

Précis 25: CSS 1998

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

Lying is indeed an accursed vice. We ~~are not~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~punished~~ ~~for~~ ~~it~~ ~~as~~ ~~one~~ ~~is~~ ~~punished~~ ~~for~~ ~~any~~ ~~other~~ ~~crime~~. I commonly find people taking the most ill-advised pains to correct their children for their harmless faults and worrying them about heedless acts which leave no trace and have no consequences. Lying and in a lesser degree obstinacy - are, in my opinion, the only faults whose birth and progress we should consistently oppose. They grow with a child's growth and once the knack of lying it is difficult to imagine how impossible it is to correct it; Whence it happens that we find some otherwise excellent men subject to this fault and enslaved by it.

If, like the truth, falsehood had only one face, we should know better where we are, for we should then like the opposite of what a liar said to be the truth. But the opposite of a truth has a thousand shapes and a limitless field.

The Pythagoreans regard good as certain and finite, and evil as boundless as uncertain. There are a thousand ways of missing the bull's eye, only one of hitting it. I am by no means sure that I could induce myself to tell a brazen and deliberate lie even to protect myself from the most obvious and extreme danger. An ancient father says that we are better off in the company of a dog we know than in that of a man whose language we do not understand. Therefore, those of different nations do not regard one another as men, and how much less friendly is false speech than silence. (Montaigne)

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Lying is Curse

The writer often finds that parent stop children from any activity through lying. Therefore, the growth of lying and child take place at a time. In the end, the men enslaved by it. Therefore, lying is curse. Additionally, unlike truth, lying is multifaceted field which makes the situation deteriorating. Moreover, the writer is sure that he could not depend on lie, even in most difficult situation. In the end, the nations need to observe silence over lying.

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lie unnecessarily. Truth cannot be considered multi-pronged. Truth is certain; and lie is uncertain and unlimited. Lying affects social interactions. St Augustine prefers the company of a silent animal to a man's who speaks an unknown language-falsity. Hence, silence is better than lying.

Demerits of Lying

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Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Exploration in the Arctic Circle still offers countless opportunities for fresh discoveries, but it is an adventure which is not to be undertaken lightly. As an occupation it is more lonely and remote than anything else in the world and at any moment the traveler must be prepared to encounter hazard and difficulty which call for all his skill and enterprise. Nevertheless, such exploration will be carried as long as there are investigated areas to attract the daring and as long as the quest for knowledge inspires mankind. Investigations have shown that the Arctic zone is rich in mineral deposits, but even if these deposits were themselves of little value, the economic importance of the Arctic would not be appreciably lessened. For it is generally agreed that "weather is made in the North", and as the success or failure of the harvests all over the world is largely determined by the weather, it follows that agriculture and all those industrial and commercial activities dependent upon it must be considerably affected by the accuracy of the daily weather reports. Modern meteorologists regard the conditions

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prevailing in the Arctic as of first-rate importance in helping them to arrive at accurate results in their forecasts.

Yet quite apart from any economic or other practical considerations, there is a strange fascination about this vast unconquered region of stern northern beauty. Those who have once entered the vast polar regions like to speak of their inexpressive beauty, the charm of the yellow sun and dazzling ice pack, the everlasting snows and unmapped land where one never knows what lies ahead; it may be a gigantic glacier, which reflects a beam of sunlight over its frozen expanse or some wonderful fantastically shaped cliff which makes an unfading impression on the memory. It may even be an iceberg stately and terrifying, moving on its relentless way, for the Arctic is the birthplace of the great icebergs which threaten navigation.

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Significance of Arctic Zone

Arctic Circle is full of challenges. However, quest for knowledge and adventure inspired an individual to explore its hidden beauty. Furthermore, it is significant due to weather formation and natural resources. Despite its materialistic importance, there remains a deep-seated desire to explore its vastness and uncover hidden challenges.

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Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

Along with the new revelations of science and psychology, there have also occurred distortions of what is being discovered. Most of the scientists and psychologists have accepted Darwin's theory of evolution and his observations on "Survival of the fittest" as a final word. While enunciating his postulate on the concept of the fittest, Darwin primarily projected physical force as the main criterion, and remained unmindful of the culture of mind. The psychologist, on the other hand, in his exclusive involvement with the psyche, has overlooked the potential of man's physical self and the world outside him. No synthesis has been attempted between the two with the obvious result of the one being sacrificed at the altar of the other. This has given birth to a civilization which is wholly based on economic considerations, transforming man into a mere "economic being" and limiting his pleasure and sorrows to sensuous cravings.

