

Precis Practice

- ① He was hard up for money and was being pressured by his creditor.
He was in financial difficulties.
- ② They acted in a manner that rendered them liable to prosecution.
They acted illegally.
- ③ The account the witness gave of the incident moved everyone that heard it to laughter.
The witness's story was absurd.
- ④ His courage in the battle might without exaggeration be called lion-like.
He was very brave in the battle.
- ⑤ The England of our days is so strong and the Spain of our days is so feeble, that it is not possible, without some reflection and care, to comprehend the full extent of the peril which England had from the power and ambition of Spain in the 16th Century.

Spain was a powerful nation that posed a threat to England but the situation is reversed currently. This makes it difficult to appreciate the extent of the danger that England faced from Spain in fact without careful consideration.
