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Comprehension (2018)

Question No: 01

The author has said that because humans have had to provide the machines with fuels so that they can run properly, and we have had to clean them. If the machines have not been provided with care and attention, they ruin and their function can be stopped. Therefore, we have to keep them in good condition.

Question No: 2

The author has said so because, according to him, people are using machines for destructive purposes, and are utilizing their energy for fight. Instead of investing time and energy into this, we should focus on more beautiful things like exploring our universe,

, finding ways to resolve conflicts between nations and enforcing ideas to reduce poverty. This would be a better choice for us.

Question No: 3

It refers to the process of bringing and connecting beautiful things in our life like having a freedom to think, the right to live life with justice ~~sharing~~ maintaining equality among men. I agree with the author's views as he is an optimistic person who believes to ~~in~~ spending our time and energy for constructive purpose.

Question: 04

It means utilizing time and energy for beneficial purposes like exploring universe, resolving fight between the nations, finding ways to overcome poverty. As far as I am concerned, I would like to upgrade the education level and makes it accessible. Additionally I would provide people with the job opportunities, and I would like to ~~awak~~ make people aware of modern education ^{and} social justice.

Question No: 05

I may have provided access to cost-effective and quality education, enabling the younger individuals to become self-sufficient. Additionally I may have created job opportunities for the elderly, helping them to achieve financial stability. Besides, effective distribution of Zakat can also play a crucial

role in reducing poverty. I
would pay my utmost attention
to education, as education is
crucial for a nation's progress
and prosperity. Furthermore I
would arrange free of cost
skill base training sessions, so
that the st youth can ~~learn~~
skills gain insight into practical
knowledge.



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TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	PART-I (MCQS)	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20
PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-II	MAXIMUM MARKS = 80
NOTE: (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book. (ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II. (iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places. (iv) Candidate must write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper. (v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed. (vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.		

PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage in about 120 words and also suggest a suitable title: (20)

It is in the temperate countries of northern Europe that the beneficial effects of cold are most manifest. A cold climate seems to stimulate energy by acting as an obstacle. In the face of an insuperable obstacle our energies are numbed by despair; the total absence of obstacles, on the other hand leaves no room for the exercise and training of energy; but a struggle against difficulties that we have a fair hope of over-coming, calls into active operation all our powers. In like manner, while intense cold numbs human energies, and a hot climate affords little motive for exertion, moderate cold seems to have a bracing effect on the human race. In a moderately cold climate man is engaged in an arduous, but no hopeless struggles and with the inclemency of the weather. He has to build strong houses and procure thick clothes to keep himself warm. To supply fuel for his fires, he must hew down trees and dig coal out of the earth. In the open air, unless he moves quickly, he will suffer pain from the biting wind. Finally, in order to replenish the expenditure of bodily tissue caused by his necessary exertions, he has to procure for himself plenty of nourishing food.

Quite different is the lot of man in the tropics. In the neighbourhood of the equator there is little need of clothes or fire, and it is possible with perfect comfort and no danger to health, to pass the livelong day stretched out on the bare ground beneath the shade of a tree. A very little fruit or vegetable food is required to sustain life under such circumstances, and that little can be obtained without much exertion from the bounteous earth.

We may recognize must the same difference between ourselves at different seasons of the year, as there is between human nature in the tropics and in temperate climes. In hot weather we are generally languid and inclined to take life easily; but when the cold season comes, we find that we are more inclined to vigorous exertion of our minds and bodies.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his master. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I asked, "What do we do with all the time which the machines have saved for us, and the new energy they have given us?" On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines; but more and better machines will only give us still more time and still more energy, and what are we to do with them? The answer, I think, is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves, and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and linking beautiful things. Thinking freely, and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things than he ever had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrels between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greater, as it would be the most lasting that there has ever been.

- Questions:**
1. Instead of making machines our servants the author says they have become our masters. In what sense has this come about? (4)
 2. The use of machines has brought us more leisure and more energy. But the author says that this has been a curse rather than a blessing. Why? (4)
 3. What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with the author's views? (4)
 4. 'Making more beautiful things' – what does this expression mean? Make a list of the beautiful things that you would like to make and how you would make them. (4)
 5. Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention, and why? (4)



02

Make a precis of the following and give it a suitable heading: 20

Africans and Asians alike have been tortured and oppressed by the energetic ingenuity of the western conquest. If the world is to be happy, energy and ingenuity must no longer be expended in the exploitation of those who have less of these qualities. Mankind must learn a degree of mutual respect which has never hitherto existed. Perhaps some at least of the nation of Asia will have learnt this lesson from their sufferings at the hands of ingenious despots. Perhaps on the other hand, they will only have acquired a wish to imitate the ruthless mastodons who are bringing the west to disaster. One has not the gift of prophecy and one cannot plumb the depths of human folly, but while there is uncertainty, hope and apprehension are equally rational, and hope is more likely to be beneficial. So long, therefore, as hope remains possible, one shall continue to hope. And a large part of one's hope will be centered in the East.

03

Role of Power and Hope

The Asians and Africans are victimized by the energy and creativity of the west. Instead of ~~the~~ destruction there should be hope and respect. ~~So~~ Unfortunately, some Asians have learnt cruelty in the same manner. However, man should continue to hope that is one of the significant elements observed in East.

Write a precise of the following paragraph and suggest a suitable title for it. 20

{ Practically all the progress that man has made is due to the fact he is mortal. He has recognized that he is in this world only for a little while, and this knowledge has been good to stimulate him to make diligent use of whatever talents he is endowed with.

The secrets of nature have been wrested from her grudging fingers by men who, knowing they were mortals, have sought to comprehend the mysteries of the world around them in the hope that knowledge might enable them; if not to circumvent death, but at least to ameliorate the conditions of life for themselves and others.

All our instincts and emotions are reinforced by death. If we were not mortals; the parental and maternal instincts would not dominate our lives so strongly as they do. If we know that we should never die;

we should have no desire for children to perpetuate our names and carry on succession of the race. Thus, ultimately we should arrive at a world without a child, and a world without a child would be like a tree without leaves. Death lends a peculiar sanctity to human love. Death makes life dear; dearer rather the dearest. All thanks to death which makes life so precious.

Death is Precious

Human mortality has contributed to its progress. Humans have a limited life span and have to utilize their talent wisely. Knowledge of Nature has enabled human to spend life peacefully, although this ^{knowledge} has not contributed to stop mortality. If humans were not mortal, then many of their emotions would not exist. Humans would not have desire to continue their race. Death provides sacred and unusual feeling. Additionally, it makes your life more precious and loved. Therefore, all acknowledge to death, which makes life worthy.