

Q2.

Precis

The evils of the world are brought about by people who cannot just do nothing. The world is a mess but not due to the absence of active virtues but rather passive ones like kindness. If the leaders of the world become comfortable with the idea of lounging about, some great crisis could have been avoided such as the WWI and Treaty of Versailles. But the concept of not wasting any time in life makes this impossible. If the politicians of Europe would do away with the notion of laziness being a crime, then the world would benefit. Similarly, the religious sects who are focused on the length of skirts and noise of bands would lay on their backs for a while and relax, they would benefit greatly.



Q3.

Comprehension

Q1. What has been lamented in the text?

The text laments the loss and devaluation of beauty in every day life and forgetting of beauty as an essential spiritual desire.

Q2. Difference between the ordinary man and the 'artist'?

The artist is keenly aware of the beauty in the universe that he attempts to impart the same beauty in his creations to satisfy his soul. But the ordinary man does not value beauty, he does not recognize it nor its absence in the work of others.

Q3. How to make life beautiful and charming?

Man should begin to value and recognise beauty around him and in the work of others. He must demand beauty and exercise the aesthetic activity inherent in his soul.

Q4. "Beauty is not an ornament to life."

The author means that beauty is not a supplementary aspect but rather an essential part of life. The aesthetic activity from which it is derived satisfies man's spiritual desire and shapes objects the way morals shape actions.

Q5. Art and beauty effects on life and morals. Agree or disagree.

Art and beauty shape objects the way morals shape actions. They satisfy the innate desire of the spirit for aesthetic activity. It opens our eyes to observing it in the universe and the work of others. In my opinion, I agree that art and beauty have an affect on our life.

Q4.

Sentence Correction

(ii) The people who had been raising slogans against the government for many hours they wanted increase in their salaries

The people, who had been raising slogans against the government for many hours, wanted an increase in their salaries.

(iii) You have been working very hard for the last two years. Isn't it?

You have been working very hard for the last two years. Haven't you?

(vi) He not only comes there for swimming but also for coaching new swimmers.

He not only ~~comes~~ goes to swim but also to coach new swimmers

(iv) John could hardly do no better than to have caught a bass of such dimensions

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(v) I who have no chance to meet him would rather go with you instead of sitting at home.

I, who have no chance to meet him, would rather go with you than sit at home.



Q4. (b)

Fill in the Blanks

(i) I cannot buy this car for this price.

(ii) Send these books to my home address.

(iv) I said it to his face.

(vi) Most foreign students don't like American coffee, and neither do I.

(vii) We ought to take care of our parents when they are old.



Q5 (a)

Analogies

(i) Lion : Roar

Goat : Bleat

(ii) Shadow : Light

Reaction : Action

(iii) Clot : Blood

Curdle : Milk

(iv) Fearful : Cower

Arrogant : Strut

(v) Wood : Furniture

Stone : Sculpture



Q 5. (b)

Punctuation

A Quaker was one day walking on a country road. He was suddenly met by a highwayman. Pointing a pistol, the man exclaimed, "Your money or your life!"

"My friend," said the Quaker, "I cannot deliver my money for I should be helping thee in evildoing. However, exchange is lawful and I will give thee my purse for the pistol." The robber agreed on receiving the purse. The Quaker, at once, held the pistol at the robber's head and said, "Now friend, my purse back or the weapon may go off!" ~~Fire~~ "Fire," said the robber, "There is no powder in the pistol."



Q 6. (a)

Pair of Words

(ii) Veracity, Voracity

My mother had told me to always remain honest and I channeled that teaching into my speeches, which were characterised by their bravery and veracity.

My coworker was such "a glutton. He ate with such voracity. you would think he had not had a proper meal in days.

(iv) Retenue, Retinue

My sister has a great ability in controlling herself. Her retenue in even the most ridiculous of circumstances is admirable.

The CEO received a lot of protocol whenever he ~~is~~ visited our office. As such, he was always accompanied by a retinue of senior managers.

(vii) Dinghy, dingy

The migrants left Libya's shore in a small and unreliable dinghy, hoping to reach Italy to start a new life.

The dingy houses in the slums are dangerous and unstable, I suspect many are destroyed during storms and rebuilt soon after.

(viii) Bony, Bonny

I think my friend was not eating well due to his weak and bony appearance.

I think she looked very bonny after her long and restful vacation.

(i) Wrath, Wroth

I have always been fearful of the wrath of my general. He is known to become so angry that it appears as if he is about to burst.

The woman was wroth to see the cleaner that she had hired, sneakily reaching into her jewellery box on her dresser.



Q6. (b)

Idioms

(iv) Ring a bell

Although I had told my friend I had forgotten all about last semester's drama; when she began to show some pictures, it did ring a bell.

(viii) Over the moon

As the townsfolk gathered in the square to hear the latest address by the President, they were over the moon just when he announced that a ceasefire would be established soon.

(vii) Hold out a carrot

The police officer knew the gardner would not tell him if he saw anyone leaving.

house until he held out a carrot, so he reached into his pocket, pulled out some money and promised to exchange it for some information.

(iii) Eager Beaver

She was so glad to have landed the job at the Forensics department that she even did overtime with no complaints. She was such an eager beaver that her enthusiasm was rubbing off on her coworkers.

(iv) Be left holding the baby

The US's rushed withdrawal from Afghanistan left Pakistan holding the baby as the Taliban quickly reorganised.

Q7

Translation

To know one's hidden flaws, it is necessary to observe what your enemies are calling you. Our friends, often for the sake of our hearts, praise us. Although mostly, our flaws are not flaws to them or ~~for our sake~~ they are also concerned for us that they hide them to not make them draw attention to them. Or perhaps, they avert their eyes. In contrast, our enemies often taunt us and search every hook and cranny to ~~show~~ ^{find} our flaws; although the enmity makes the small things appear big. But there is still some truth to it. A friend often overplays our virtues and an enemy, our flaws. Therefore, we should be more grateful to our enemies, that they bring our attention to our flaws. In this case, an enemy might even be better than a friend.