

Q.2

Modern civilization values wealth over character: the gravest reversal

Under the visible progress, civilizations suffer from unseen corrosion. The modern civilization is obsessed with technology and possession. Amid marvels of engineering and capitalism, it merely notices the gravest reversal that the progress has accompanied with itself: wealth and profit over character and virtue. In modern times, materialism is valued over the dignity of home; profit is motivation rather than fairness; wealth dictates politics rather than policies. The modern civilization endorses material possession but not moral virtues and self-reflection. This reversal has several consequences: erosion of trust, deterioration of institutions, and intellectual degradation. However, the major consequence is unfulfillment of soul: the comfort has increased but not happiness. Thus, the humanity will keep declining under the visible prosperity unless the moral sensibility is reclaimed.

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Q.3

- (i) After the conflict Arab leaders changed their attitude towards Pakistan. Once detested in Middle East, Arab leaders admired the country's expertise in digital warfare and military discipline after the May conflict. Impressed by its battlefield victories, Arab leaders regarded Pakistan a formidable force.
- (ii) Black out in Delhi influenced the psychological state of Indians during the conflict. The Black out disrupted communication systems and spread complete darkness across the city. People could not communicate with their guardians or loved ones, causing stress. While darkness psychologically created the state of fear. Thus, the people were in panic.
- (iii) If Pakistan had not launched digital warfare after the missile retaliation, the conflict would have turned out differently. Pakistan's cyber attacks rendered several critical military infrastructure and systems ineffective. Which although had huge military and capital setback to India, it caused no human loss. However, if Pakistan had not opened this

war front, the conventional war in skies and land would have escalated, causing huge human loss.

(iv) Traditional military force with air-defence systems costed five Rafale jets; missiles and artillery fire hit military installations and caused blackout in capital city. On the other hand, the digital warfare, disrupted communications, blinded satellites, disfunctional radars and command system. The cost incurred by the enemy was majorly inflicted by traditional military force; however, the decisive factor was Pakistan's digital warfare. It destabilized underlying control systems without which even traditional military force can not function.

(v) If the events of 10 May 2025 were to be viewed as a turning point, the episode has changed the meaning of 'power' in the 21st century. Power once seen as conventional military force has changed into technological and digital power. The traditional concept of manpower and military numbers have changed into technological advancement and cyber expertise.

Q.4

- (i) Standing in the line, he can hear a thunderstorm.
- (ii) He should better speak the truth or he will be punished.
- (iii) She would rather read a book than watch a television show.
- (vi) Not only he was a thief but also a murderer.
- (vii) I defeated him in the race.

Q.5 A.

As the rain poured down over the flooded city, Adeel whispered to his friend, "Did you hear what the mayor said today?" His friend looked puzzled and asked, "What did he say?" Adeel replied, "He said, 'we ignored warnings for years and now the city is paying the price,' those were his exact words." People around them sighed, and one man muttered, "It is strange how leaders only speak the truth when disaster strikes!"

Q.5 B.

- i) He persisted on the teeth of overwhelming opposition.
- ii) The policy was conceived by the auspices of international consortium
- iii) The glass broke into pieces
- iv) She is married to him
- v) He is sitting under the shade of tree

Q.7

Margret, an old woman, visits the Embankment railway station of London daily, just to listen the announcement, "Mind the gap", in the voice of her late husband, Oswald Lawrence. This announcement was recorded in 1970s, and after the death of Oswald, Margret used to feel his affection while listening it. In 2012, when his voice was replaced by an electronic recording, Margret contacted with the Transport for London. When the institution came to know about the emotions involved, it allowed her husband's voice to continue at Embankment station. Now, everyday on that station, the announcement, filled with love, is made.