

Q-2. Make a précis of the following passage and assign a suitable title: (25)

To tread the path of philosophy is to seek after truth and follow a way of life. Before a man sets out on the quest after truth. He must fulfil certain conditions. First there must be discrimination between the real and unreal. The statement means not that a man must possess complete knowledge of absolute reality, which is attained only after long practice of meditation, but that he must unfailingly subject the nature of things to a rigid analysis by discriminating between what is transitory and what is abiding or between what is true and what is false. The second condition is detachment from the selfish enjoyments of life. The aspirant must learn that the highest good is realised not through worldly pleasure, but through a continuous search for the infinite, the enduring joy. This ideal of renunciation must be realised by a gradual purification of the seeker's heart and mind. A third condition is that the student must acquire tranquillity of mind; self control, patience, poise, burning faith in things of the spirit and self surrender. These are called the six treasures of life. The thirst for release is the fourth condition. Deliverance from spiritual darkness, entrance upon the path of illumination comes only through annihilation of the false ego. When the ego dies, all troubles cease. Such condition of being does not imply the loss of one's individuality, but rather the attainment of a great individuality, for we can lose nothing that is real.

Title: The Art of Philosophy

To seek philosophical path, a person shall fulfill certain conditions. First, a person must be able to differentiate truth from falsehood. Second, the person must pursue philosophical truth through detachment ~~of~~ ^{from} of the worldly pleasures. Third, the six treasures of life comprising of mental peace, patience, self control, balance and sheer faith should be present in philosopher. Last, greater individuality should be acquired ^{through} negation of one's materialistic identity to attain spiritual-self.