

- iii. Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.  
iv. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.  
v. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.

## PART-II

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

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In an interview with Sheikh Rashid, the visionary founder of modern Dubai, he shared a profound reflection on the cyclical nature of societal development and the future of his country. His words, steeped in wisdom and foresight, offered a striking metaphor for the trajectory of civilizations: "My grandfather rode a camel, my father rode a camel, I drive a Mercedes, my son drives a Land Rover, and my grandson will drive a Land Rover, but my great-grandson will have to ride a camel again...Hard times create strong men, strong men create easy times. Easy times create weak men, weak men create hard times. Many won't understand, but we need to raise warriors, not parasites." This seemingly simple statement encapsulates a deep and complex understanding of historical and generational dynamics.

The transition from camels to luxury vehicles symbolizes the rapid development and modernization that Dubai has experienced under his leadership. Yet, the predicted return to camels for his great-grandson starkly warns of a potential regression. This cyclical pattern underscores the interplay between adversity and prosperity. In difficult times, individuals are compelled to develop resilience, resourcefulness, and strength—qualities that are essential for survival and progress. These "strong men," having overcome hardship, lay the groundwork for a period of ease and prosperity. However, as society becomes more comfortable and affluent, the urgency to cultivate these qualities diminishes. This comfort can lead to complacency, and over time, the attributes that once propelled society forward begin to wane. The "weak men" who emerge from these easy times are ill-equipped to handle adversity, thus setting the stage for the return of hard times.

His call to "raise warriors, not parasites" is a metaphorical appeal to cultivate resilience, strength, and a sense of responsibility in future generations. In this context, "warriors" are not merely those who are physically strong or combative, but individuals who possess the fortitude, ingenuity, and perseverance necessary to navigate and overcome challenges. Conversely, "parasites" symbolize those who rely on the efforts and achievements of others without contributing meaningfully themselves. Sheikh Rashid's vision emphasizes the importance of education and upbringing in shaping the future. By instilling values of hard work, perseverance, and self-reliance, societies can equip their members with the tools needed to sustain and build upon existing achievements. This proactive approach can help mitigate the risk of societal decline and ensure that periods of prosperity are not fleeting but sustained.

As Dubai continues to grow and evolve, it must balance its pursuit of innovation and luxury with a commitment to fostering resilience and adaptability among its people. This involves not only investing in infrastructure and technology but also in the human capital that will ultimately determine the city's long-term success. Sheikh Rashid's wisdom serves as a reminder that prosperity is not a guaranteed state, but one that requires constant effort, vigilance, and the nurturing of strong, capable individuals. By understanding and embracing this cyclical nature of history, societies can better prepare for the future, ensuring that the hard times that may come are met with strength and resilience, rather than weakness and decline.

**Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

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In a country touched with the fire of war, a five-year-old girl cringed with cold, checking her surroundings, her eyes squinting with fear. It was the winter of 1950 when the temperature dropped as low as

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adversity and Prosperity.

Sheikh Rashid, in his interviews <sup>talked</sup> talk  
about the transformation of <sup>D</sup> dubai  
from affliction to development, and  
<sup>predicted that</sup> soon it will again move ~~to~~ affliction.

During difficult time, man inculcates  
qualities that are essential to  
overcome the challenges. However, after  
the difficult time, the urge to  
develop these qualities erodes. As <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~  
result, the man <sup>becomes</sup> become weak, and  
he wouldn't be able to overcome the  
challenges. This lays the foundation

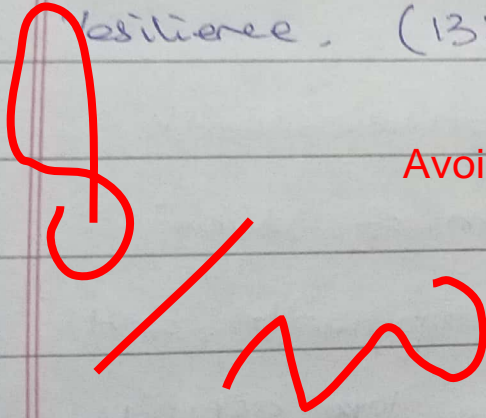
for difficult time. As per Sheikh,  
the man must be raised in such  
a way that <sup>he</sup> they can overcome  
challenges, instead of relying on the  
achievements of others. Also for contin-  
uous development in dubai, investment  
should be done in infrastructure and  
human capital. Lastly, it is



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important to understand the cyclic  
nature of life ✓ and challenges  
must be dealt with courage and  
resilience. (135 words)



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