

Part - II

Q. 2

Answer:

The narrator is of the opinion that peace should be maintained because in the modern world, nuclear weapons can bring devastation. He gives the information that modern weaponry has become far superior to what it was decades ago. According to him, mutually assured destruction is not peace because weapons destroy and they do not help build. Peace can only be brought by rational men because it requires patience. What is more important in ensuring peace is self-evaluation. The narrator suggests that by assessing one's own attitude, one can inspire others to do the same. This has to be done on both individual and national levels. Every individual who seeks peace should start with personal assessment of his attitude toward. The reason for this is that most people believe that peace is unachievable. However, this is pessimistic thinking. The narrator posits that by defining the goals people can make peace attainable. This would also inspire others.

Title: "Peace: A Personal Endeavour"

Q.3i.

Ans: A drought is a natural calamity that occurs when it does not rain for a long period of time. The consequences of drought include drying of rivers and of streams. This situation in turn devastates livestock and crop production.

ii.

Ans: The writer does not endorse the popular sayings about the red sky because in his opinion if such archaic adages had any semblance to truth there would not have been a need for weather science or meteorology.

iii.

Ans: Yes, weather forecasting is a science. It is a science because it involves collection and examination of data through modern apparatus to form a hypothesis. It is called meteorology.

iv.

Ans: Forecasting the weather is an arduous task. This is because many factors have to be evaluated on a daily basis and these factors are not constant.

v.

Ans: Before advent of modern science, people had no actual means to forecast the weather. One method they used was with help of moon. When a crescent appeared people believed that rain was on its way.

Q.4

ii.

Ans: Allen Turing was a scholar, a scientist, and an artist.

v.

Ans: Tim let his son swim with his friends.

vi.

Ans: He has a four-year subscription to that magazine.

vii

Ans: Your heritage is different from mine.

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Ans: The priest joined the bride and the groom in a holy wedlock.

Q5.

A.

Ans: A fly sat on one of the shafts of a cart and said to the mule, who was pulling it, "How slow you are! Do mend your pace or I shall have to use my sting as a goad." The mule was not in the least disturbed. "Behind me in the cart," said he, "sits my master. He holds the reins and flicks me with his whip and him I obey, but I don't want any of your impertinence. I know when I may dawdle and when I may not."

B.

Ans.

i. We walked on the beach for several hours last night.

ii. Sam is going to the meeting in place of his brother, who has to work.

iii. The article discusses, for the most part, the possibility of life on other planets.

vi. We were walking in the woods when, all of a sudden, we heard a strange sound.

vii. The course will commence on 1st May, 2025.

Q.6.

A.

(i) **Creak**: The door was so old that it would creak with even the slightest push.

Creek: The creek running in between the hills made for a good photographic scenery.

(ii) **Palate**: Only enjoying comfort food has ruined her taste palate as she can not even appreciate new culinary experiences.

Palette: A new colour palette has been ordered as old one had limited colour options for this complex painting.

(iii) **Elicit**: The interrogator had to torture the spy to elicit from him the enemy's plan.

Illicit: The university has banned smoking as it considers tobacco to be an illicit substance alongside alcohol.

(vi) **Faint**: He fainted during the morning assembly due to hunger and exhaustion.

Feint: The terror warning was a feint so that the terrorist organisation could actually attack city centre as there would have been less security there.

(viii) Wreak: The ongoing Israeli onslaught has completely wreaked civilian infrastructure in Palestine.

Reek: The room had been closed for so long that once opened it reeked of dead rats.

B.

Ans: The judge asked Mr. Thompson that was he seeking compensation for wrongful termination. To which he replied positively, saying that he believed he was unfairly dismissed. The judge then asked Mr. Thompson to confirm whether he was let go after eight months. Mr. Thompson, the plaintiff, confirmed that he was. The judge said that under the law, employees with less than a year of employment were not eligible for relief unless there was evidence of discrimination or a specific rights violation. Mr. Thompson contested that he felt that his rights were violated. The judge argued that he understood the plaintiff's situation but that he could not grant relief without those grounds. Mr. Thompson then asked that was

there nothing that he could do. The judge affirmed and said that his hands were tied by the law. Mr. Thompson thanked the judge and said that he understood. The judge then dismissed the case.

Q7.

Ans: Recently a controversy broke out surrounding a food festival because instead of focusing on books and literary activities, there were numerous stalls that were selling food and beverages due to which the actual spirit of the festival got dampned. A lot of participants expressed their dismay and felt that the "Book Festival" had for most part become a food street, where less space was given to books, authors, and literary discourse. Due to giving undue significance to food stalls, instead of giving it to discourse and books, a debate has opened up that whether this festival was serving its literary duty or was it just ~~giving~~ minting money.