

COMPREHENSION EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 1

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer any TWO of the questions given at the end: (20)

Whoever starts a new diary does it, it is wise, in secret, for if it be known to his friends, that he keeps a punctual record of his doings and theirs, they will treat him with a reticence that may embarrass That is the first rule of diary keeping, but others, such as whether the diary should be regular, or irregular, are more disputable. It is, however, a fatal practice to attempt regularity in amount to aim, as some do, at style, or indeed, for any style at all. The advantage of the diary form is that it exempts its users from all ordinary rules, you may spell as you like, abbreviate, or wander into side tracks as and when it please you. Above all, you need preserve no sense of proportion or responsibility. A new hat may oust a new parliament, a new actress who amused you may without any complaints, sweep all the armies and potentates or Europe over you margin into nothingness and oblivion. Nobody's feelings have to be considered, no sense of a critical audience need force gaiety from odd of sadness or cast shadow on the spirits of puck. *جس*

Why then does not everyone keep a diary if it is so full of the delights of freedom and omnipotence? perhaps it is because we like to have an audience for what we say, and grow a little tired of entertaining our great grandchildren. Some aver that all diarists are vain, but it would appear, no the contrary, if they keep their secret and let none pry into their locked drawn, that they have an irrefutable claim to modesty. It is possible, of course, that they may be puffing themselves up, before the mirror of posterity, but that is such a remote and pardonable conceit particularly, if we remember that posterity is far more likely to mock than *جس*

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to admire that other turns over the blank pages of this year and wonders that other fingers will them someday need ashamed of his diarist's dream. (CSS 1985)

Questions:

1. What are your own impression about diary keeping? Write a short paragraph of about 100 words.
2. State in your own words why the writer thinks that a diary should be kept in secret.
3. Explain the underlined portions.

COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 2

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer any two of the Questions that follow in your own words: (20)

During the last few decades medicine has undoubtedly advanced by huge strides in consequence of innumerable discoveries and inventions. But have we actually become healthier as a result of this progress? Admittedly, tuberculosis or cholera is today a much rarer cause of death in many countries. On the other hand, various other no less dangerous diseases have appeared, which we term other "time diseases". They include not only certain impairments of the heart and circulatory system, of the skeletal structure and internal organs but also an increased psychic instability, the addiction to all manner of drugs etc. and state of nervous shock and exhaustion.

According to Bodamer, "Man's hysterical and vain attempt to overtax and do violence to his nature is..."

Comprehension Exercises:

From Book Hafiz Kaveem Dad

Read the following passage and answer questions given at the end.

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Q1. What are your own impression about diary keeping? Write a short paragraph of about 100 words.

Ans: Maintaining diary on the daily basis is very wise practice. We can write do's and don't's in our diary. One of the most important and useful advantage of maintaining diary is that it makes person's life more punctual. We can write all the important events that we want to recall. We can note down important events with dates and time. For example, In CSS ^{exams} preparation, we have to be very punctual and consistent with our studies schedule so diary can be helpful as Time table can be made and followed accordingly. Therefore, diary plays vital role and enhances the personality of person.

Q2. State in your own words why the writer thinks that a diary should be kept in secret?

Ans: The writer thinks diary should be kept in secret. Because first of all, the primary rule of having diary is to keep it in secret. Secondly, when friends become know/aware of that you are maintaining a diary they usually make fun of that person. Because its very odd news them to keep diary. It may feel you in embarrass sometimes. Lastly, Diary should be kept secret because it contains feelings and thoughts of your own beyond limits, one's emotions one's goals etc. If it becomes public people made judgments on that and that can hurt persons feeling very badly.

Q3: Explain underline portions.

(i) they will treat him with a reticence that may embarrass.

It means if diary become known to his friend they will treat him with silence or in some ignored way that way could make him feel embarrass.

(ii) no sense of ... of pucker

(iii) they may be puffing themselves up before the mirror of posterity.