

Q.3. Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below:

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Experience has quite definitely shown that some reasons for holding a belief are much more likely to be justified by the event than others. It might naturally be supposed, for instance, that the best of all reasons for a belief was a strong conviction of certainty accompanying the belief. Experience, however, shows that this is not so, and that as a matter of fact, conviction by itself is more likely to mislead than it is to guarantee truth. On the other hand, lack of assurance and persistent hesitation to come to any belief whatever are an equally poor guarantee that the few beliefs which are arrived at are sound. Experience also shows that assertion, however long continued, although it is unfortunately with many people an effective enough means of inducing belief, is not in any way a ground for holding it.

The method which has proved effective, as a matter of actual fact, in providing a firm foundation for belief wherever it has been capable of application, is what is usually called the scientific method. I firmly believe that the scientific method, although slow and never claiming to lead to complete truth, is the only method which in the long run will give satisfactory foundations for beliefs. It consists in demanding facts as the only basis for conclusions, and in consistently and continuously testing any conclusions which may have been reached, against the test of new facts and, wherever possible, by the crucial test of experiment. It consists also in full publication of the evidence on which conclusions are

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based, so that other workers may be assisted in new researchers, or enabled to develop their own interpretations and arrive at possibly very different conclusions.

There are, however, all sorts of occasions on which the scientific method is not applicable. That method involves slow testing, frequent suspension of judgment, restricted conclusions. The exigencies of everyday life, on the other hand, often make it necessary to act on a hasty balancing of admittedly incomplete evidence, to take immediate action, and to draw conclusions in advance of the evidence. It is also true that such action will always be necessary, and necessary in respect of ever larger issues; and this in spite of the fact that one of the most important trends of civilization is to remove sphere after sphere of life out of the domain of such intuitive judgment into the domain of rigid calculation based on science. It is here that belief plays its most important role. When we cannot be certain, we must proceed in part by faith—faith not only in the validity of our own capacity of making judgments, but also in the existence of certain other realities, pre-eminently moral and spiritual realities. It has been said that faith consists in acting always on the nobler hypothesis; and though this definition is a trifle rhetorical, it embodies a seed of real truth.

Answer briefly in your own words the following questions:

1. Give the meaning of the underlined phrases as they are used in the passage. (04)
2. What justification does the author claim for his belief in the scientific method? (04)
3. Do you gather from the passage that conclusions reached by the scientific method should be considered final? Give reasons for your answer. (04)
4. In what circumstances, according to the author, is it necessary to abandon the scientific method? (04)
5. How does the basis of “intuitive judgment” differ from that of scientific decision? (04)

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Comprehension - 2015

Question - 01

1. Justified by the event: Those actions are considered as a seal because of their part or historical events.
2. An effective enough means of inducing belief:
It refers to a process that is sufficiently powerful to cause someone to believe or to accept something.
3. Trends of Civilization:
It refers to the evolution or adaptation of a civilization or society in various domains.
4. The nobler hypothesis:
Refers to ethically elevated theory which guides towards absolute reality.

Question - 02

The justification does author claim for his belief in the scientific method that it gives a stronger and satisfactory bases for hold on a belief in fatal life circumstances.

Question - 03

No, I do not gather from the passage that conclusion reached by the scientific method should be final because, scientific method, as per passage, requires again and again

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testing the conclusions - which is already given - against the test of new experiments. My reason is that, conclusions are given through scientific methods and thus are remain questionable because researchers investigate them through ~~an~~ applying scientific method to set a new conclusion and different from past previous ones.

Question-04

As per author, it is necessary to abandon the scientific method in some circumstances, where the immediate action is required and for that the beliefs play a vital role for making a suitable judgement.

Question-05

"Intuitive judgement" differ from that of scientific decisions, as per passage, the intuitive judgement based upon the belief to make any decision or to reach any conclusion. It is mostly used for an immediate issues, and it is a quick process of making judgement without any evidence. Whereas, the scientific decisions are time consuming and also require a proper methods are to apply for reach any conclusion or any decision.