

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

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Around four billion people have the opportunity to cast their votes in a series of major elections this year. However, the threat to democratic integrity posed by misinformation and disinformation looms large. An effective democracy relies on evidence-based discourse and informed citizens. Concern about the expected blizzard of election-related misinformation is warranted, given the capacity of false information to boost polarization and undermine trust in electoral processes.

Specifically, there is widespread worry about malign influence on voters, be it through conventional propaganda (including warmongering and xenophobic disinformation), unsubstantiated claims about candidates or AI-generated deepfakes (digitally altered visual media). Anti-democratic agents might also attack the electoral process directly, as was, for instance, seen in Spain in July last year, when malicious foreign actors set up an imitation of the Regional Government of Madrid's website just before an election to falsely claim that terrorists planned to attack polling stations.

Several mechanisms to protect the public against misinformation exist — from general educational interventions to specific attempts to counter misleading messages with evidence-based campaigns. But the deployment of these mechanisms requires the resolution of three issues by scholars and practitioners: recognition of the seriousness of the problem; acceptance that classifying information as false or misleading is often warranted; and an assurance that interventions against misinformation uphold democratic principles, including freedom of expression.

Propagating falsehood; threat to democracy.

A large population will vote this year, but the threat to democracy exists by calumny. Democracy gets frustrated by the knowledgeable citizens because misinformation has the potential to hinder the electoral processes.

Similarly, last year in Madrid malicious people created the fake website claiming the terrorist attack on polling stations. Through categorization of the information, realizing the gravity of the problem and ensuring democratic stability, inclusive to freedom of expression can be its solutions.

Precis = 218

$\frac{1}{3} = 72$

My precis = 76.

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Q.7. Translate the following into English, keeping in view the idiomatic/figurative expression.

جہاں پاکستان انتہائی نازک ترین دور سے گزر رہا ہے وہیں ارشد ندیم پاکستانیوں کے لئے ایک امید سحر بن کر ابھرا ہے۔ اتنے مشکل حالات میں بھی پاکستانی عوام ارشد ندیم کے گولڈ میڈل جیتنے پر اپنی تمام تکلیفیں بھول کر اس کی خوشی میں شامل ہو گئے۔ بھارتی ایتھلیٹ نیرج چوپڑا کی ماں کی جانب سے بھی ارشد ندیم کی کامیابی پر خوشی کا اظہار کیا گیا اور کہا کہ یہ چاندی کا میڈل بھی ہمارے لئے سونے جیسا ہے اور جس نے سونا جیتا ہے وہ بھی ہمارا بیٹا ہے۔ یہ چمکتا دمکتا ستارہ کہاں سے نکل کر اچانک سے پوری دنیا میں چھا گیا اور سب کے دلوں میں گھر کر گیا۔ بے شک ہمارے ملک میں ٹیلنٹ کی کوئی کمی نہیں۔

Translation.

While Pakistan is going through critical solution, Arshad nadeem has emerged as a beacon of hope for Pakistanis. In the ~~amidst~~ of difficult situation, people of Pakistan are celebrating the winning of gold medal of arshad nadeem by keeping their sufferings aside. The Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra's mother shows the gratitude by saying this silver medal is like gold to us and the one who has won the gold is also our son. This shining star came out of nowhere and suddenly cover the world and home in everyone's heart. No doubt our country is full of talent.