

## English (Precis & Composition)

### Q1- Precis

#### Story of Ephialtes, beyond betrayal

Ephialtes from movie 300, often portrayed as a villain on betraying Leonidas and the Spartans. Ephialtes, born with disability, got rejected by the Spartan society. His father secretly trained him as a soldier, yearning to serve Sparta despite their cruelty. When the chance arose, he requested Leonidas to join the army for a noble death. However, Leonidas rejected him due to his disability which shattered his hope. Repeated rejections made him to join the Persians, not for riches but also for the one thing Sparta denied him. Therefore, Ephialtes actions were for the pursuit of belonging, not betrayal.

**Precis words = 97**

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## Q-3 - Answers

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(1)

Patton was considered as controversial military figure due to his aggressive approach, which might be seen as reckless and outspoken opinions, which often challenged conventional wisdom and authority.

(2)

Soviet Union was more dangerous and posing threat to US. So, in Patton's view focus on Soviets rather than Germany is justified.

(3)

If Patton had captured Moscow, it would have had significant change in the possible outcomes of war. Cold War might have not occurred or would have taken a different form.

(4)

The text mentions contrasting sentiments, with some historians criticizing Patton's view. They have seen his views as misguided and dangerous. The complimentary sentiments view Patton's unconventional thinking as valuable asset and lesson for the leaders.

There is a valuable lesson in the views of Patton. Leaders can get inspiration from Patton's willingness to think outside the box and can challenge conventional wisdom. Patton's critical thinking is a valuable lesson even if it is controversial.

### Q # 4

### Correct Sentences

ii) - Next Saturday, my nephew is going to have a party.

iii) - My uncle arrived in Islamabad yesterday. He will stay here for a week.

iv) - It has been three weeks since I last saw him.

v) - My grandfather grows tomatoes.

vi) - If Waseem were to win the lottery, he would travel a lot.

## Q5.A Punctuated Passage

Bob excitedly bust into the living room, holding a peculiar object. "Honey, look what I bought!" he exclaimed. "A robot vacuum cleaner." His wife, Lisa, eyed it skeptically. "You spent our savings on that?" "But it'll save us time!" Bob argued as the robot whirred to life. Chaos ensued. It zoomed around bumping into walls and furniture, sending objects flying. Lisa sighed, "this isn't helping." Bob sheepishly admitted, "Maybe I got carried away." They erupted into laughter realizing some messes are best cleaned up the old-fashioned way - with teamwork and a trusty dustpan.

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## Q5.B-

- i- He is under my vigilance.
  - ii- She died of corona.
  - iv- He is fond of reading books.
  - v- Translate the following text from English into Urdu.
  - vii- He is reluctant to perform his duty.
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Q6-A-

## Pairs of words

### ii- Draught

I took a draught of the  
syrup with difficulty.

### Drought

Last ~~year~~ year, there was a major  
loss in wheat crops due to drought.

### vii- Compliment

I always take criticism as  
compliment.

### Complement

The scarf is perfect complement  
to her outfit.

### vi- Immigrant

Millions of immigrants came to  
America to Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### Emigrant

Many people emigrated for better  
job opportunities.

### viii- Faint

She fainted during her  
presentation.

## Feint

He will feint to pass the ball but shoot it into the net.

## vii- Momentary

Global warming is not a momentary problem.

## Momentous

He took a momentous decision about his career.

## Q-7

Q#7

## Translation

When the Titanic sank, millionaire John Jacob Astor IV was on board. The amount present in his bank account was enough to make 30 Titanics. However, facing a life threatening threat, he made the choice he thought morally right and left his place in the lifeboat ~~for~~ to save the two terrified children. Esder Strauss, co-owner of the US largest departmental store franchise, Macy's, who was also on the Titanic said: I would never enter in lifeboard before other men.

His wife, Eda Strauss, also refused to board life boat and gave place to her servant, Ellen bird. She decided to spent last moments of his life with her husband. These wealthy people preferred to be separated from their wealth and even their own lives rather than compromising on their moral

moral principles. Their choice in  
favour of moral values highlights  
the dignity of human morality  
and human nature.

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