

## Title : Laziness: A blessing in disguise

All the problems in the world are caused by ~~laziness~~ <sup>activeness</sup>, which is an attribute of the devil. The world is in chaos not due to laziness but activeness. The focus of world's energy is misdirected. If in July 1914 the top brass had decided to do nothing, the world would have been a better place. Similarly, if our leaders had gone for a vacation instead of Versailles, the world would be in better shape. Even now, if European leaders understand the importance of sitting idle, the world can benefit. Moreover, if clergy focus on their mental health instead of going to petty conferences, they can benefit immensely.

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Total = 438.

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ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I (MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)  
PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

- NOTE: (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.  
(ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.  
(iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.  
(iv) Candidate must write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.  
(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.  
(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.

### PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title:

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All the evils in this world are brought about by the persons who are always up and doing, but do not know when they ought to be up nor what they ought to be doing. The devil, I take it, is still the busiest creature in the universe, and I can quite imagine him denouncing laziness and becoming angry at the smallest waste of time. In his kingdom, I will wager, nobody is allowed to do nothing, not even for a single afternoon. The world, we all freely admit, is in a muddle but I for one do not think that it is laziness that has brought it to such a pass. It is not the active virtues that it lacks but the passive ones; it is capable of anything but kindness and a little steady thought. There is still plenty of energy in the world (there never were more fussy people about), but most of it is simply misdirected. If, for example, in July 1914, had been suddenly smitten with an intense desire to do nothing, just to hang about in the sunshine and consume tobacco, then we should all have been much better off than we are now. But no, the doctrine of the strenuous life still went unchallenged, there must be no time wasted; something must be done. Again, suppose our statesmen, instead of rushing off to Versailles with a bundle of ill-digested notions and great deal of energy to dissipate had all taken a fortnight off, away from all correspondence and interviews and what not, and had simply lounged about on some hillside or other apparently doing nothing for the first time in their energetic lives, then they might have gone to their so-called peace conference and come away again with their reputations still unsoiled and the affairs of the world in good trim. Even at the present time, if half of the politicians in Europe would relinquish the notion that laziness is crime and go away and do nothing for a little space, we should certainly gain by it. Other examples come crowding into mind. Thus, every now and then, certain religious sects hold conferences; but though there are evils abroad that are mountains high, though the fate of civilization is still doubtful, the members who attend these conferences spend their time condemning the length of ladies' skirts and the noisiness of dance bands. They would all be better employed lying flat on their backs somewhere, staring at the sky and recovering their mental health.

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## Qualities of a Great General. 07

### Age is just a number.

Bravery is an inevitable trait for military commanders; also praised by writers like Voltaire. It was considered a reason for Joffrey's success in wars. Although, health is equally important, but ~~the~~ ~~are~~ ~~a~~ healthy and coward commander is never preferred. Commander's age is another question of debate. What Napoleon, Alexander and Wolfe etc. achieved at young age, was achieved by Caesar and Cromwell past the age of 40. Similarly, at age 61 and 63 Marlborough gained success by pushing Ne Plus Ultra lines, and Turenne made his successful campaign. Moreover, Moltke earned his name at 66 and Robert at 67, by defeating Boer Army and capturing Bloemfontein and Pretoria; Foch was still energetic at 67. Undoubtedly, every age comes with its own baggage. If the youth have passion and desire, the elderly also have wisdom to face difficult situations. But it is true, that a good young commander has no parallel, and lowering the age of induction is a positive development.

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Total words = 528

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## Translation:

Thousands of Pakistani youth belongs to generation Z. They are the generation that was born after 2000, and today they are of almost 23 or 24 years of age. Globally, they are considered physically weak and mentally ill. Their upbringing age was marked as the most technological age. They were raised with technology. Their access is limited to Mobile Phones, Tablet, TV, channels and social media. They were not brought up by ~~elders~~<sup>elders</sup>, but social media. & Everywhere this generation is faced with the same issue of less patience and more anger. They are physically weak and fragile. Historically, they are ~~the~~ also the generation that ~~are~~ is taking the most time in becoming independent.

## Comprehension:

- 1) According to author there are number of ways in which we complicate our lives. Instead of using technology ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> our benefit, we end up making our ~~life~~ <sup>lives</sup> complex with it. Indeed, machines makes our life easier but it is unsuccessful in relieving us from depression and anxiety. Hence, technology and machines reliance complicate our lives.
- 2) According to the author we cannot go back in time but we can utilize our ancestors wisdom in five areas. Firstly, we should ensure that our communication is simpler and shun the ambiguity. Secondly, we should teach patience and perseverance to our children. Thirdly, we should abandon the <sup>unhealthy</sup> competition among students. Fourthly, we should honour and reward those who helps in noise abatement, instead of noise makers. Lastly, we should invest in ourselves to become more adaptable to ever changing circumstances.
- 3) The new Tower of Babel refers to the <sup>introduction</sup> ~~creation~~ of complex and lengthy words in simple communication. According to the author, simple communication should be ensured and preserved. Although, English language has a rich history, but it often leads to miscommunication. According to him, the architects of the tower are Americans.
- 4) According to the author, tension is the defining factor of 20<sup>th</sup> century misery. It is time for the our children to relax, which the psychologists and sociologists have been advising us. Contrary to their advise, we should make our peace with the fact that parents often hides their worries. In a long run, it is not that

dangerous as we are told.

5- The writer asserts that we should exercise our reasoning powers and measure of choice on our independence. According to him, change is permanent. Earlier societies had their own problems, but the rate of change was slow; giving them more time for adaptation. While today, the world is evolving on a faster pace. Hence, we should reflect on our mental faculty before making a choice.

### Correction of sentences:

- 1- He had hardly reached the station, when it began to rain.
- 2- While standing in line, the thunder was heard.
- 3- Before the police arrived, we had left.
- 4- I am preparing for css exams from last October.
- 5- If only I could go back in time.
- 6- My mother forbade me from smoking.
- 7- Children dream of becoming famous one day.
- 8- Our country's culture is richer than the world.

### Prepositions

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| 1- at | 2- on   | 3- in | 4- them | 5- in |
| 6- On | 7- into | 8- by |         |       |

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## Punctuation:

Robert Whiting, an early US gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by Plane at French Customs. He took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on; "You have been to France before", Monsieur the Customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible! Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France"; sneered the custom officer. The American senior gave the freshman a long, hard look; then, he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach, at 4:40 am, on D-Day in 1944, to help liberate your country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to." You could have head a pin drop!

## Direct - Indirect:

Hassan Ali Gondal while greeting asked Shahab, that when his Essay <sup>book would</sup> be ready? Shahab replied, that he believed by the end of November. Hassan Ali Gondal again asked, him about ~~the~~ his deal and told him that the competitive exams market was already full of essay stuff. On further inquiring about his book's speciality. by Hassan, Shahab replied that he only spoke about the international standards followed in essay writing that he was taught at Christ Church University during his one year teachers training course; He further said that his books followed the same standards. Moreover, he said that his book included different practice activities, rather than

ready-made content for cramming.

Then, Hassan Ali Gondal said that if it was so, it would clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.