With the force of his craft and guns, this man of the modern world gave birth to two cannibalistic philosophies, the cunning capitalism and the callous communism. They joined hands to block the evolution of man as a cultural entity, denuding him of the feelings of love, sympathy, and humanness. Technologically, man is immensely powerful, culturally, he is the creature of stone age as lustful as ever and equally ignorant of his destiny. The two world wars and the resultant attitudes display harrowing distortion of the purposes of life and power. In this agonizing situation the scientist, is harassing forces of nature, placing them at the feet of his country's leaders, to be used against people in other parts of the world. This state of his servility makes the functions of the scientist appear merely to push humanity to a state of perpetual fear and lead man to the inevitable destruction as species with his own inventions and achievements. The irrational situation raises of religion, the conduct of politician who is directing the course of history, and the future role of man as a species. There is an obvious mutilation of the purpose of creation, and the relationship between Cosmos. Life and Man is hidden from eyes; they have not been viewed

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Conflict Between Science and Psychology

The concept of the fittest in Darwin theory is an apple of discord between science and psychology. It has given a birth to a new civilization which core values have based on materialistic considerations. Additionally, it has given a birth to two school of thoughts, capitalism and communism. These two theories blocked the evolution of culture and impacted on human's feeling. In this deteriorating situation, the scientist added

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lethal weapons which are dangerous
for mankind.

which continues to produce terror and fear for the mankind. This irrational attitude has serious repercussions for the humanity.

Title: Ignorance of Cultural Evolution and Its Repercussions.

Importance of Insects in the World
Precis 28: CSS 1995

Q.2: Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)
When you see a cockroach or a bed bug your first reaction is one of disgust, and that is immediately followed by a desire to exterminate the offensive creature. Later, in the garden, you see a butterfly or a dragonfly, and you are filled with admiration as its beauty and grace.

Man's feelings towards insects are ambivalent. He realizes that some of them for example, flies and cockroaches are threats to health. Mosquitoes and testes fillies have in the past sapped the vitality of entire tribes or nations. Other insects are destructive and cause enormous losses. Such are locusts, which can wipe out whole areas of crops in minutes; and termites, whose often insidious ravages, unless checked at an early stage, can end in the destruction of entire rows of houses. *

Yet men's ways of living may undergo radical changes if certain species of insects were to become extinct. Bees, for example, pollinate the flowers of many plants which are food sources. In the past, honey was the only sweetening agent known to man in some remote parts of the world. Ants, although they bite and contaminate man's food, are useful scavengers which consume waste material that would otherwise pollute the environment. *

Entomologists who have studies insect fossils believe them to have inhabited the earth for nearly 400 million years. Insects live in large numbers almost everywhere in the world, from the hottest deserts and the deepest caves to the peaks of high mountains and even the snows of the polar caps.

Some insect communities are complex in organization, prompting men to believe that they possess and ordered intelligence. But such organized behaviour is clearly not due to developed brains. If we have to compare them to humans, bee and ant groups behave like extreme totalitarian societies. Each bee or ant seems to have a determined role to play instinctively and does so without deviation.

The word "instinct" is often applied to insect behaviour. But some insect behaviour appears so clever that one tends to think that some sort of intelligence is at work. For example, the worker bee, upon returning to the hive after having found a new source of nectar, communicates his discovery by a kind of dance which tells other worker bees the direction and distance away of the nectar.)

1995 Importance of Insects in Environment

Man's attitude towards insects are different. They believe that some insects are dangerous for health and society. However, all insects have different role. Some helps in the

process of food through pollination,
while some consume the
waste from the environment.
Additionally, due to discipline
nature of some insects, men
believe that such type of
insects have organized intelligence.
Moreover, some insects are too
intelligent like dancing of bee
showcase the detection towards
new nectar.

Précis 30: CSS 1993

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

The best aid to give is intellectual aid, a gift of useful knowledge. A gift of knowledge is infinitely preferable to a gift of material things. There are many reasons for this. Nothing becomes truly one's own except on the basis of some genuine effort or sacrifice. A gift of material goods can be appropriated by recipient without effort or sacrifice: it therefore rarely becomes his own and is all too frequently and easily treated as a mere windfall. A gift of intellectual goods, a gift of knowledge, is a very different matter. Without a genuine effort of appropriation on the part of the recipient there is no gift. To appropriate the gift and to make it one's own is the same thing, and neither moth nor rust doth corrupt. The gift of material goods makes people dependent, but the gift of knowledge also has far more lasting effects and is far more closely relevant to the concept of "development." Give a man a fish, as the saying goes, and you are helping him little bit for a very short time, teach him the art of fishing, and he can help himself all his life. Further, if you teach him to make his own fishing net. You have helped him to become not only self-supporting, but also self-reliant and independent man and businessman.

This, then should become the ever-increasing preoccupation of the generous supply of the appropriate intellectual gifts, gifts of relevant knowledge on the methods of self-help. This approach, incidentally, has also the advantage of being relatively cheap of making money to a long way. For 100/- you may be able to equip one man with certain means of production, but for the same money you may well be able to teach, a hundred men to equip themselves. Perhaps a little pump-priming by way of material goods will in some cases, be helpful to speed the process of development (E.F. Schumacher).

Future of Education and State System

Digitalization will change the future of education. The ultimate objective of education will be remained same. However, it will change the approach of educational institutes. Surprisingly, the state system of education may not survive this change.

Therefore, they see it as form of cultural coercion, they are more likely to avoid it.