

Précis 45: PMS Punjab 2015

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

Despite the existence of much poverty and inequality, it would nevertheless be wrong to portray Pakistan as an unchanging society. Despite major failings of governance, economic growth during the past decade has resulted in the emergence of a youthful and dynamic middle class. According to some assessments there are now as many as 35 million people with a per capita income of upto \$ 1900. There is no monolithic middle stratum of society; it is differentiated by occupation income family antecedents, language and gender. The middle class contain both modernist and traditionalist elements and is as a result not necessarily more westernized in outlook and lifestyle than the urbanized younger generation drawn from the feudal elite. Indeed, one of the most striking developments of the past decade has been the spread of the orthodox thinking among the youth. Perhaps the most unifying element of the middle class is consumerism as seen in the surge in the sales of cars, televisions and mobile phones. One in two Pakistanis is a mobile phone subscriber, one of the highest rates in the region. In addition to expenditure on electronic durables, the middle classes have establishments and privately run polyclinics which have become a marked feature of the urban landscape. According to one estimate, around three quarters of all the health care is provided by the private sector.

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Contribution of middle class in
influence of economy.

The emergence of middle class youth has changed the economic situation. It is a wrong concept, that Pakistan is not making progress. The middle class are differentiated through occupation, language and tradition. They are modern as well as traditional. They have been influenced with orthodox thinking during past decade. They are also biggest consumers of modern technology - most of them ^{are} running polyclinics in rural areas. They are providing health facilities approximately one-third population of country -

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