

(Precís)

Modern Worship of Expertise

The author believes that the specialization trend has hampered common intelligence. Expertise has led to a lack in ability to decode basic life problems. As humans tend to find solutions from specialists in various fields, they have forgotten that wisdom in life is irrespective of being a specialist in a certain field. While defining humans, every such expert builds his own definition biologically, economically and psychologically. And then, this fragmented knowledge is treated ~~as a~~ as a complete truth. This fragmentation ~~can~~ causes problems when it comes to issues that are interdisciplinary in nature and cannot be wholly classified. In a comparison,

the part thinker had a broader view of the world based on his common knowledge. Whereas, today's world exhibits a mosaic of knowledge which is incoherent. Moreover, humans prioritise experts and seek knowledge from them in every field of life. Whereas, they can deal with these aspects on their own by simply experiencing things. This reliance has enforced a blind consumption and has suppressed the human critical thinking. To get back to a broader level thinking, expert views must not be shunned. But rather, specialised knowledge is to be placed at a lower pedestal than human wisdom. For this, education and an unshakeable belief in one's own intelligence can play a vital role in opting the ability to look at the greater picture of life.

Comprehension

(1)

The author believes that, in a misconception, tradition and progress are viewed as opposing forces. On one hand, tradition is seen as a dead hand of the past that seeks to stifle innovation. And on the other hand, progress is viewed as a dynamic energy that attempts to break free from obsolete constraints. This error has poisoned our discourse and impoverished our civilisation, leading to a dangerous intellectual trap.

(2)

Author uses historical examples to enforce his belief that every great renaissance in human history has involved not a rejection of the past, but a creative reappropriation of it.

The scholars of the European Renaissance looked backward to classical antiquity while the great religious reformers grounded their revolutionary visions in ancient texts. Even the scientific revolution involved the recovery of neglected insight from early thinkers.

(3)

The writer says that tradition is a living conversation across generations and not a static repository of dead customs. By this he means that, tradition is believed to be a deadhand of the past but in reality it is the accumulation of wisdom over generations, provides roots and insights from early thinkers, and a classical antique which tethers and anchors the humans to their root so they are not swept by winds of changing ideologies.

(4)

The modern world is full of people frantically seeking meaning, purpose and identity in exotic spiritualities, therapeutic techniques and political movements. This shows that our contemporary society is prone to ever evolving ideologies and beliefs and there must be an anchor that keeps the humans stay grounded and connected to their roots.

(5)

Owing to our critical thinking ability and judgement, it is possible to make distinction between valuable and harmful traditions. As, some traditions embody hard won wisdom and deserve preservation, others enshrine injustice and demand abolition. The task of distinguishing is ~~difficult~~

possible but difficult, when
we only preach slogans
about simplistic ~~also~~ dichotomy
of tradition versus progress.

Sentence Correction

(Corrected Sentences)

1. He has been living in this city for ten years and knows every corner of it.
2. Each of the students is required to submit their assignments before the deadline.
3. The number of unemployed graduates is increasing every year in the country.
4. The committee has been deliberating on the proposal since morning, but has not yet arrived at any consensus.
5. The committee who was appointed to investigate the matter submitted their report last week.

Prepositions

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

Pairs of Words

1. Venal

The injection administered to the patient was venal.

Venial

The daughter was shocked at the venial from elders.

2. Deprecate

The boy felt deprecated at his father's funeral.

Depreciate

The student was depreciated by the teacher.

3. Prescribe

The doctor prescribed medicines to the patient.

Proscibe

The designer proscribed a design on the bedsheet.

4. Appraise

The gold medalist received appraise from the family.

Apprise

In the apprise of the moment, the champion was given cash prize.

5. Counsellor

The group of counsellors was present at the meeting.

Councillor

The councillor approved the construction design.

Translation

Literature is the lifeblood of any society that reflects its moral and spiritual condition. When literature faces a downfall in a nation, it signals its collapse. Sadly, this field in today's world is marketed and is grappled by mafias. A writer who sells his work for money actually sells his own self-respect. A real writer is the one who raises his voice for the right and writes against the wrong, no matter how many sacrifices he has to make for it. But, the present world is deprived of such courageous authors. Most of these writers are found bowing down in front of influential people and are religiously busy in pleasing the power groups. This is dishonesty to literature and a betrayal to the nation.

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 ~~ready~~ 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.