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English Precis and Composition

Q2. Attributes of a good general

A general must be courageous, both physically and morally. Voltaire states that the greatest quality for command is calm courage. A military writer who was critical of Joffre for his strategic blunders praised his calmness and determination during the bleakest hour. Health is another quality that a general must possess. However a great spirit can compensate for this quality. When it comes to the age of a general, some hold that young men are the best for war by quoting Hannibal, Alexander and Napoleon. Yet many warriors like Julius Caesar and Marlborough were above the age of 40 when they made their biggest gains. Thus, it is not possible to differentiate between the fire of youth and the experience of age. If an experienced person has the capacity to accept new ideas and

be bold, he would have an advantage over youth. Nevertheless, a ^{good} young general would be better than a ~~good~~ old general, even if it means losing out on a good commander too soon.

Q.3

Ans1 We complicate our lives by not seeking refuge in simplicity. This leads to anxiety and depression. Also, by resigning to the steady growth of complexity, we complicate our lives.

Ans2 The wisdom of our ancestors pertained to keeping communication simple and clear. Our ancestors did not use long words and ambiguous languages and this was their wisdom. It ^{also} prevented misinterpretation and miscommunication.

Ans3 The new tower of Babel refers to the technological advancement that has changed our lives. The chief designers or builders of this Tower are the Americans.

Ans 4 The psychologists and the sociologists, as implied by the passage, have been telling us that worries and problems should not be kept hidden from families by parents. The writer's opinion is that hiding things and not expressing one's feeling is not that dangerous, and could be undertaken.

Ans 5 The writer implies that we should exercise our reasoning powers and measure of choice to identify and think about independence when ^{also} everything around us change. We should recognize that element in us which no technological revolution and change can violate.

Q.4

- Hardly had he reached the station than it began to rain.
- While standing in line; the thunder could be heard.
- We had better left before the police

arrives.

- d) I have been preparing for CSS since last October.
- e) If only I could go back in time!

Q5 A Punctuation

Robert Whiting, an elderly US gentleman of 83 arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. 'You have been to France before, Monsieur?' the Customs Officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France ^{previously}. 'Then you should know enough to have your passport ready.' The American said the ~~to~~ last time I was here I didn't have to show it.' 'Impossible! Americans always have to show their passports ^{on arrival} in France,' sneered the customs officer. The American senior gave the Frenchman a long, hard look. Then he quietly exhaled,
⁶ Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach,

at 4:40 am on D-Day in 1944, to help liberate your country, I couldn't find a single French man to show a passport to...? You could have heard a pin drop.

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- 1 At
- 2 over
- 3 About
- 4 Against
- 5 In

Q6-A

1. I was surprised by the Cold Shoulder he gave me in the hall.
2. The managers used the intern as a scapegoat by exploiting her inexperience
3. The job offer came out of the blue and left her completely surprised.
4. She has a green thumb and loves

To plant trees and plantations.

5. It is difficult for a lot of people even to afford ~~one~~ single square meal in a day.

B. Hassan Ali Aondal greeted Shahab and asked him when his essay book would be ready. Shahab replied that he believes, it would be ready at the end of November. Hassan Ali Aondal asked what's the deal. He said that the competitive market is already full of essay stuff and asked Shahab what is special about his book. Shahab replied that he speaks only about the international standards followed in essay writing which he was taught at Christ Church University during his one year teachers training course. He said that his book follows the same standards and added that it includes different practice activities rather than ready made content for cramming. Hassan Ali Aondal replied that if that is the case, then it will clear most of the misconcept-

ions about essay writing

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Translation

Around ten million Pakistanis belong to generation Z. This is the generation which was born ^{after} the year 2000 and today their ages are 24, 23 years. In the entire world this generation is considered history's most physically weak and mentally unstable generation. The era in which this generation has grown up is human history's most technologically dependent (using) era. This generation has grown up by using technology. The environment of this generation comprises of the Internet, mobile phone, tablet, television and social media. This generation has been trained not by the ^{elders} social media but by social media. In the world this generation has this one problem. This generation has less patience and more anger. Its physical health is extremely compromised and ^{vigorous} to change. And in human history this generation is taking most of the time to become independent.