

Q.NO.02

Precis

The contemporary reliance on experts has diminished one's intellectual life. Man relies on economists, scientists, and technologists to unravel the answers about his welfare, purpose, and organization. These experts possess knowledge of their fields and examine man's problems through their limited perspectives. Similarly, economists focus on profit maximization, while others are confined to their own specialities. Examining life with these expert opinions reveal partial truths, yet man accepts them as a complete outlook. Similarly, climate change, a scientific, political, moral, economic, and a cultural issue, when dealt separately, further complicates the problem. The medieval thinker had this capability of examining issues holistically. However, the man in the contemporary world has lost it. He resorts to experts for understanding the basics of life like happiness. This over-reliance has transitioned man from an active citizen who understands life to a passive consumer who acts on dictation. Wholeness does not mean overlooking expert opinions, rather connecting all realms of life. One

needs people with holistic insights and educational institutions that foster broader education over specialized fields. Most importantly, one needs to realize the wonders of ordinary intelligence shaped by norms and values. Till then, the society will keep producing experts who lack broader knowledge.

Suggested Title: Reliance on expert opinions over ordinary intelligence in the contemporary world

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Precis words: 199.

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Comprehension

Q1)

According to the passage, the author identifies a fundamental error in the popular understanding of the tradition and progress as the two being eternal opposites. The tradition is considered as the hands from past that

hinder the innovation and progress. Whereas, progress refers to the breaking free from past constraints. These misconceptions have misguided the society about their civilisation and leads to a dangerous intellectual trap. Due to these entrenched misconceptions, society and individuals perceive the two as completely contradictory to each other. Thus, the fundamental misconception that prevails about tradition and progress ~~are~~ is that they are completely opposite which leads to a dangerous intellectual trap.

Q2)

In the given passage, the author challenges the notion that progress requires abandoning the past with several historical examples. He argues that tradition is something where individuals gained wisdom from problems that do not differ greatly from today. He argues that every Renaissance has required creative adaptation of the past. Similarly, great religious scholars referred to ancient texts for their insights, and even the scientists focus the questions that ~~it~~ might have been

ignored in the past. Thus, by using these historical examples, the author establishes a great relationship between the tradition and progress.

Q3)

In the passage, the author says "tradition is not a static repository of dead customs but a living conversation across generations." He means that the tradition is basically a dialogue between the past and present generations questioning one another. The traditions are formulated from problems that do not differ a lot from the contemporary world. When one differs themselves from customs, they actually let go of their roots. Thus, the author defines a natural connection between the traditions and the generations - to come with the phrase in consideration.

Q4)

According to the passage, the paradox between modern search for meaning ~~and~~ that exists is that people are trying their best into solving the problems through exotic spiritualities, therapeutic techniques, and

political movements. However, they have forgotten about the fact that their old generations might have faced similar problems hence, the solutions to these might be found in their traditions. Thus, people are practically looking for solutions while ignoring the traditions entirely.

Q5)

According to the author, distinguishing between valuable traditions and harmful ones requires "real intelligence and judgment." While the author believes that it is possible to form such distinction, it is become very difficult due to entrenched despise against these traditions. People approach these traditions with preconceptualized minds of the two having broad distinctions, they are never truly capable of understanding these traditions objectively. Thus, as the passage indicates, the task of forming real intelligence and judgment has become truly difficult as a result of subconscious despise against these traditions.

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Sentence Correction

- i. The committee members, who were appointed to investigate the matter, submitted their report last week.
- ii. He has been living in the city for ten years and knows every corner of it.
- iv. All of the students are required to submit their assignments before the deadline.
- vi. The number of unemployed graduates in the country is increasing every year.
- vii. The committee members have been deliberating on the proposal since morning but have not yet arrived at any consensus.

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A) Punctuation

The Prime Minister, addressing the gathering, said, "My fellow citizens! We

stand today, at a crucial 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) Prepositions

- ii- We must abide by the rules of the institution.
- iv- The principal presided at the functions yesterday.
- v- The new policy is prejudicial to the interests of small farmers and landless labourers.

vi. His conduct is not commensurate ^{with} his position and responsibilities in the organization.

vii. The minister expressed his disapproval of the manner in which the enquiry was conducted.

Q. NO. 06

Sentences - Pair of Words.

i. Veneal The veneal official exchanged bribes for favors.

Venial Her mistake was venial, a minor fault that didn't harm anyone.

ii. Deprecate The lecturer deprecated the use of unreliable resources in research.

Depreciate The value of a car starts depreciating as soon as it exits the show room.

iii. Mendacious The witness gave a mendacious statement to mislead the court.

Mendacity The political leader lost his credibility due to his habitual mendacity.

iv. Prescribe The doctor prescribed her an antihistamine for the flu.

Proscribe The state proscribed extremist organizations to ensure public safety.

v. Ingenuous Her ingenuous questions showed her innocent heart.

Ingenuous He built an ingenious device to solve his problems efficiently.

Q. NO. 07

Translation

Literature is the pulse of any society which reflects its moral and spiritual character. When the literature of a nation starts to perish, it should be realized that the nation is close to its end. Alas! today the literature has become cheap and the mafia has grasped over it. The writer, who sells his pen/writings for money, actually sells his self-esteem as well. A true scholar is the one who raises his voice for right and writes against the wrong, irrespective of the number of compromises he has to make. However, in

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In the contemporary era, such courageous scholars are scarce. Most liberals are seen bowing to the powerful and dedicating their writing into praising the strong. It is a betrayal to the literature and treachery to the nation.