

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions given at the end.

These phenomena, however, are merely premonitions of a coming storm, which is likely to sweep over the whole of India and the rest of Asia. This is the inevitable outcome of a wholly political civilization, which has looked upon man as a thing to be exploited and not as a personality to be developed and enlarged by purely cultural forces. The people of Asia are bound to rise against the acquisitive economy which the West have developed and imposed on the nations of the East. Asia cannot comprehend modern Western capitalism with its undisciplined individualism. The faith, which you represent, recognizes the worth of the individual, and disciplines him to give away all to the service of God and man. Its possibilities are not yet exhausted. It can still create a new world where the social rank of man is not determined by his caste or colour or the amount of dividend he earns, but by the kind of life he lives, where the poor tax the rich, where human society is founded not on the equality of stomachs but on the equality of spirits, where an untouchable can marry the daughter of the king, where private ownership is a trust and where capital cannot be allowed to accumulate so as to dominate that real producer of wealth. This superb idealism of your faith, however, needs emancipation from the medieval fancies of theologians and logicians? Spiritually, we are living in a prison house of thoughts and emotions, which during the course of centuries we have woven round ourselves. And be it further said to the shame of us—men of older generation—that we have failed to equip the younger generation for the economic, political and even religious crisis that the present age is likely to bring. The whole community needs a complete overhauling of its present mentality in order that it may again become capable of feeling the urge of fresh desires and ideals. The Indian Muslim has long ceased to explore the depths of his own inner life. The result is that he has ceased to live in the full glow and colour of life, and is consequently in danger of an unmanly compromise with force, which he is made to think he cannot vanquish in open conflict. He who desires to change an unfavourable environment must undergo a complete transformation of his inner being. God changes not the condition of a people until they themselves take the initiative to change their condition by constantly illuminating the zone of their daily activity in the light of a definite ideal. Nothing can be achieved without a firm faith in the independence of one's own inner life. This faith alone keeps a people's eye fixed on their goal and save them from perpetual vacillation. The lesson that past experiences has brought to you must be taken to heart. Expect nothing from any side. Concentrate your whole ego on yourself alone and ripen your clay into real manhood if you wish to see your aspiration realized.

Questions:

- i. What is the chief characteristic of the modern political civilization? (4)
- ii. What are possibilities of our Faith, which can be of advantage to the world? (4)
- iii. What is the chief danger confronting the superb idealism of our Faith? (4)
- iv. Why is the Indian Muslim in danger of coming to an unmanly compromise with the Forces opposing him? (4)
- v. What is necessary for an achievement? (2)
- vi. Explain the expression as highlighted/under lined in the passage. (5)
- vii. Suggest an appropriate title to the passage. (2)

English Composition

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The chief characteristic of modern political civilization is the exploitation of individuals. The writer argues that rather than developing the personality of individuals through their diverse culture, the capitalist system has pushed individuals into an unrelenting competition where each of us has to struggle for survival, which alienates us from nature, and self. Moreover, the imposed western 'liberalism' is not yet suitable for Asians, as they are not still able to harness their individuality.

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Faith is such a force which makes man humble as he knows that sovereignty belongs to God. Moreover, exercising different forms of worship such as charity or supplication

also instills a sense of discipline in him. With faith unthinkable can be turned into reality. But to unlock the full potential of faith, humanity needs to increase its level of consciousness by decoupling their dependence on conventional clergy and adopt modern approaches to build more equitable world.

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The shackles need to be broken, if superb idealism of our faith is to be promoted! The chief danger to this is our conventional theology and clergy, which has ceded the spirit of creativity. Moreover, due to lack of any alternative the economic, political and even religious crises still persist. It is time that exploration for new alternatives start so that a society, where everyone lives in harmony and on equitable basis, is created.

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Due to self-created limits on exploration and introspection, Muslim of India is lost.

Moreover, he has also surrendered god-gifted creativity in a fear that superior force might not like it. Obviously, this is the result of society, where his religious beliefs were constructed by the conventional clergy, and later, the imposition of western culture through colonialism which hijacked its free will and productivity further made him fearful human being who is still struggling to unlock his full potential.

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It is very famously said that change starts within and if you want to change the world, first change yourself. Therefore, in order to achieve anything in the world, faith in one's own independence is absolutely crucial because it

silence the noise around
and levitate the path to
success. Moreover, the writer
also highlights that past
experiences good or bad should
serve as a stepping stone, and
when you expect nothing from
someone then you realize
that you are the master
of your fate and captain of
your soul

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Title: The appropriate title
for the passage could be;

The Need of Faith
in Indian Muslims