

Reading Comprehension 2007 (Past paper)

1) What kind of education does the writer deal with?

The kind of education which the writer deals with is the useless education. The writer says that the people are not aware of history, philosophy or English. They are just machines. He emphasized that the educational institutions should make people useful. Hence, the writer is dealing with the education that has made people unproductive.

2) What kind of education does the writer favour? How do you know?

The writer favours the education that will make people efficient and productive. He wants the educational institutions to focus on business or the useful things related to business. He is emphasizing the importance of technical instructions, book keeping, science and modern languages.

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The writer favours the exploration of universe through education.

3) Where does the writer express most bitterly his feelings about the neglect of classics?

The writer expresses his bitterly feelings about the neglect of classics in the beginning of the passage. He says that men are considered as machines with no focus on the classical ^{education} of history, philosophy and English. Moreover, the writer expresses the need for technical and classical education.

4) Explain as carefully as you can the full significance of the last line?

The last line of the passage is very significant. It emphasizes the soul of man and the spiritual basis of civilization which lies in the classics of education. Human efficiency needs technical education that has practical use in real life not just mere a theoretical education.

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Hence, the last line is significant for man's soul and the basis of civilization that have become meaningless.