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ENGLISH (Précis & Composition)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.....Maximum Marks: 100

Q1. Make a precis of the given passage, also give a suitable heading" (20)'

The official name of our species is homo sapiens; but there are many anthropologists who prefer to think of man as homo Faber-the smith, the maker of tools. It would be possible. I think, to reconcile these two definitions in a third. If man is a knower and an efficient doer, it is only because he is also a talker. In order to be Faber and Sapiens, Homo must first be loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed we should be some thing much worse. Possessed of a high IQ but no language, we should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels- Creatures too clever to be guided by instinct, too Self-centered to live in a state of animal grace, and therefore condemned forever, frustrated and malignant, between contented apehood and aspiring humanity. It was language that made possible the accumulation of knowledge and the broadcasting of information. It was language that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals, the codification to laws, It was language, in a word, that turned us into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

Q2. Read the given passage, then give brief answers, to the questions placed at the end, in your own words: - (20)

There is indeed, something inexpressibly pleasing in the annual renovation of the world and the new display of the treasures of nature. The darkness and cold of winter with the naked deformity of every object, on which we turn our eyes, make us rejoice at the succeeding season, as well for what we have escaped, as for what we may enjoy. Every budding Flower, which a warm situation brings early to our view, is considered by us a messenger to notify the approach of more joyous days.

The spring affords to a mind free from the disturbance of cares or passions almost everything that our present state makes us capable of enjoying. The Variegated Verdure of the fields and woods, the succession of grateful Odours, the Voice of pleasure pouring out its notes on every side, with the gladness apparently conceived by every animal from the growth of its food and the clemency of the weather, throw over

the whole earth an air of gaiety, significantly expressed by Smile of nature.
(Samuel John Son)

Questions:

- (a) Give meanings of the under lines expressions in the passage in your own words. (10)
- (b) Say howr an early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days? (3)
- (c) Who, according to the writer can make the best of the spring season? (3)
- (d) Why are all animals glad at the approach of spring? (3)
- (e) Suggest a title for the passage. (1)

Q3. Write a Comprehensive note (250-300 words) on ONE of the following subjects (20)

- (a) The winds are always on the side of the ablest navigator. ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)
- (b) Keep your face to the Sunshine and you cannot see the Shade.
- (c) In strategy it is important to see distant things close, and take a distant view of close things.
- (d) You will find poetry nowhere unless you bring some with you.

Q4. Change the Voice of the verb following sentences (10)

- 1. The production of Cash Crops directly affects the economy of an agricultural country.
- 2. The accelerated car sped past the traffic signal and crashed into a van and killed two men.
- 3. The students were asked to submit the assignment before to end of day.
- 4 The new budget was being discussed.
- 5. The Manager has announced a bonus for all the workers.
- 6. The police chased the dacoit and finally arrested : . him
- 7. It was difficult to finish the work on time.
- 8. At last the Speech ended and prizes were distributed.
- 9. She manages her duties, without any help, despite her blindness.
- 10. I appreciate your efforts and hope you will continue in the same fashion.

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CSS Précis 2002

LANGUAGE, AN INNATE HUMAN FEATURE

Mankind are a highly efficient and sapient species. This ability of being sapient and efficient comes from the gift of speech and the capacity for expression. Without the medium of language, humans would be useless creatures despite their innate sensibilities. Through language, man was able to acquire knowledge and pass on ideas. Language established a code of life and turned mankind into a civilization.

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(b) Say how an early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days? (3)

The early budding of the flower indicates the approach of spring. After a cold and weary winter, the sign of a flower blooming, which happens around spring, indicates the onset of more warmer and jolly days.

(c) Who, according to the writer can make the best of the spring season? (3)

According to the writer, the best person to enjoy every aspect of spring is one who is free of all the worldly cares and worries. Such a type of person can experience the pleasant weather, the flowers in bloom and the pretty sights of spring. It can be enjoyed by all 5 senses.

(d) Why are all the animals glad at the approach of spring.

The animals are glad at the approach of spring because it's a sign of departure of harsher winter weather. The winters are cold and freezing for the animals that live in nature. Moreover, winter is also indicative of shortage of fresh food and fruit, making it difficult for the animals to survive. Spring is the time where crops are growing well and all the fruit is ripe, making all the

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animals happy.

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(e) Suggest a title for the passage.

The Dawn of Spring.

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ESSENTIAL ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN SOCIETY

University trains its pupils to become skillful members of the society. This trained is not merely aimed at certain professions or creating inspiring figures, though those instances have certainly occurred in time, nor is it solely focused on creating experts. University is a medium to educate the masses, it gives birth to an informed citizenry. Education makes people able to formulate and express their thoughts, to distinguish what is right from wrong, broadens the mind to adopt a practical approach, and it makes them a useful member of society that keeps running efficiently.

Word limit = 93 words.

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(a) From your reading of the passage what do you infer about the nature of the "Troubles" the writer mentions.

The troubles that the writer mentions alludes towards the political rioting that began in Northern Ireland in the early 90s. The situation was akin to a civil war, as the writer mentions later in the passage. It was a violent passage of time as is revealed by the bomb blast near the authors' uncles' workplace.

(b) What according to the writer were the working conditions in the electronics firm where his father worked?

According to the writer, the work conditions at his father's electronics workplace were quite harsh. This is demonstrated by the fact that a worker was wrongfully terminated because he had taken time off work to get married. This shows that workers were not even allowed to take time off for pertinent personal matters. It was a workplace that was not much concerned with the welfare of its employees.

(c) Why was the his father's colleague sacked?

The writer's father's colleague was sacked because he had taken time off from work to get married. This indicates that employees had no leave days even for

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personal emergencies and were expected to work no matter what.

(d) How does the writer show that as father and son they do not know much about each other?

The writer shows that he does not know much about his father in the way that he has never asked his father whether he wondered about his life choices, whether he regretted any of them. The things he had faced in living in civil war like situation and how he dealt with those horrors.

(e) Explain the following words in the passage.

(i) Made the Belfast Papers: It the news was published in Belfast news papers.

(ii) Had a spell: briefly involved in or engaged in shipyard work.

(iii) Dubbed: called or known as.

(iv) was sacked: terminated from job.

(v) hit hard: faced harsh consequences.