

Q2 PRECIS WRITING :

INDIAN CITIES : THE BOG OF

Begging in India: a social conundrum

BEGGARS

In many Indian cities like Varanasi, professional beggars are increasing. These cities are popular among foreigners as the cities of beggars. No official documents record the number of these beggars but how they live and their impact on society are concerning. One reason might be the religious outlook of society which believes that giving charity to poor adds to good deeds in the afterlife and hence beggars are thriving. Many beggars adopt this profession as hereditary. The streets are full of able-bodied persons, dressed shabbily, going door to door for begging. The people obliged by the fear of curse from an angered beggar give them money and they grow more needy. In fact, many beggars are richer than a common wage earner. With increasing social awareness, the evils of begging are highlighted with serious measures to curb it. Taking lead from western nations, where begging is a crime, the state needs to ~~also~~ devise strict laws. No doubt, unemployment and over-population are part of the reason, but the misplaced charity and social consciousness

are mainly responsible for these needy beggars who often come up with subtle tricks to gain sympathy of their patrons.

Plz ensure one third of original passage

Word Count :

Words in Original passage = 730
Words in precis = ± (240)

Suggested Title :

The Ills of Begging
The Curse of Begging

Q3

COMPREHENSION :

Questions

(1)

Ans 1

According to author, freedom and spare-time is likely to become a scarcity in future. Ironically machines were built to save time but we have become much depended on them. Many people struggle to spare them time and space to sit and relax.

(2)

Ans 2

The constant inflow of data has made people lose the track of time. The more we indulge in this busy life, the less of ourselves we have. We lose ourselves in the rush to meet so many deadlines that we hardly

find time for ourselves and our near ones.

(3) **Ans 3**

The author believes that life today has become more mechanical. We have no spare times for us and are always pushed to complete one deadline after another. This mechanical lifestyle has made humans devoid of passion and even though we have more ways to communicate, we have less to say to others since we are always in a hurry and lack empathy.

(4) **Ans 4**

According to author, more and more people are turning to yoga, meditation and outdoor exercises as a way to connect to nature. Studies have shown that spending time in rural areas increases one's cognitive ability, memory and sharpness. So more people are now opting for physical activities.

(5) **Ans 5**

Machines cannot teach empathy. The central paradox of machines is ^{that} they cannot teach them how to make best use of them. The influx of data and flow of large amount of information has made us lose touch to even ourselves.

Our inability to process and live such fast forward lives have devoid us of our basic empathy and that is why modern man is unable to empathise with others.

Q4 Correction :

(a) He wishes he was a Prince.He wishes he were a Prince.(b) Sir Ali Shahab left for Karachi last week.(c) Sir Azhar Afzal has been reading a novel for five days.(d) Salma has taken her driving test five times so far without success, but she didn't give up.(e) He is said that he is suffering from fever.

Use semi colon here

Q5 Punctuation :

(A)

Hodja always wanted to learn something new, and one day, he had a sudden inspiration to learn how to play the lute.

He approached a music teacher and asked him, "How much do you charge for private lute lessons? Three silver pieces for the first month, after that one silver piece a month." Oh, "groat!" exclaimed

Hodja, "T^hen I will start with the second month."

(B)

Fill in the blanks (Preposition)

Date: _____

Day: _____

- (i) He quarreled **over** a traffic.
- (ii) He is addicted **to** smoking.
- (iii) I am waiting **at** the bus stop.
- (iv) We've put a lot of effort **in** this project.
- (v) He resigned **from** his job.

Q6 Sentences :

- (i) **Censor**
PEMRA has censored the show over derogatory slangs.
Censure
She politely censured the child over her misbehavior.

- (ii) **Famous**
He is a famous and celebrated leader.
Notorious
The group is notorious for its misbehavior and lack of empathy to the elderly.

- (iii) **Dual**
Sara being a working women, often complains about the dual nature of ^{her} a job.
Duel
The two wrestlers accepted the challenge and decided for a duel.

(B)

Maggie asked Tom how much money he gave for the rabbits.

Tom replied it was five shillings and six pence.

Maggie said that he had got more than that in his box upstairs. He will ask mother to give it to Tom.

Tom enquired the reason. He said that he did not want Maggie's money. He had got far more money.

Maggie replied that he wanted to buy some more rabbits.

Q7 Translation :

A student is obliged to enlighten himself through his mentors and books in the dark alleys of life. This obligation requires consistency and persistence. Any extracurricular activity that is not congruent to it needs to be strictly kept aside from education curriculum. Otherwise the student's learning is threatened to be jeopardized by political activities. More than political activist we are in a need of scholars that have command over both the religious as well as scientific knowledge. Such genius minds

are born only when politics is kept away from education. It is said that compared to western countries our education system is inferior. To some extent our economy is to blame for it. And it is ~~an~~ ^{known} ~~open~~ reality that many of our teachers failed to develop student's interest in education. but most of responsibility falls on students.

Attempt in idiomatic and proverbial manner