

understanding of that is often significantly different.

### Comprehension 13: CSS 2010

*renounce*

*Severe question  
examining*

(20)

Q: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

And still it moves. The words of Galileo, murmured when the tortures of the Inquisition had driven him to recant the Truth he knew, apply in a new way to our world today. Sometimes, in the knowledge of all that has been discovered, all that has been done to make life on the planet happier and more worthy, we may be tempted to settle down to enjoy our heritage. That would, indeed, be the betrayal of our trust. *→ stumble, to walk* These men and women of the past have given everything — comfort, time, treasure, peace of mind and body, life itself — that we might live as we do. The challenge to each one of us is to carry on their work for the sake of future generations. The adventurous human mind must not falter. Still must we question the old truths and work for the new ones. Still must we risk scorn, cynicism, neglect, loneliness, poverty, persecution, if need be. We must shut our ears to the easy voice which tells us that 'human nature will never alter' as an excuse for doing nothing to make life more worthy. Thus, will the course of the history of mankind go onward, and the world we know move into a new splendour for those who are yet to be.

#### Questions:

(4 marks each)

1. What made Galileo recant the Truth he knew?
2. What is the heritage being alluded to in the first paragraph?
3. What does the 'betrayal of our trust' imply?
4. Why do we need to question the old truths and work for the new ones?
5. Explain the words or expressions as highlighted/underlined in the passage.

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**Answer no 1:** The severe questioning, <sup>and</sup> critical examination, and ~~cynicism~~ of his critics and ~~dogmatism~~ of his critics made him Galileo to recant the truth he knew.

**Answer no 2:** The heritage being alluded to in the first paragraph is about the sheer efforts made by <sup>the</sup> previous male and female experts of diverse <sup>domains</sup> to discover knowledge and reach the truth. It is about various sacrifices which they had made in order to make life comfortable for themselves and the generations to come.

Answer no 3: The phrase 'Betrayal of our trust' implies that humanity should not be satisfied and boastful about the existing development and life style, bestowed upon them by the works of previous experts <sup>lifestyle</sup> who made their life comfortable. They should take this knowledge as a trust and try to atleast ~~and~~ more develop it, if not make it perfect.

Has this been discussed in the passage?  
Do not add your own comments. Just discuss those points which have been discussed in the passage.

Answer no 4: We need to question the old truths and work for the new ones in order to make life more worth living. Critical examination of life is the essence of it. Because according to Socrates, "Unexamined life is not worth living."

Answer no 5: Inquisition means severe questioning about a certain idea. The planet means the globe on which human beings exist, the Earth. Those who are yet to be means those people who are still alive.