

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

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In the heart of bustling cities, urban green spaces stand as oases of tranquility, providing respite from the hustle and bustle. Parks, adorned with vibrant flora, become havens for relaxation and recreation. The greenery offers a sanctuary for diverse wildlife, creating a delicate balance between urban development and environmental preservation. Beyond their aesthetic appeal, city parks play a crucial role in fostering community bonds. Families gather for picnics, friends engage in sports, and individuals find solace amidst nature's embrace. These communal spaces serve as venues for cultural events, open-air concerts, and art installations, enriching the urban experience. The benefits of urban green spaces extend beyond leisure. They contribute to improved air quality, mitigate the urban heat island effect, and promote overall well-being. Access to nature within city limits becomes a vital aspect of mental health, offering a refuge for introspection and rejuvenation. However, the challenge lies in balancing the increasing urbanization with the preservation of green spaces. Sustainable urban planning becomes imperative to ensure the coexistence of concrete jungles and natural havens. Efforts to create and maintain parks, tree-lined avenues, and green rooftops become integral components of shaping cities that prioritize both human and environmental health. As cities evolve, the preservation and enhancement of urban green spaces become a shared responsibility. The vision is to cultivate urban landscapes that seamlessly integrate nature into the tapestry of city life, fostering a sustainable and harmonious cohabitation between human progress and the environment.

Q. 3. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks.

City Parks : Its Importance

Green spaces in the cities act as a best source for recreation, and its diverse wildlife balances the urban development's side effects. These parks keep the community engaging and promote art and culture as well, as events are organised in these spaces. Moreover, these greeneries improve the environment, and provide mental peace. However, effective urban planning is mandatory to balance nature and urban life. Ensuring sustainable greenery in the cities is a shared responsibility to preserve environment in these modern times.

Total Words in the Passage : 241

Total Words in Precis : 81

- ✓(iii) Elicit, Illicit
✓(v) Taut, Taught
(vii) Rheum, Room

- (iv) real, reel
(vi) Faint, Feint
(viii) Wreak, Reek

Q. 7. Translate the following into English by keeping in view figurative/idiomatic expressions. (10)

جب فلسطین کا خود ساختہ تنازعہ تصفیہ کیلئے اقوام متحدہ کے روبرو پیش ہوا تو اس نمائندہ عالمی ادارے نے فلسطینی عوام کے حق خود ارادیت کو تسلیم کرتے ہوئے ان مسائل کے حل کا فارمولا بھی خود طے کیا تنازعہ فلسطین کا دوریاستی حل تجویز کیا گیا مگر اس کیلئے منظور ہونیوالی اقوام متحدہ کی قراردادوں پر گزشتہ سات دہائیوں میں عملدرآمد کی نوبت ہی نہیں آنے دی گئی۔ اسکے برعکس امریکہ کی ایماہ پر اسرائیلی فوجیں آج کے دن تک نیبے اور بے گناہ معصوم فلسطینیوں کے خون سے ہولی کھیل رہی ہیں اور غزہ کا علاقہ گزشتہ اڑھائی ماہ سے جاری جنگ میں مکمل طور پر برباد ہو چکا ہے۔ اس جنگ میں امریکی کمک کے ساتھ اسرائیلی فوجوں نے 20 ہزار سے زائد فلسطینیوں بشمول خواتین اور بچوں کو بے دردی سے شہید کیا ہے اور زندہ بچ جانے والے انسانوں کیلئے کوئی ٹھکانہ محفوظ نہیں رہنے دیا جو اب خوراک اور ادویات کی کمیابی کے باعث بھی زندگی سے ہاتھ دھور رہے ہیں

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When the so-called Palestinian conflict was presented before the United Nations for settlement, this representative international institution accepted the right of the self-rule of the Palestinian people, and itself proposed a formula for its solution. Two-state solution was proposed for this dispute. However, no heed has been felt for the last seven decades to comply to the United Nations' adopted resolutions. On the contrary, Israeli Army, with the support of America, in the bloodshed of the unarmed, innocent Palestinians; and the land of Gaza is completely destroyed in the ongoing war that is there from two and a half months. In this war, Israeli soldiers, with the aid of America, have brutally killed more than twenty thousand Palestinians, including women and children. And no safe place has been left for those who escaped.

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that are now loosing lives due to
the less-availability of food and
medicines.