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English

Precis And Composition

PART- II

Question no: 2

Make a precis and suggest a suitable title:

Specialization of knowledge: A narrow perspective

The specialization of knowledge has made humans unable to deal with basic problems. People visit different experts to address their problems, forgetting the fact that experts possess a narrow vision about reality by viewing the world through the lens of their field only. Therefore, every expert views humans differently, focusing on their field while ignoring the whole picture. This fragmentation of knowledge has left humans unable to deal with issues like climate change. The

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institutions, instead of focusing on issue as a whole, try to solve it in pieces by involving multiple field experts. The worst is authorizing those experts with authority to design humans' lifestyles, relationships, and moods, making them passive consumers by killing their creativity of mind. Hence, specialized knowledge should be properly placed beneath human values through the integration of knowledge with the help of educational institutes; allowing ideas to flow between various fields. Specialization of knowledge only focuses on details, ignoring the bigger picture. Thus, it is significant to focus on latter to save humanity.

Question no 7

Translation

Literature is the nerve of any society, as it reflects its ethical and spiritual condition. When a nation's literature begins to decline, it should be understood as a sign that the nation itself is heading towards decay. Unfortunately, today's literature has become a market captured by a mafia. An author

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who sells their pen for money actually sells their spirit. A true author is the one who stands with truth and opposes falsehood, even if it requires numerous sacrifices. However, such writers are scarce in the present era. Many authors are seen compromising before authority and remain busy by pleasing the powerful through their writings. This is unfaithfulness to literature and a betrayal of the nation.

Question no 6

Pairs of Words

① **Venal** : Dishonest, open to bribery
The venal officer accepted money to ignore the crime.

Venial : Minor, forgivable
Lying once was considered a venial sin.

② **Deprecate** : to criticize / disapprove
The teacher deprecated cheating in exams.

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Deprecate: to lose value

The car depreciates over time

③ **Mendacious:** telling lies (adjective)

The mendacious witness could not be trusted.

Mendacity: the habit of lying (Noun)

His mendacity ruined his reputation

④ **Prescribe:** to officially recommend

The doctor prescribed medicines

Proscribe: to ban / forbid

The government proscribed illegal activities.

⑤ **Ingenuous:** innocent, naive

Her ingenuous question made everyone smile.

Ingenious: clever, inventive

He designed an ingenious solution to the problem.

Question no 5

(A) Punctuation

The minister, addressing the gathering, said, "My fellow citizens, we stand today at a critical juncture in our nation's history. We must ask ourselves, are we prepared to face the challenges ahead, or shall we succumb to dependency and inaction?" Dr. Ahmed, the renowned economist, had warned us last year that unless immediate reforms were undertaken, the economy would collapse. However, his advice was not heeded. Now, we find ourselves in precisely the predicament he had predicted. Therefore, I urge you all to support the government's new economic policy, which, though painful in short term, will yield beneficial results in the long run." Let us not," he continued, "repeat the mistakes of the past. Let us move forward with determination and courage."

(B) Prepositions

- 1) The judge acquitted him **of** the charge of the theft.
- 2) He must abide **by** the rules of the institution's
- 3) He is deficient **in** common sense despite his education.
- 4) The principal presided **over** the function yesterday.
- 5) The minister expressed his disapproval **of** the manner in which the inquiry was conducted.

Question no 4

Correction

- 1) The committee that was appointed to investigate the matter submitted its report last week.
- 2) He has been living in this city for ten years and knows every corner of it.

- 3) Each of the students is required to submit his/her assignment before the deadline.
- 4) The number of unemployed graduates ~~are~~ is increasing every year in the country.
- 5) The committee has been deliberating on the proposal since morning but has not yet arrived at any consensus.

Question no 3

Comprehension

- 01: The fundamental error which the author identifies is the misconception about the relationship between tradition and progress. The author says that the relationship between tradition and progress is seen as completely opposite and contrary, posing a threat to civilization. Traditions are often limited to the past events and considered obsolete and irrelevant, whereas progress is seen as dynamic. This dichotomy has created an intellectual trap generating a debate

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on validity of tradition as the accumulation of knowledge and progress as an ^{agent of} change from one state to another. This misconception about the relationship between tradition and progress is considered dangerous, as it has weakened the civilization.

02) The author uses historical examples to challenge the notion that progress requires abandoning the past. He is of the point of view that tradition is not merely a collection of wisdom of old generations but rather contains truths which they understood better than us. He believes that the denial of the wisdoms behind old practices is ignorance that disconnects humans from their roots, highlighting major past event such as the European Renaissance, religious movements and scientific revolutions.

03) The writer describes tradition as a living conversation instead of a static recital of dead customs, because he believes that tradition connects humans to their roots by bridging today with

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yesterday. He explains that, just by moving ahead in time, the problems of humanity don't change. When humans disconnect themselves from their past, they become rootless and weak, vulnerable to existing social problems.

04) The passage highlights how individuals search for identities, purpose, and the meaning of life in contemporary societies by consulting various specialised experts. They ignore the fact that tradition holds the answers to problems contributed by ancestors long ago. In fact, it should not be a blind adherence to certain traditional practices, but rather a rational and thoughtful approach to genuine innovation.

05) The author argues that distinguishing between valuable traditions and harmful ones requires a real intelligence and judgement. I agree with the author that it is a challenging task to differentiate between both and requires intelligence and judgment to perform, especially

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in contemporary era, since today's era is detached from its history and past, following baseless slogans without a deep understanding of the relationship between tradition and progress.