

Q.2: Precis ...

Title: "The making or breaking of a society."

In this passage, the author emphasizes that it is important to build morality and teach human values to the people ^{of a society} rather than building sky-high walls, hoping these would save the nation eventually. The author seems to disagree with this conventional approach of the Chinese civilization. The Great Wall of China is all but a futile attempt at saving the nation. It is evident from the history of the Chinese civilization that it all comes down to the morals and values of the individuals of the society - that is actually the saviour. The author further emphasizes on importance of crediting and valuing the mothers, teachers and role models of the society, so as to prevent the destruction of the society as a whole. The author closes the passage with a thought-provoking question about the discrediting of these role models and how it would strip the younger ones of the basic 'HUMAN VALUES'. The author challenges ~~on~~ the idea of prioritizing the entertainers over the role models and how it sets the nation up for failure.

Q. 3:

① The role of the courts in society is determined by the execution and legislation of the laws and decisions, and most importantly by the expectations and hopes of the individuals from these courts. There is certainly a gap between the perceptions of the individuals and those of the judges. As there is an inherent division in the perception of the ~~publ~~ people and that of the judges themselves, the role of courts in society is constantly changing due to this division of perceptions.

② The changing conditions and conceptions influence the role of courts by creating a division in opinions of the public and the judiciary itself. These changing conditions and conceptions about the court might change the expectations of the public and might as well leave them with no expectations at all because of multiple controversial cases, where the judges failed to make the right decisions and remained oblivious to public sentiment.

③ The public might criticize the judiciary for their decisions ~~being~~ and proceedings being completely ~~inapt~~ ~~from~~ different from the popular public sentiment. ~~and~~ According to the text, the judges often seem to be insensitive about the popular public sentiments and ~~are~~ refuse to take those sentiments into consideration. Such emotional, social, ideological and political views always turn a case into a controversial subject that everyone talks about at their dinner table.

④ The academics typically describe the judiciary as being timid, unimaginative, inactive, impractical, and conservative at times. The academics have bestowed titles like "socially reactionary" and "the high priest of rigid stare decisis and the limited role for the judiciary" upon the judges.

⑤ Certain judicial rulings might backfire and become controversial because of the popular public sentiments. Though these sentiments cannot always be right, they certainly deserve to be considered and addressed in legal proceedings to value the public opinion, regardless of being right or wrong. The judiciary, however, seems to be completely insensitive towards the public sentiments and that further ignites the issue and it spreads like a wildfire, becoming a controversial subject everyone seems to talk about at the dinner table.

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Q.4 Correct any FIVE ...

- (ii) The movie was very interesting.
- (iv) She was cooking dinner while he was watching TV.
- (v) I had better called my parents to let them know I was running late.
- (vi) She speaks as though she is an expert on the subject.
- (iii) At the end of the fall come the hard tests.

Q.5: A. Punctuate the following:

A fast train raced along the border of the biggest cattle ranch in Montana. A passenger gazed at the huge herds and when the train finally passed the other boundary of the ranch, he turned to the man who was sitting beside him, and said, "What a huge herd of cattle! I counted 13,750 head!" The man was surprised, "That's amazing!", he answered. "I own that ranch and you're exactly right, I have exactly 13,750 head of cattle! How were you able to count them so fast?" "It was easy, I just counted their legs and divided by four."

Q.5. B: Rewrite the sentences.

- (i) He has great affection for his children.
- (ii) Would you like to attend to this dispute for him?
- (iii) She did not qualify herself in English.
- (iv) He prevented his younger brother from going to the cinema.
- (v) You should profit off his speech.
- (vi) You are not polite in your conduct towards me.
- (vii) Your principal will preside over the ^{annual} ~~annual~~ functions.
- (viii) We will have to answer for ~~our~~ our sins on the last day.

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Q.6. A :

① A passing fancy:

(i) Though her interests change every other month, but her liking for crime documentaries ~~does~~ ^{does} not ^{seem like} a passing fancy.

② The writing on the wall:

(ii) Israel's retaliation was the writing on the wall after the Hamas' attack on October 7th.

③ To drop in:

(iii) She was supposed to drop in for a brief visit.

④ elephant in the room:

(iv) The Palestine issue is as obvious as the elephant in the room but everyone seems to ignore it for their individual and collective interests.

⑤ to bring to book:

(v) She made sure to scold the young teens for breaking the glass window and warned them that she would bring to book the next time that happens.

Q.6. B:

Sarah asked Mark, "Have ~~you~~ ^{you} heard about the upcoming competitive exams?" "Yeah, I have", replied Mark. "I've been thinking about whether I should take them or not. Are they really that important?", he asked. "Absolutely!", replied Sarah. She further emphasized on her point, "Competitive exams play a crucial role in shaping our future". "They not only test our knowledge but also our problem-solving skills, time management, and ability to handle pressure", she added. Mark agreed, "Hmm, I never thought about it that way".

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But aren't they too stressful? I'm worried about how I'll perform under such pressure", he added. Sarah agreed and told Mark, "It's natural to feel stressed, but think of it as a challenge to overcome. Competitive exams push us to strive for excellence and bring out the best in us." "Plus, the sense of achievement you'll feel after clearing them is unmatched", she added. "That's true", Mark agreed. "I guess they do offer a great opportunity to showcase our abilities and stand out among our peers", he said. Mark felt encouraged as he ~~told~~ ^{thanked} Sarah "Thanks for helping me understand the importance of competitive exams, Sarah." "I'll give it my best shot!", he exclaimed enthusiastically.

Q.7: Translate:

A violinist played a tune for ~~the~~ 45 minutes in the New York subway. A handful of people stopped, a couple clapped, and the violin player ~~collected~~ made ~~about~~ 30 dollars approximately. No one seemed to know that the violin player was actually Joshua Bell, who is one of the best musicians of the world. In this subway, Joshua, with his 3.5 million dollar violin, played one of the ~~most~~ hardest tunes written for this violin. Two days prior to the subway incident, Joshua Bell had performed in Boston and had earned thousands of dollars. It is evident from this experiment that the extra-ordinary things do not spark and become prominent in an ordinary setting and oftentimes, it is overlooked and given lesser importance. Such wonderful and talented people exist everywhere, who never get the name/identity that they rightfully

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deserve. That is why, one should go where they are
praised and valued.