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Q. No. 1

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TITLE # Fixed Misconceptions of Man in
An Uncertain World.

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The physics teacher throws a heavy and a light object at the same time in a vacuum chamber. The students were surprised when both the objects fell with equal speed, as they had no idea about how gravity functions. Most people hold fixed conceptions about natural happenings, but such truths get destroyed when face reality. Kids inquire about everything until discouraged. It is because of the education system which encourage conformity over questioning truth. Besides, a lot of scientific work is published every year, but only the contradictory findings make it to the limelight, causing confusion among common people. The problem is not these scientific contradictions, but of people not knowing how science functions. The experimental nature of science often leads to either the modification or rejection of previous findings. However, people hesitates when asked to alter their course based on new findings. Thus, the problem is not with science, but people's fixed misconceptions about certainty of this world.

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Q. No. 2

1) How does the author trace the evolution of the concept of intelligence across different eras?

Answer:

✓ The author traces the evolution of the concept of intelligence across different eras. To him, initially, wisdom was considered intelligence, something which came from life-long experiences. Then comes industrial era, where fast and efficient calculation was set a standard for being intelligent. In current era, intelligence is identified with how fast one type or react to something, instead of giving a deep thought to it.

2 a) What danger does the author associate with valuing speed over reflection?

Answer:

2 The author associates the risk of confusing reaction with misunderstanding. He asserts that the ability to react quickly deprives one of having sustained and independent idea about things. True intelligence is digging out the actual essence, ~~from~~ but quick reactions cloud this ability of man.

3 According to passage, how has technology altered relationship between knowledge and wisdom?

Answer:

According to the passage, technology has altered relationship between knowledge and wisdom by confusing having big data with understanding the data. Technology made man think why do do research when everything can be made available by single clicks.

4) What kind of intelligence does the author believe will be most valuable in the future?

The author believes that the intelligence which comes with reflection, observation and perseverance will be the most valuable in the future. This type of intelligence will not be affected by fastly evolving nature of the world

3) Vocabulary

1) Jubilant	Mercurial X
2) Latent	Inspired ✓
3) Ruse	Inure X
4) Quagmire	Quandary ✓
5) Panacea	Alleviate ✓
6) Magnanimous	Brusque X
7) Languid	Hackneyed ✓
8) Modicum	Plethora X
9) Neophyte	Black X
10) Hopeless	Unlucky ✓

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