. The consequence is that these four nations, though so different in other respects, are all remarkable for a certain instability and fickleness of character.

Effects of the climate on Labors

there is no sense of this sentence

Labors ~~impacts~~ by serve climate which
~~disturb~~ their ^{whos?} regular activities. ~~Everyone~~
has faced the ~~severity~~ of climate. In northern
latitude sun rays do not reach ~~on~~ earth in
winter) season and difficult for workers to
carry ~~on~~ their jobs. The work ~~is~~ closed for a short
term which interrupted weather. ~~They apprehend~~
~~the~~ situation. There is one common thing in
northern continent of impracticale of agriculture
due to summer's dry air and in winter severity
of weather. In the winter, Labors activities disturbed
due to short days and) severity of weather.
In bottom line, this northern continent is
different from other with respective of
~~serve~~ weather conditions.

main idea is picked but the
content has no coherence or any
clear meaning basic grammar is weak and there is issue of sentence structure
focus on punctuations rules
need improvement
not satisfactory 5/20

Total words : 285
Precis words : 97

Q.2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Strong section of industrials who still imagine that men can be mere ^{Threatening} machines and are at their best as machines if they are mere machines are already menacing what they call "useless" education. They deride the classics, and they are mildly contemptuous of history, philosophy, and English. They want our educational institutions, from the oldest universities to the youngest elementary schools, to concentrate on business or the things that are patently useful in business. Technical instruction is to be provided for adolescent artisans; book keeping and shorthand for prospective clerks; and the cleverest we are to set to "business methods", to modern languages (which can be used in correspondence with foreign firms), and to science (which can be applied to industry). French and German are the languages, not of Montaigne and Goethe, but of Schmidt Brothers, of Elberfeld and Dupont et Cie., of Lyons. Chemistry and Physics are not explorations into the physical constitution of the universe, but sources of new dyes, new electric light filaments, new means of making things which can be sold cheap and fast to the Nigerian and the Chinese. For Latin there is a limited field so long as the druggists insist on retaining it in their prescriptions. Greek has no apparent use at all, unless it be as a source of syllables for the hybrid names of patent medicines and metal polishes. The soul of man, the spiritual basis of civilization- what gibberish is that?

Double Talk

Passage

Q01: what kind of education does the writer deal with?

The writer deals with the classic education and emphasizes that man to get the ed classic education. (Business or technical education is are just for business purposes.)

Q02: what kind of education does the writer favour? How do you know?

there is no sense of this sentence

~~The writer favours the classic education because industrials are wanted to business education and against the classic education. They considered man as a machine, whose just needs to deal with machines and industry sectors.~~

Q03: where does the writer express most bitterly his feelings about the neglect of the classics?

The writer expresses his feelings about the negligence of the classic with respect to industrials thoughts. They wanted business education which just produced the clerks for industry sectors. There is no importance of classic education, which is important for spiritual soul of man.

Q4: Explain as carefully as you can the full significances of the last sentence?

✓ The writer is concerned for all the education basis on ~~the~~ technical, business ~~and~~ and classic education. Everyone has own importance as technical or business ~~education~~ is important for industry sectors, and while the classic education is essential for spiritual soul of human.

Q5: Explain the underlined words and phrases in the passage.

Industrials: Industrials considered ~~man~~ as ~~a~~ machines.

Useless: The term ~~useless~~ is used by the industrials for classic education.

Business method: Provide the education which produced ~~mere~~ the clerks.

Classic: Classic education are history, philosophy and English ~~which~~ are essential for human spiritual soul.

be clear and to the point

ans are not satisfactory

7.20

sentences convey incomplete meaning

need improvement