

"Precis"

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.

Soln:

Today's England is very strong, while modern Spain is quite weak. Without careful consideration, it's hard to fully understand the extent of the danger England faced from Spain's power & ambitions in the 16th century.