

## Age of Generals: A Vexed Question

Courage is a prerequisite for a general. Complemented with calm and determination, courage can help balance one's dire mistakes. Although, physical health is also important but it is subordinate to a healthy soul. The most important matter is to determine the appropriate age for general. No doubt, some generals have succeeded in their young age, <sup>but</sup> others have achieved great milestones in older age. An older person has advantage over youngsters due to his wisdom. On the other hand, youngsters have physical superiority over the older one. Reducing the age limit for generals is a commendable decision, though it can result in ~~an~~ early retirement of a good general.

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Q: 03

Humans have complicated their life by seeking complexity instead of simplicity after being exposed to the technology. Man depends on machines, calculators and computers for most of his work but it has not decreased his worries and sufferings.

Although man has got rid of physical pain but it has been replaced by anxiety and depression. By disliking simplicity and yearning for complexity, man has complicated his life.

In the passage writer makes a reference to "the wisdom of our ancestors". By that this reference he implies the example of American decision to wage nuclear war on Japan that complicated the human history.



3- The writer uses "the new Tower of Babel" to refer to Americans' habit to misinterpret the languages. He has termed American as the chief designers or builders of the new Tower of Babel.

4- Psychologists and Sociologists have been telling us to take a break from loud and constant noise towards us. Human is a spiritual being so he should limit his contact with materialism and spend sometime with his inner self to discover its reality.

5- The writer implies that humans have distinct reasoning powers and greater measure of choice. Humans should use this abilities to think about the independence when all the material world surrounding him will change.



## Q:06 A

### 1- Cold Shoulder

To show cold / apathetic behaviour.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister was received with a Cold Shoulder in India.

### 2- Scape goat

To use someone as a lame excuse to justify wrongdoing.

Ahmad is such a selfish person that he used his innocent friend as a scapegoat to save himself from insult.

### 3- Out of the blue

Unexpectedly

Her out of the blue illness became a reason of her inability to work hard.

### 4- Black and blue

Bruised

His fight with one of the healthiest boys in the school left him all black and blue.

### 5- Square meal

Balanced diet

"Square meal is necessary for your rapid recovery from this illness," said the doctor.

## Q:06 B

Hassan Ali Gondal asked Shahab that when would his essay book be ready.

Shahab told him that he believed it to be ready at the end of November.

Hassan Ali Gondal asked Shahab that as competitive exams market was already full of essay stuff, what was special about his book.



Shahab told Hassan that he only spoke about the international standards followed in essay writing that he had been taught at Christ Church University during his one year teachers training course. His book followed the same standards. Moreover, it included different practice activities rather than ready-made content for cramming. Hassan Ali Gondal replied that if it was that, then it was going to clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.

### Q-5-A

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 Custom 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 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 explained, "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 Frenchman to show a passport



to....". You could have heard a pin drop.

### Q: 05: B

- 1- A drowning man catches at a straw.
- 2- He felt no qualms in borrowing money from his friends.
- 3- The man was blind in his left eye.
- 4- At being fined, he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
- 5- On the night before the exam, she was pouring at the books.

### Q: 04

- a) Hardly had he reached the station when it began to rain.
- b) While standing in line, he could hear the thunder.
- c) If only I could go back in time!
- d) My mother forbade me to smoke.
- e) Many a children dream about becoming famous one day.
- f) The culture of our country is richest than any other country in the world.

### Q: 7

Billions of Pakistani youngsters come under the label of Generation Z. They are those who were born after the year 2000, and now have reached the aged of 23, 24. This generation is considered the most physically-feeble and psychologically unfit generation of the human history. It grew up in the most advanced technological era. This generation grew up while using technology.



This generation has access to internet, mobile phone, TV channels and social media. It was brought up by social media rather than its elders. This whole generation, globally, has same problem: lower patience levels and higher anger issues. Moreover, it lacks physical strength and vigour and takes a long time to be stable.