

Q.3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Use your own language. (20)

The civilization of China - as every one knows, is based upon the teaching of Confucius who flourished five hundred years before Christ. Like the Greeks and Romans, he did not think of human society as naturally progressive; on the contrary, he believed that in remote antiquity rulers had been wise and the people had been happy to a degree which the degenerate present could admire but hardly achieve. This, of course, was a delusion. But the practical result was the Confucius, like other teachers of antiquity, aimed at creating a stable society, maintaining a certain level of excellence, but not always striving after new successes. In this he was more successful than any other man who ever lived. His personality has been stamped on Chinese Civilization from his day to our own. During his life time, the Chinese occupied only a small part of present day China, and were divided into a number of warring states. During the next three hundred years they established themselves throughout what is now China proper, and founded an empire exceeding in territory and population any other that existed until the last fifty years. In spite of barbarian invasions, and occasional longer or shorter periods of Chaos and Civil War, the Confucian system survived bringing with it art and literature and a civilised way of life. A system which has had this extra ordinary power of survival must have great merits, and certainly deserves our respect and consideration. It is not a religion, as we understand the word, because it is not associated with the super natural or with mystical beliefs. It is purely ethical system, but its ethics, unlike those of Christianity, are not too exalted for ordinary men to practise. In essence what Confucius teaches is something is very like the old-fashioned ideal of a 'gentleman' as it existed in the eighteenth century. One of his sayings will illustrate this: 'The true gentleman is never contentious.....he courteously salutes his opponents before taking up his position,.....so that even when competing he remains a true gentleman'. Questions:

- (1) Why do you think the author calls Confucius' belief about the progress of human society as a delusion? (04)
- (2) How did Confucius' thought affect China to develop into a stable and 'Proper' China? (04)
- (3) Why does the author think that Confucian system deserves respect and admiration? (04)
- (4) Why does the author call Confucian system a purely ethical system and not a religion? (04)
- (5) Briefly argue whether you agree or disagree to Confucius' ideal of a gentleman.

Answer Question No: 1

The author calls Confucius belief about the progress of human society as a delusion because he thinks that human ~~to~~ society do not progress naturally. The antiquity rulers and people were wise; They created a stable society and maintained a certain level of excellence in society.

Answer Question No: 02

Confucius' thought affected China to develop into a stable and proper China because Chinese ^{people} were divided into a number of warring states.

This thought helped ^{the} Chinese to unite into a single larger state and established a stable and bigger empire.

Answer Question No: 03

The author thinks that confucian system deserves respect and admiration because this system promotes love, art, and civilized way of living. It discourages civil war, chaos, and barbarian attacks.

So its followers live ^{their lives} ~~life~~ happily and peacefully.

e Answer Question No: 04

The author calls the Confucian system a purely ethical system and not a religion because it is based on ethics which do not compelled anyone to strictly follow these ethics. But the religion is based on super natural or ~~myth~~ mystical beliefs and stricts ~~these~~ ^{its} followers to follow its ethics blindly.

e Answer Question No: 05

Yes, I agree to Confucius' ideal of a gentleman because this system is based on love, peace, literature and art. It avoids war or other contention matters ~~he~~ ~~is~~ It courteously respects ~~his~~ ^{its} opponents before taking up any position. All these qualities are also possessed by a true gentleman.

Q1. Make a precis of the given passage and give a suitable heading:(20)

If then a practical end must be assigned to a University course, I say it is that of training good members of a society. Its aim is the art of social life, and its end is fitness for the world. It neither confines its views to particular professions on the one hand, nor creates heroes or inspires genius on the other. Works indeed of genius fall under no art; heroic minds come under no rule; a University is not a birthplace of poets or of immortal authors, of founders of schools, leaders of colonies, or conquerors of nations. It does not promise a generation of Aristotles or Newtons or Napoleons or Washingtons or Raphaels or Shakespeares though such miracles of nature it has before now contained within its precincts. Nor is it content on the other hand with forming the critic or the experimentalist, the economist or the engineer, through such too it includes within its scope. But a University training is the great ordinary means to a great ordinary end; it aims at raising the intellectual tone of society, at cultivating the public mind, at purifying the national taste, at supplying true principles to popular aspirations. It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them, it teaches him to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought, to detect what is sophistical and to - discard what is irrelevant. It prepares him to fill any post with credit, and to master any subject with facility. (John H. Newman)

Importance of University education along with practical

Practical must be included in university course to train the good members of the society. It is important for both social and professional life. Universities can not produce the genius and heroes in the society. But universities are a good means ~~of~~ to develop the skills and to train ^{the} society members. Their content can not make someone professional but it can help him to excel in any subject. Universities develop national integration and enhance the critical skills of students. ^{Education} ~~Universities~~ gives a clear vision of life and guides ~~it~~ someone to achieve his goal. ~~They~~ ^{it} also enables a person to master any subject and get a suitable job.

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