

English Preci and Composition

Ques # 2

Precis Writing

Title:

The Limitations of Specialization
and the Need for Holistic Thought.

Modern intellectual life is tarnished by a contradiction: as knowledge becomes more specialized, we lose the ability to address fundamental human issues. Experts in specific fields often possess a narrow vision, mistaking partial truths - such as economic rationality or biological reproduction - for the entirety of human experience. This fragmentation prevents us from solving complex problems like climate change, which is multidimensional and requires a unified approach that current specialized institutions cannot provide. Furthermore, our over-reliance on experts has eroded trust in common sense and personal judgement, turning active citizens into passive consumers of technical advice for even the most basic life activities. To remedy this, we must not reject expertise but rather integrate it into a broader understanding of human values. We need an educational shift toward interdisciplinary thinking and a renewed faith

in ordinary intelligence. Without regaining this "larger picture", we remain a civilization that is technically brilliant yet fundamentally blind.

Ques #3

Comprehension

(1) Ans: Fundamental error:

The author identifies a "simplistic dichotomy" where tradition and progress are viewed as opposing forces - the former seen as a "dead hand" stifling innovation and the latter as energy breaking free from constraints. This is dangerous because it creates an "intellectual trap" that ignores accumulated wisdom and leaves society "rootless" and "vulnerable" to passing fads.

(2) Ans Historical examples:

The author cites the **European Renaissance** where scholars looked back to classical antiquity to move forward, and **religious reformers** who used ancient texts to ground revolutionary visions. These show that genuine progress involves "creative reappropriation" of the past rather than its rejection.

(3) Ans Living Conversation:

This phrase means tradition is not a fixed set of "dead customs" but an active "dialogue". It is a process where the present generation questions the past and the past provides insights to challenge current views, allowing for growth and adaptation.

(4) Ans Paradox of Meaning:

Modern individuals frantically seek identity and meaning in "exotic spiritualities" or "therapeutic techniques" yet, they often despise the very traditions that could provide what they seek. This reveals a society that is "untethered" and "emanipated from history" but ultimately spiritually impoverished.

(5) Ans Critical Justification:

Yes, such a distinction is possible through the "real intelligence and judgement" mentioned. While we are influenced by contemporary perspectives, the "living conversation" with the past allows us to evaluate which traditions embody "hard-won wisdom" and which "enshrine injustice," preventing us from being blinded by modern "simplistic slogans".

Ques #6

Pair of Words

(1) (i) **Venal**: The venal officer was eventually arrested for accepting bribes in exchange for contracts.

(ii) **Venial**: Forgetting to lock the door was a venial error, easily forgiven by his roommates.

(2) **Deprecate**: Many critics deprecate the use of violence in modern ~~cinema~~ cinema, arguing it desensitizes the audience.

(i) **Depreciate**: If you do not maintain your car properly, its market value will depreciate.

(3) **Mendacious**: The lawyer pointed out the witness's mendacious testimony, proving that he lied about his location.

Mendacity: His chronic mendacity regarding his past ruined his public image and reputation.

(4) **Prescribe**: The doctor prescribed me high doses of steroids.

Proscribe: Most International laws proscribe the use of chemical weapons during armed conflicts.

(5) **Councillor**: The local councillor discussed new urban development plans in town hall meeting.

Counsellor: She was seeking help of a professional counsellor to overcome her stress.

Ques #4

Correction of Sentences

- (i) The committee which 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/her assignment before the deadline.
- (v) The number of unemployed graduates is increasing every year in the country.

Ques #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: we are 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 long term. Let's not," he continued, "repeat the mistakes of the past; let's move forward with determination and courage."

Ques #5 (b)

Prepositions

- (1) The judge acquitted him **of** the charge of theft
- (2) We must abide **by** the rules of the institution.
- (3) He is deficient **in** common sense despite his education
- (4) The principal presided **over** the function yesterday
- (5) The new policy is prejudicial **to** the interests of small farmers

Ques #1

Translation

Literature is the pulse of any society, reflecting its moral and spiritual state. When a nation's literature begins to decline, it should be

understood that the nation is approaching its decline. Unfortunately, today's literature has become commercialized and has been seized by the mafia. A writer who sells his pen for money actually sells his conscience. A true man of letters is one who raises the voice of truth and wields the pen against the falsehood, regardless of the sacrifices required. However, in this era, such courageous writers are non-existent. Most writers are seen bowing at the threshold of power, engaged in the futile effort of pleasing powerful classes through their writings. This is a betrayal of literature and treason against the nation.