

English Precis

Q3) Read the following passage

- 1) Answer: We humans complicate our lives rather than seeking simplicity, being exposed to technological revolution. Machines do much of our work i.e. calculators relieve the torment of arithmetic for us, computers store our knowledge.
- 2) Answer: In the passage, the writer refers to the "wisdom of our ancestors" referring to the communication being simple and clear. The English language having a wide range of expression, being a language of superb poetry, in verse and prose and also being the language of science and business. It contains plenty of short words and we should upbraid the inventors of new long words and declare ambiguity a disgrace.
- 3) Answer: The "New Tower of Babel" refers to the nuclear bomb whose chief designers and builders are the Americans. As the Tower of Babel was the symbol of immense power, so the new one must not be used by any misinformed person.
- 4) Answer: The implied example from the passage is the revival of convention that parents hide their worries from their families. The writer's opinion is suggesting that bottling things up is not always harmful.

5) Answer: The writer implies that exercising our reasoning power and measure of choice serves the purpose of restoring sanity amidst the challenges of the modern world. The writer suggests we should spend more time looking inwards to see whether we can recognize within ourselves an element which no technological revolution and change can pollute.

Q4) Correct any FIVE of the following.

- f) My mother forbade me to smoke.
- e) If only I could go back in time!
- g) Many a child dreams about being famous one day.
- d) I have been preparing for CSS exams since last October.
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Q5) A) Punctuate the following.

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Q5 B) Re-write the following sentence

- 1) A drowning man catches at a straw.
- 2) On the night before the exam, she was seen pouring through the books.
- 3) The man was blind of his left eye.
- 4) In some countries much of the natural environment has been transformed into farmland.
- 5) Mr. Hawking was walking through a wood on a rainy day.

Q6) Idioms in your own sentences

- 1) Cold shoulder: He was ~~shown~~^{given} a cold shoulder at the party by the organizer.
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Q6) B) Direct into indirect

Hassan Ali Gondal greeted Shahab and asked when would his essay book be ready. Shahab replied, saying he believed it would be ready at the end of November. Hassan Ali Gondal inquired about the uniqueness of Shahab's book in the competitive exam market, to which Shahab explained that it contained international standards of essay writing which he had learned at Christ Church University. Moreover, it contained different practice activities rather than ready-made content for cramming. Hassan Ali Gondal expressed that if this were the case, the book will clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.

Q1) Translation.

Tens of millions of Pakistani youth come under generation Z. This generation has been born after the year 2000 and are 23, 24 years of age today. In all of human history, this generation is ~~the most physically weak~~ ~~and~~ thought to be the most physically weak and mentally ill. The time in which they are raised is the most technologically advanced in all history. They have grown up using technology and have in their possession, internet, mobile phones, tablets, tv's and social media. They are raised not by elders rather by social media. The problem with this generation is that they have a short temper and less patience. They are the most physically malnourished and are taking the most time to be independent.

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Title: "Essential Qualities of a Military General: Courage, Age, and Experience"

Precis: The passage highlights the attributes of a military general, placing a significant emphasis on the need for both physical and moral courage. Voltaire's admiration for Marlborough's calm amidst tumultuous situation is noted. The importance of health in a general is acknowledged but as a relative quality. The age of a general is explored as a contentious issue, with historical examples showcasing both young and seasoned commanders.

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