

[Part - II]

Q.2. Precis :

The modern obsession with specialized expertise has fragmented knowledge and weakened humanity's ability to solve basic, interconnected problems. Experts, confined to narrow disciplines, view reality partially and often mistake limited perspectives for complete truth. This intellectual fragmentation makes complex issues like climate change difficult to address, as they demand scientific, economic, political, moral, and cultural understanding together. Unlike medieval thinkers, who possessed a unified worldview, modern society resembles a broken mirror of disconnected insights. Excessive reliance on experts has also undermined common sense, turning independent thinkers into passive followers. While specialized knowledge is necessary, it must be guided by a broader understanding.

of human values. Restoring integrated thinking and faith in ordinary intelligence is essential to regain wisdom and see the large picture.

Title : Expertise without Wisdom

Q.3. Q Part. 1. Answer:

The author identifies the error of viewing tradition and progress as mutually exclusive forces, where tradition is seen as an obstacle and progress as unquestionable improvement. This is dangerous because it equates novelty with advancement, ignoring that change can also lead to decline. Such thinking cuts societies off from accumulated wisdom, leading to rootlessness and poor judgement.

Q. Part. 2 .

Answer:

The author cites the European Renaissance, religious reforms, and scientific revolutions to show that major advances were achieved by re engaging with earlier ideas. These movements progressed by creatively reinterpreting the past, proving that genuine progress often depends on historical foundations rather than rejecting them.

Q. Part . 3 .

Answer:

By calling tradition a "living conversation", the writer means it is dynamic and evolving, involving continuous dialogue between past and present. Unlike dead customs, traditions can be questioned, adapted, and refined, allowing wisdom to remain relevant across generations.

Q. Part . 4.

Answer :

The paradox is that modern people reject their own traditions yet desperately seek meaning through new spiritual, therapeutic, or political movements. This reveals a rootless society unaware that the meaning it seeks may already exist within the traditions it dismisses.

Q. Part . 5.

Answer :

Yes, such distinction is possible, though difficult. While contemporary bias cannot be eliminated, critical thinking, historical awareness, and moral reasoning allow societies to evaluate traditions and innovations on merit rather than slogans. Without this effort, meaningful progress becomes impossible.

Q.4. Correct Sentences:

Corrected:

- i) The committee that was appointed to investigate the matter submitted its report last week.
 - ii) He has been living in this city for ten years and knows every corner of it.
 - iii) Scarcely had I reached the station when the train departed from the platform.
 - iv) Each of the students is required to submit his or her assignment before the deadline.
 - vi) The number of unemployed graduates is increasing every year in the country.
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S.S.A. Punctuated : Passage :

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 despondency and inaction? Dr. Ahmed, the renowned economist, had warned us last year that unless immediate reforms are undertaken, the economy will 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 the short term, will yield beneficial results in the long run. Let's not," he continued, "repeat the mistakes of the past; let's move forward with determination and courage."

B. Filled Blanks.

- i. The Judge acquitted him of the charge of theft.
- ii. We must abide by the rules of the institution.
- iii. He is deficient in common sense despite his education.
- iv. The Principal presided over the function yesterday.
- v. The new policy is prejudicial to the interests of small farmers and landless labourers.

Q.6 A. Sentences :

i. Venal / Venial

The Judge was dismissed for venal conduct after accepting bribes.

The officer treated the minor error as venial and issued only a warning.

ii. Deprecate / Depreciate

Human rights groups deprecate the use of torture under any circumstances. The value of the currency continues to depreciate due to inflation.

iii. Prescribe / Proscribe

The doctor prescribed antibiotics for the infection.

The government has proscribed extremist organizations under the law.

iv. Ingenuous / Ingenious

His ingenuous remarks revealed his honesty and lack of guile.

She devised an ingenious solution to the technical problem.

v. Appraise / Apprise

The officer was asked to appraise the damaged property.

Please apprise me of any changes in the schedule.

Q.7. Translation :

It is not easy to take up the pen with a living conscience. When someone's livelihood depends on it, writing the truth becomes difficult, because moral courage is often the first casualty. One's conscience is the real test: whether the pen is sold for money or raised for truth. A writer who trades his pen for profit may gain wealth, but he loses his soul. History bears witness that whenever tyranny tightened its grip, courageous writers stood firm, refusing to bow their heads. In Egypt and elsewhere, attempts were made to silence truth through pressure and intimidation, yet genuine voices continued to rise. The true reward of the pen is not material gain, but the dignity of speaking truth without fear. Only such writing deserves to be called meaningful.
