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English Précis And Composition Exam

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Ans. Q no. 2

Title: Specialization Versus the Interconnectedness
of Knowledge

Précis:

The current overemphasis on specialized knowledge is impeding one's ability to deal with basic problems. Humans rely on a specialist for every query while failing to realize that he has a vision of reality limited to his particular discipline. Every expert's take on human life uncovers only partial truths yet these are treated as the complete picture of life. The fragmentation of knowledge has deprived man of his ability to solve uncategorized problems. Even the medieval thinker has a unified understanding of reality, unlike the contemporary intellectuals of this era.

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A trust deficit has arisen where dependance on experts is preferred to instead of on common sense. This overreliance has turned people into passive consumers of expert opinions. Such specialized knowledge has a place beneath a broader understanding of reality and human values. There need to be people who can combine different areas of knowledge. Educational institutes can allow for this by incorporating a multidisciplinary approach for their students. There currently is a requirement of deepened faith in ordinary intelligence. Knowledge needs to be seen as a sum of its parts to get a view of the bigger picture.

Ans. Qno. 3

Q1. Ans.

The author identifies the fundamental error in the popular understanding of tradition and progress as the misconception which considers the two concepts as opposing forces. This oversimplified comparison is considered to be dangerous as it is intellectually misleading. Tradition is misconceived as a hindrance to innovation as it is considered to be obsolete when considering progress. This can be considered a

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deluded argument especially because tradition is the accumulated sagacity of the generations that came before who faced similar problems. While progress can lead to change in any direction.

Q2. Ans.

The author gives the historical examples of every great renaissance in human history where the past was accepted and reappropriated for the sake of progress. The same can be applied to religious reformers and scientific revolutions where ancient texts and early insights are revisited. The author uses such examples to argue the point that true progress is grounded in its roots therefore abandoning the past is itself a disadvantage.

Q3. Ans.

The writer, when mentioning tradition as a "living conversation across generations," attempts to explain how tradition binds and connects the past with the present. He describes traditions as roots of the present which still to this day play a vital role.

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Q4. Ans.

According to the passage the paradox that exists in the modern search for meaning is that despite looking for meaning everywhere, many people ignore the one place where they might actually end up finding it. They may find meaning in traditions which they learned to despise.

Q5. Ans.

Indeed such a distinction between valuable and harmful traditions is possible. Through the power of rationality and research, one can overcome any bias to be able to understand the true significance of traditions and which ones deserve to be followed. By studying the historical background and present day effects of the traditions, one can skillfully navigate which traditions give the greatest benefits.

Ans. Qno. 4

- i) The committee, who were appointed to investigate the matter, submitted their report last week.
- ii) He has been living in this city for ten years knows every corner of it.

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i) Each of the students is required to submit his or her assignment before the deadline.

ii) The number of unemployed graduates is increasing every year in the country.

iii) The committee has been deliberating on the proposal since morning, but has not ~~yet~~ arrived at any consensus yet.

Ans. Qns. 5(A)

The minister addressing the gathering said, "my fellow citizens, we stand today at a critical juncture in our nation's history. We must ask ourselves, are we prepared to face the challenges ahead or shall we succumb to despondency and inaction? Dr. Ahmed, the renowned economist, had warned us last year that unless immediate reforms are undertaken, the economy will collapse. However his advice was not heeded. Now we find ourselves in precisely the predicament he had predicted. ~~before~~ Therefore I urge you all to support the government's new economic policy, which though painful in the short term, will yield beneficial results in the long run. Let's not continue to repeat the mistakes of the past. Let's

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more forward with determination and courage."

Ans. Qno. 5(b)

- i) The judge acquitted him on the charge of theft.
- ii) We must abide by the rules of the institution.
- iii) He is deficient in common sense despite his education.
- iv) The principal presided over the function yesterday.
- v) The new policy is prejudicial to the interests of small farmers and landless labourers.

Ans. Qno. 6(A)

- ii) Deprecate: His brand new furniture depreciated.

Depreciate: His Rolex watch depreciated in value.

- iv) Prescribe: The doctor prescribed her birth control pills.

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Proscribe: The proscribed terror organizations listed on NATTA's website need to be memorized.

v) Ingenious: His clothes had an ingenious mark on them.

Ingenious: Nikola Tesla shocked the world with his ingenious inventions.

vi) Appraise: The upcoming employee appraisal displeased everyone in the office.

Apprise: Her bag was appraised quite well.

vii) Enriment: The doctor at PIMS was quite enriment and returned personality in Island.

Enriment: His enriment demise shocked everyone.