

PRÉCIS

Central Superior Services Examination (CSS) 1987

Passage.

The incomparable gift of brain, with its truly amazing powers of abstraction, has rendered obsolete the slow and sometimes clumsy mechanisms utilized by evolution so far. Thanks to the brain alone, man, in the course of three generations only, has conquered the realm of air, while it took hundreds of thousands of years for animals to achieve the same result through the process of evolution. Thanks to the brain alone, the range of our sensory organs has been increased a million fold, far beyond the wildest dreams, we have brought the moon within thirty miles of us, we see the infinitely small and see the infinitely remote, we hear the inaudible, and we have dwarfed distance and killed physical time. We have succeeded in understanding them thoroughly. We have put to shame the tedious and time consuming methods of trial and error used by Nature, because Nature has finally succeeded in producing its masterpieces in the shape of the human brain. But the great laws of evolution are still active, even though adaptation has lost its importance as far as we are concerned. We are now responsible for the progress of evolution. We are free to destroy ourselves if we misunderstand the meaning and the purpose of our victories. And we are free to forge ahead, to prolong evolution, to cooperate with God if we perceive the meaning of it all, if we realize that it can only be achieved through a whole-hearted effort toward moral and spiritual development. Our freedom, of which we may be justly proud, affords us the proof that we represent the spearhead of evolution: but it is up to us to demonstrate, by the way in which we use it, whether we are ready yet to assume the tremendous responsibility which has befallen us almost suddenly.

Sensory abilities: Understanding Process of Evolution

sentence makes no sense

Brain has power of abstracting things which vanishes the awkward mechanism of understanding things. as compared to animals. Our sensory organs have ability to sense things very fast. It depends upon our sensory stimuli, how rapidly we understand the process of evolution. Laws of nature are time consuming but, when we are spiritually developed, they are easy to understand. When we are fully prepared ourselves to understand evolution, things will become easier.

Total words = $\frac{73}{280}$

words in main passage 280
words in precis 73

Remarks by Examiner

In main précis

	Yes	No
1. Main idea is picked	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Main aspect(s) of an idea is/are covered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Written in student's own language structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Cohesion/rhythm/orgnization needs improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Spelling(s) mistakes are found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Need for improvement in grammar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is length per Requirement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

In Title

	Yes	No
1. Title matches with précis/main idea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Language of title is weak/incorrect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Length of title as per standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Marks

Main Précis: 2 / 15

Title: 3 / 5

Remarks

dear student write short sentence with clear meaning
sentences too long
be precis and to the point

sentences should be coherent and clear
over all need improvement

5/20

at a time only one q is assessed
resubmit the rest

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One of the fundamental facts about words is that the most useful ones in our language have many meanings. That is partly why they are so useful: they work overtime... Think of -all the various things we mean by the word "foot" on different occasion: one of the lower extremities of the human body, a measure of verse, the ground about a town twelve inches, - the floor in front of the stairs. The same is true of nearly every common noun or verb... considering the number of ways of taking a particular word, the task of speaking clearly and being understood would seem pretty hopeless if it were not for another very important fact about language. Though a word may have many senses, these senses can be controlled, up to a point, by the context in which the word is used. When we find the word in a particular verbal setting -we can usually decide quite definitely which of the many senses of the word relevant. If a poet says his verse has feet, it doesn't occur to you that he could mean it's a yard long or is three legged (unless perhaps you are a critic planning to puncture the poet with a pun about his "lumpy verse"). The context rules out these maverick senses quite decisively.

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Facts about words

Words when use in any language have multiple meanings. The same word can be used on different occasions.

A word may have many senses depending upon context. It is important to

understand the context of a word. It can be different in verbal settings, and may give different meaning when used as noun.

Total words = 50/195