

Mock Test Series Batch-1(Online)
CSS-2024 (Jan 2024)
English Précis & Composition Test-1
Total Marks: 50

Test-1

Q.1. Make a precis of the following passage; also suggest a suitable title. (15+5 = 20)

I do not think there is anything deserving the name of society to be found out of London and that for the following reason. London is the only place in which each individual in company, is treated according to his value in company, and to that only. In every other part of the Kingdom, he carries another character about with him, which supersedes the intellectual or social one. It is known in Manchester or Liverpool what every man in the room is worth in land or money, what are his connections and prospects in life—and this gives a character of servility or arrogance, of mercenariness or impertinence to the whole of provisional intercourse. You laugh not in proportion to a man's wit but his wealth. You have to consider not what, but whom you contradict. You speak by the pound and are heard by the rood. In the metropolis there is neither time nor inclinations for these remote calculations.

Every man depends on the quantity of sense, wit or good manners he brings into society for the reception he meets with, in it. A member of the parliament soon finds his level as a commoner. The merchant and manufacturer cannot bring his goods to market here: the great landed proprietor shrinks from being the lord of acres into a pleasant companion or a dull fellow. When a visitor enters or leaves a room it is not enquired whether he is rich or poor, whether he lives in a garret or a palace or comes in his own or a hackney coach, but whether he has a good expression of countenance, with an unaffected manner, and whether he is a man of understanding or a blockhead. These are the circumstances by which you make a favorable impression on the company, and by which they estimate you in the abstract. In the country, they consider whether you have a vote at the next election or a place in your gift, and measure the capacity of others to instruct or entertain them by the strength of their pockets and their credit with their banker. Personal merit is at prodigious discount in the provinces. I like the country very well, if I want to enjoy my own company, but London is the only place for equal society, or where a man can say a good thing or express an honest opinion without subjecting himself to being insulted, unless he first lays his purse on the table to back his pretensions to talent or independence of spirit.

Precis Writing

Passage: ---

Precis:

Wealth and The Society

According to the author, London is not a deserving society. London is the place where individuals in a company are treated according to their wealth. In every other part of kingdom, they have opposite character. In Manchester and Liverpool it is known that the character and importance of an individual in provisional intercourse is decided by his wealth. The reason of ^{year} interaction with them is wealth. Every man has some good manners that he adds up in society. A person is not enquired for his wealth. Rather, for his good manners. In the country, they consider ^{value} you if you have the vote in the next election or having pockets full of money. Merit is losing its ground.

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Original words count: 420

Precis words count: 139.
