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## TITLE: The Rise of Oracles in Ancient Greece

To resolve the mystery of life and overcome their fear, human beings tried to communicate with the divine powers that were believed to control their destinies and universe. In ancient Greece, the soothsayers performed the job of interpreting the signs from Gods. However, the signs were not sometimes clear, so the oracles became voice of Gods who delivered the message in verbal form during the state of ecstasy. Hence, the oracles were consulted for the prediction of prophecies. Consequently, different temples were reserved for oracles to communicate on behalf of Gods. Every diviner had a close relation with the God. One such was Appollo, the Greek God, who delivered the message of Zeus via its oracles at Delphi.

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## COMPREHENSION:

### Q#1

The concept of civil society refers to all the places where people gather to have conversations and follow common interests. Civil society exists where the people spend their leisure hours. Moreover, they also try to influence public opinion and policy.

### Q#2

Tolerance is the key for the better socialization. In a civil society, people of different ethnicities associate themselves on the basis of shared common interest. This fosters effective form of citizenship. But the difference of opinion exists as well. Therefore, for the sake of common interest, they tolerate differences and learn to maintain solidarity among the people.

### Q#3

'Social capital' refers to the individuals who develop a general sense of social trust and mutual obligation. It enables the society to work more efficiently. Hence protecting the shared common interests of the people and the society as a whole.

### Q#4

A civil society assumes the role of public stake holder, when their interests are undermined. The author illustrates this point by giving the example of a group that plays football in the park. The ill maintained and mismanaged situation if occurs at the park, will make the group concern. The group will hold campaigns to influence their local politicians and residents. Hence, serving the interest of the people.

## Q#5

if civil society becomes weaker, it will impact the people in the society. They will lose their interest in joining associations. Distancing themselves will cause distrust and less social connection. Thereby, the public inattention will augment the disfunction of political institutions.