

Precis and Composition.

Q2. Précis :

Title :

Evolution of Civil Services: Public Servants or Media Influencers.

In Pakistan, civil services has always been considered a respectable profession. A profession ensuring career stability and predictable income is always desired by many. Resultantly, this ^{profession} has become an obsession of people instead of a dream. The increase in use of social media has added to the already evolving profession. The profession, which once revolved around paper work, meetings and serving the public, has become a means for the civil servants to brand their achievements. The glamorization of civil services on social media has made the profession a sort of hybrid of public servant and media influencing. The debate remains that whether use of social media by the civil servants inspire the youth, or it neglects the duties of civil servant holding a public office.

Q3. Comprehension.

(i) What humorous examples...

The author uses various humorous examples to describe Pakistani appetite for food. National recreational activity involves eating street food. Pakistanis have pakoras in rain, falooda in heat-wave, haleem in depression and enjoy a stressful cricket match by having gol gappas outside the stadium. A country where the biggest adventure is having an extra spicy broast, they will probably offer nihari if aliens ever visit Pakistan.

(ii) According to the text...

The deeply rooted link between food and enjoyment, makes the cricket matches in Pakistan more about food than the game itself. Pakistani people have a selected few recreational activities where its price, social acceptance and safety play an important role. As a result, enjoying food is the only

economical and safe means to fully enjoy.

(iii) What can be inferred ...

The author says that the backpain from a single ride in Pakistani amusement parks need an MRI. This shows that the amusement park rides are mostly operated at fast speed and ^{can} often be very dangerous as they lead to back pain and aches in other body parts

(iv) The writer says, ...

The author has portrayed the irony of depending on food for enjoyment which is increasing the waistlines but not the choices.

Pakistanis are so deeply connected to food that they are happy with their increasing obesity but not with new forms of entertainment and enjoyment.

(v) If Pakistan had developed...

been Pakistanis would have probably still deeply dependent on food even if they had developed other entertainment industries like Disneyland and Broadway. The problem is not only the presence of such entertainment means, but also the other factors like prices, social acceptance and safety. Disneyland and Broadway would have been too pricey, or too socially unacceptable due to large crowds, ultimately leaving food as the only acceptable entertainment.

Q4 Correction of sentences.

- iv. They left the hotel, where they had been staying, in car.
- v. As he was running down the street, the bag fell from his hand.
- vi. The soldier was awarded a medal for his courage.

vi. The soldier was awarded with a medal for his courage, while his colleagues cheered for him.

vii. The hard tests come at the end of the fall.

viii. The lawyer tried to cite the correct law, but his opponent accused him of making false citations.

Q5. Punctuate.

(A)

'Let us explore the meaning of the quote, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", said the teacher. The student replied, 'Does it mean that if I want kindness, I must first show kindness?' The teacher nodded and said, 'Exactly! It is about treating people the way you wish to be treated'. The student smiled and added, 'So, if I respect others, I am more likely to be respected in return'. 'Yes,' the teacher concluded, 'that is the golden rule of life'.

(B)

Q.6. Appropriate prepositions.

- (i) The professor insisted on completing the assignment before the deadline despite the university being closed for holidays.
- (ii) She has been working on a solution that lies hidden beneath the surface of a problem.
- (iii) Success depends often not merely on efforts but also on the opportunities presented to us.
- (iv) His reputation rests on principles he never strayed from, even when under severe pressure.
- (v) The lawyer argued against the proposal while standing in front of the very committee that had voted in favour of it last year.

(Q.6)

Q6. Sentences.

ii. Donkey's years:

It has been donkey's years since we visited Lahore.

iii. to have other fish to fry:

Sana refused to attend the party as she had other fish to fry.

iv. sour grapes:

The class representative refused to take action on class' grievances considering them sour grapes.

v. to go bananas:

Ali went bananas after knowing that he aced his exams.

vii. to raise a red flag:

The changing statements of the prisoner raised a red flag for the investigators.

Q7 Translation

Hellen Keller wrote in her autobiography, of the ways she would live her life if she were granted sight for three days. The first day she would see ~~the~~ her loved ones to know how eyes look like sparkling with affection. The next day, she wishes to see the nature's glamour, like sunrays, plant's vegetation, colorful flowers and blueness of the sky. The last day she wants to experience human creativity through worldly glitter, a marketplace's rush, theatre lights and humour. For her the gift of sight for three days would be enough to brighten her life's darkness.
