

Poverty is conducive to building a higher civilization

### Précis 43: PMS Punjab 2019 ✓

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

There has existed throughout the history of mankind a strange, albeit, an ironic relationship between the past and the future. The people who just eulogize their past without critical analysis and seek to recreate a utopian past almost invariably do not succeed, while those who view the past realistically, comprehensively and critically are able to draw on the past in useful, meaningful and lasting ways. They learn lessons from the history and apply those lessons for better future. Such people have in their future, and they approach the past with seriousness and critical reverence. They study the past realistically, try to comprehend the values, aesthetics, and traits which invested an earlier civilization its grandeur or caused it to decline. They preserve its remains, and enshrine relevant and enriching images and events of the past in their memories both collectively and individually. They attempt to adopt the values and traits which led earlier people rise, and shun the reasons and mistakes that precipitated their downward journeys. In sharp contrast to them, people and governments with an uncertain sense of the future manifest deeply skewed and subjective relationships to their history. They eschew lived history, shut out its lessons, shun critical inquiries into the past, neglect its remains but, at the same time, invent their own imagined and to plan past-always shining, splendid and glorious. As a matter of fact, they are never able to benefit from their past. They study history, but learn nothing from history forecasts.

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History is a study of past which reflects the future. There are two kinds of people who study history: The one who just glorify their past without critical evaluation and face failure; Secondly, those who view their past in realistic sense to comprehend and evaluate it. Being keen observers, they judge success and failure by which their civilization flourished or declined. They adopt useful traits from the successful and shun the useless ones. Contrary to them, the other kind of people, who are not keen observers, manifest deeply skewed and subjective relationships to their history. They shun critical inquiries into the past, neglect its remains but, at the same time, invent their own imagined and to plan past-always shining, splendid and glorious. As a matter of fact, they are never able to benefit from their past. They study history, but learn nothing from history forecasts.



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# Take Lessons from History

History is all about comparing past and future. Those who rely on past ~~are~~ remain backward. But if people study us to get lessons from it, they will ~~be~~ <sup>succeed</sup> succeeded.

This second type of people examine history, ~~the~~ <sup>and</sup> mode of living <sup>of people</sup> and try to interpret the reasons of rise and decline of old cultures. ~~These second type~~

~~of people~~ <sup>They</sup> use good practices of old societies and get lessons from their mistakes. However, those people and states who try to approach history with Utopian approach do not learn lessons of history and thus face failure.

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