

Precis Paper

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Q2 Title: Play the Man, When One Has No Ball:

Ad hominem! If one cannot shake the argument, abuse the person who advances the argument based on facts. Lincoln in his prime time, in one of his first jury cases, made the best use of ad hominem in a very adroit and non-malicious way. His opponent was a well-trained experienced lawyer with solid arguments on his side. But, Lincoln did not let the jury see through his weak arguments, he started playing the man when understood he did not have the right ball. He overturned the case with just a small witty response, pointing towards his shirt buttoned backwards as his lack of knowledge and called his knowledge in law a facade. This ad hominem made him win the case. The Sophists used this rhetoric art freely. The same critical discourse has been used repeatedly against several US presidents.

Total Words: 380

Required Precis Words: 126

Q3.

- (i) Ahsan Malik was assigned to defend the village of Kamalpur on the East Pakistan border with 140 soldiers.
- (ii) Both the American and the German pilots met (reunited). Their meeting was not an official meeting but a reunion of two long-lost friends; a friendship that lasted till their deaths.
- (iii) The story reveals a profound truth that the actual bravery and courage lies in fighting alongside morality. When the warriors maintain humanity and ethics and fight with their conscience alive.
- (iv) The acts of kindness and true courage make arch-enemies, the new best friends, a friendship, a bond, that lasts forever. The unbreakable bond.
- (v) If Franz Stigler had shot down Charles Brown's B-17 it would have brought

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him no good but misery, as the commander had warned him before hand that if he ever shot a man in a parachute, the commander himself would shoot him. Besides ~~the~~ he still would have won the war but would not have made an example out of it about "fighting with your conscience alive".

Q5(A)

- (i) The doctor gave me a prescription for my cough.
- (ii) Throw this pen into the dustbin.
- (iii) He went to the desert.
- (iv) I don't approve of your language.
- (v) The bird flew over my head.

(B) Punctuate

two little frogs were playing about, at the edge of a pool, when an ox came down to the water to drink and by accident trod on one of them and crushed the life out of him. When the old frog missed him, she asked his brother where he was. "He is dead, mother", said the little frog. An enormous big creature, with four legs, came to our pool this morning and trampled him down in the mud. "Enormous? was he as big as this?" said the frog puffing herself out to look as big as possible. "Oh yes,

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much bigger", was the answer. The frog puffed herself out still more, "was he as big as this?", said she. "Oh yes, yes mother, much bigger", said the little frog, and yet again, she puffed and puffed herself out till she was almost as round as a ball, as big as she began, but she burst!

Q6. Change the following to reported speech.

- (3) The judge summoned the first witness.
- (4) The boy's mother asked not to blame him for the accident.
- (5) He said that he knocked on the door but she did not answer.
- (8) He resented me for missing such an important meeting.
- (10) He suggested that we should submit our nomination papers as independent candidates.

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Q7

How good it would have been if we ~~were~~ ^{could} still ~~able to~~ play tip cat, treasure hunt, Hopscotch and Hide and seek (peek-a-boo). There would be a moment of déjà vu, if those moments could come back. We would run, play and laugh in the streets with our friends and forget the squabbles during the play. Those moments now live/exist only in our memories. The heart often craves those moments where life was simple, pleasant and free of worries.