

## 2008 Comprehension - Zaena Khushbakht

Q1) What are the chief characteristics of the modern political civilization?

The chief characteristics of the modern civilization are the way man is exploited and treated unfairly. In such a civilization, man is not provided an environment where his personality can be developed or shaped to make him an asset for the society. Thus, capitalism is an integral part of modern civilizations.

Q2) What are the possibilities of our faith which can be of advantage to the world?

The possibilities of our faith can help us create a world which does not thrive on capitalism and provides individual freedom. It offers many advantages to the world as it brings equality, impartiality, justice and compassion. It rejects the concept of social hierarchy by protecting rights of the weak and disapproving the supremacy of the rich. Our faith, thus, can make the world a better place based on peace and harmony.

Q3) What is the chief danger confronting the superb idealism of our faith?

The superb idealism of our faith needs to be liberated from the confinement of our medieval fancies. We are still living ~~as~~ as a captive of our ~~old thoughts~~ traditional thoughts and emotions. Too occupied with our old ways, we have failed to provide modern solutions for the economic, political and religious crisis in the current era. ~~So~~ It is important that we transform our outlook with fresh ideas so that the superb idealism of our faith can help us create a better world.



Q4) Why is the Indian Muslim in danger of coming to an unmanly compromise with the forces opposing him?

The lack of self-actualization makes the Indian Muslim susceptible to fall under the control of the oppressors. The India Muslim has been idle for so long that he has begun to accept his present status as it is. He puts in no efforts to improve himself or to explore different realms. He does not explore his inner self. Resultantly, he is not aware of the danger he might face if he does not transform himself into a modern man.

Q5) What is necessary for an achievement?

It is important to have firm faith and strength to be able to change one's condition. A man must have the vigour to step out from his comfort zone to transform himself into a better version and to liberate himself from the restraints of the past. Only then can a man stay determined to achieve his goals.

Q6) Explain the highlighted expressions in the passage?

- 1) Acquisitive economy → A capitalist economy where the weak are exploited and the rich or powerful enjoy the supremacy.
- 2) Undisciplined Individualism → A culture which promotes individual freedom without any restraints.
- 3) superb idealism → The belief in the perfection of faith
- 4) unmanly compromise → The act of cowardly bowing down towards the oppressors.
- 5) perpetual vacillation → It refers to the constant indecisiveness a person goes through when they don't have a firm faith.

Q7) Suggest an appropriate title to the passage?

Title: "Indian Muslims and their Internal Struggles"



## 2017 Comprehension - ZAEEMA KHUSHBAKHT

Q1) What has been lamented in the text?

Ans1) The ~~writer laments~~ fading interest of common men towards art has been lamented in the text. It is no longer practiced by the common people, but only a few artists or painters understand the true essence of art and ~~appreciate~~ appreciate its aesthetics. We do not realize how art isn't just an activity but an integral part of our lives.

Q2) What is the difference between an ordinary man and an artist?

The way a man perceives art is the only thing that differentiates him from an ordinary man. An artist always sees the beauty in everything regardless of how mediocre it is. because for ~~them~~<sup>him</sup>, it is only art that adds beauty or desire into anything. On the other hand, an ordinary man sees art merely as an activity or expression. He doesn't understand its relation with the universe and the <sup>inner</sup> satisfaction it provides. An artist incorporates the beauty of the universe in his work which an ordinary man rarely values.



(Q3) How can we make our lives beautiful and charming?

We can make our lives beautiful and charming if we begin to appreciate art. We need to learn to observe the aesthetics in every little thing around us. This will help us reflect that beauty into ourselves and our work. Also, it will provide us internal satisfaction and make our lives beautiful.

(Q4) What does the writer actually mean when he says, "Beauty is not an ornament to life?"

The writer in this statement implies that beauty is not something we can simply adorn. It is not just a mere decoration or ornament to life but it is a reflection of life itself. It is not a materialistic thing that we can buy or replace but it reveals itself in the nature of the universe.

(Q5) Do art and beauty affect our practical life and morals? Justify whether you agree or disagree.

I agree that art and beauty strongly affects our practical life and morals. It provides meaning and structure to our life. It helps us see the beauty in things we otherwise find mediocre. It allows us to express and communicate our thoughts and emotions better, hence, affecting our practical life.