

**FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT  
TO POSTS IN BPS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 1973  
ENGLISH (Précis and Composition)**

**Time allowed: 3 hours Maximum marks: 100**

**Q.1 Make a précis of the following passage in about 250 words.**

As a kind of foot-note I should comment that there are those who doubt whether it is within the power of science to ensure over a prolonged period of freedom from destitution and famine for mankind. The argument is the old one of Malthus, that in the race between increasing population and increasing production, population must eventually win. Those of us who decline to accept this pessimistic view recognize the difficulty of the practical problem of meeting the needs of an ever-expanding population. We have, however, greater faith in human resourcefulness. We note that it is not only in the technology of production and medicine that the present generation differs so greatly from the one before. A similar rapid change is likewise occurring in the thinking of masses of people. This change is brought about partly by experience with technology and partly by more widespread education. Here lies a new realm in which dramatic advance is being made.

The hope for the longer future lies in a growing understanding of the conditions for the good life of man in a world of science and technology, and the acceptance of a morality that is consistent with these conditions. With the widespread thought now being given to such problems by persons whose thinking is schooled to rely on reason and tested fact. It is evident that advance from this angle will also appear. Youth may, for example, consider these remarks as an effort to see in truer perspective the type of ideals that are appropriate to the age of science. Many are those who are now sharing to this exploration of human values.

The great question is whether such understanding of human goals and the corresponding development of morals can be achieved before the forces seen by Malthus, and emphasized so forcefully by recent writers, overwhelm the efforts of the pioneers in this new and critical field. I do not believe that this is inevitable. I am confident of man's ability to meet and solve this ethical problem that is so vital to the success of his effort to achieve physical and spiritual freedom,

It is relevant that as I analyse the reasons for my faith in man's eventual ability to meet this critical problems. I find that prominent in my mind is the confidence that God Who made us holds for us an increasing density, to be achieved through our own efforts in the world setting that he supplies. This observation is significant in the present setting because it is my strong impression that most of those who have the firm faith in man's advancement likewise have a religious basis of their faith. If this impression is valid its consequence is clear. It means that it is men and women of religious faith on

whom we must primarily rely to work strongly toward achieving a favourable world society. It means also that those of religious faith because of their faith have a better chance of survival, a fact that has a bearing on the attitude that may be expected in the society of the future.



Precis: 1973

Title: Human Progress and Religious Faith in the Scientific World

According to the author, it is still unclear that whether scientific developments will help human beings to get rid of extreme poverty and famine in the world. Malthus argued that in the race of productivity and population, the rising population always <sup>dominates</sup> ~~remains~~ because of unending demands of the masses. Even those who reject the argument of Malthus, they also ~~face~~ see this problem <sup>that</sup> of infinite needs of masses remain unfulfilled. However, the writer believes in the presence of adequate resources in the world. Man has immensely advanced due to technology, education, and continuous progress, which has transformed ~~their~~ his thinking patterns. This progressive thinking will continue in future as well. Yet, for a sustainable future in this era of science, certain suitable measures and moral behaviours must be adopted.

Though these values may be difficult to achieve ~~in~~ amidst rising population, yet it is not impossible. The author has confidence in the capability of human beings to be successful to achieve both spiritual and physical freedom from growing demands in the world. God has blessed a man with rational thinking to utilize the resources. The author explains that ~~that~~ resilient nature of man is based on his continuous faith in progress, which is eventually based on religious faith.



Religious belief not only increases chances of survival but also keeps a man optimistic and hopeful for future progress to build a prosperous society.

words in precis : 131

words in original passage : 515