

Q.2: Precis

Peace is the Rational End of Mankind

At present, peace is more practicable than war. Nuclear technology has made war a difficult task. Nuclear weapons are significantly more lethal than conventional warfare. The former's effects spread dangerously and the latter effects remain for long periods. These weapons are instrumental in maintaining peace as they will never be used due to their devastating implications. The mere purpose of such weapons is deterrence. Another approach to maintaining peace is changing attitudes. Since leaders of apparently hostile nations play a pivotal role in attaining global peace, a change in their attitude is imperative. This must also be done at individual level. Individually, one must manifest about peace. Thinking that peace is impossible creates the notion that war is inevitable. However, worldly problems are manmade. Therefore, peace is possible and war is evitable. With war as ^{the} end, people must strive towards it in an organized and perseverent manner.

Q.3. Comprehension

i) What is drought and what are its consequences?

Answer: Drought is a weather condition in which there is no rainfall for extended periods of time. There becomes a shortage of water. The consequences of the drought include drying up of rivers and streams, cattles dying of thirst, and the crops are destroyed.

ii) Does the writer endorse the popular sayings about the red sky?

Answer: The writer believes that the saying 'red sky at night, sailor's delight' is occasionally right but it is wrong in most instances. Endorsing many sayings including this one would be contradictory to weather science and meteorology.

iii) Is weather forecasting a science? If so, what is called?

Weather forecasting is indeed a science. It includes various studies, observations and logic. The science of weather forecasting is called meteorology.

iv) Why is it not easy to forecast the weather?

Answer Weather forecasting is a difficult task. This is because many factors affect weather and each factor is to be carefully studied in order to reach a conclusion. It is thus a complex task to predict how the weather will be like in coming time.

v) How would the moon help the people in forecasting weather?

Answer: In the past when there were no instruments to forecast the weather, people would take hints from the sky and make assumptions of their own. When they saw the crescent moon, they believed that rain was on its way.

Q.4. Correction of sentences

i) The priest joined the bride and groom together in holy wedlock.

The priest joined the bride and the groom in holy wedlock.

ii) Allen Turing was a scholar, a scientist, and artistic.

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

v) Tim let his son to swim with her friends.

Tim let his son swim with his friends.

vi) He has four-years subscription to that magazine.

He has a four-year subscription to that magazine.

vii) Your heritage is different than mine.

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Q.5.

(A) Punctualism

A fly sat on one of the shafts of a cart and said to the mule who was pulling it, "How slow you are! You ~~must~~ ^{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 rein and flicks me with his whip and him I obey. But, I don't want any of your impudence. I know when I may dandle and when I may not."

(B) Prepositions

i) We walked at the beach for several hours last night.

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

iv) John called his brother in hopes of finding somebody to watch his children.

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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.

Q6.

(A) Sentences

(ii) Palate, palette

- She could not eat properly because she had ~~blister~~ ulcers on her palate.
- He chose to paint the landscape from the colors available in the palette.

iii) Elicit, illicit

- From the observations, she elicited that the bacteria grew only in extreme conditions.
- Breaking into one's house is an illicit act and ^{it} is ~~liable to~~

iv) Peal, peel

He woke from deep sleep after a peal of thunderstorm shook him.

Can you peel this potato for me?

v) Taut, Taught.

- She held the leash taut so the dog does not run away.
- He has taught physics for twenty years.

vi) Faint, Feint

- She fainted due to inadequate consumption of necessary diet.
- The army feinted multiple attacks before ~~the~~ it actually began fight.

(B) From direct tense to paragraph

The judge asked Mr Thompson if he was seeking compensation for wrongful termination. The latter replied in positive. The judge then confirmed if the plaintiff was dismissed after eight months. Upon confirmation, the judge said that Mr Thompson was not eligible for relief. ^{Also unless} there was no violation of rights, ^{he could not be compensated.} the plaintiff said he felt his rights were violated. The judge ^{responded} said that due to lack of evidence, he could not grant ^{Mr Thompson} ~~him~~ relief and dismissed the case.

Q 7. Translation

Recently, a literary festival took a controversial turn. This is because, instead of book and literary activities, the attention was given to food and unethical products. The true objective of the festival was thus compromised. Many attendants showed their despair saying that the book festival had turned into a food festival. Such importance to food stalls in the festival led to the debate if it was a literary festival in true sense or a mere business adventure.