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"ENGLISH PRECIS AND COMPOSITION" PART-II

QUESTION No. 02

"Need to Regain the Power of Ordinary Intelligence"
"Humans Overemphasis on Experts Knowledge"

The modern worship of expertise has made humans less able to solve a minor problem of daily life. Humans go for economists, scientists, technologists without realising the fact that expertise in one field does not signify a person to be an expert in all fields, instead, it narrows the vision of reality. Moreover, expertise in one field reveals something new, yet, it also hides something important, while humans treat such partial truths as a whole reality. Climate Change, for instance, is a scientific problem, but its fragmentation has made one unable to understand the other expert. Our intellectual world is like a broken mirror whereas, a normal thinker has a unified view of the world. Moreover, over-reliance on experts has undermined the ability of human judgement and common sense. This over-dependence makes humans the passive consumers, who accept

The other's opinions as ultimate truth. The ultimate need of the day is to place the expert's knowledge beneath a wider understanding to human life and values. The uprising of ordinary intelligence is necessary. Till then, humans are confiscated in a civilization of experts, being brilliant in detail and blind to the big picture of reality.

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(Part- i)

Although, there is a fundamental misconception about tradition and progress, which has undermined both the discourse and civilization. The author identified that we have been taught for so long that tradition is just a dead hand of the past and progress can only be attained by freeing ourselves from the constraints of tradition. This error of understanding is dangerous because it had led the individuals into an intellectual leap. Therefore, this dichotomy of tradition and progress is posing a serious threat to our civilization.

(Part - ii)

The author skillfully analysed the historical examples to challenge the notion that progress requires abandoning the past. He clearly mentioned that every great Renaissance, for the sake of progress had not rejected the past. For instance, the scholars of European Renaissance, looked backward to move forward. Moreover, religious reformers also relied on ancient scripts, and same is the case with scientific revolutions. The author emphasized that the actual progress is not possible without stable roots.

(Part - iii)

The author writes that a tradition is not a static repository of dead customs, instead, it is "a living conversation across generations" which enrolls us upon how past challenges the present and present interrogates the past. When we seek ourselves out from history, it does not let humans free, yet makes them rootless and vulnerable to ideological winds when they flow. Hence, history binds the generations with their ideological identities and civilizational entities.

(Part - iv)

According to the passage, in the modern world, people seek meaning, identity and purpose through various means that includes political movements or believing in exotic spiritualities without realising the fact that what they have been finding might be present in traditions, which they have forgotten. Such paradox reveals that contemporary societies also face the same problems, yet their struggle highlights the disconnect from the past.

(Part - iv)

The author argues that distinguishing between valuable traditions and harmful ones requires "real intelligence and judgement." I agree with the author's point of view because traditions are not to be followed blindly as in the past, a lot of the traditions were inhumane. Moreover, this distinction is difficult yet, possible because in modern world humans are more intellectual as compared to the past. Based on human's intelligence and judgement, the traditions embodying hard-won wisdom should be preserved while abolishing the others that offers inhumane

treatments as astonishing and walking on burning coals to prove innocence.

QUESTION NO: 04

(i)

The Committee which was appointed to investigate the matter, had submitted its report last week.

(ii)

He has been living in this city for ten years and knew every corner of it.

(iii)

Scarcely, had I reached the station then the train departed from the platform.

(iv)

He distributed sweets not only among the children but also among the elderly persons.

(vii)

The Committee has been deliberating on the proposal since morning, but has not yet arrived at any consensus.

(vi)

The number of unemployed graduates is increasing in the country every year.

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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."

(PART - B)

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QUESTION : 06

(I)

Venal: Contemporary custom officers are more often venal in nature.

Venial: With the ultimate need of time, humans cannot prevent themselves from venial conduct.

(II)

Deprecate: The way to deprecate is of great importance while preventing the emotional damage of others.

Depreciate: Every harsh reality depreciates with the passage of time.

(III)

Prescribe: The doctor prescribed a bag full of medicines for an ordinary fever.

Proscribe: The mother proscribed her child to go outside in cold.

(vii)

Appraise: My friends appraised me on my success with a grand party.

Apprise: The government apprised the public of climatic disasters this year.

(viii)

Eminent: Ronaldo is the world's eminent footballer.

Imminent: Ali's family was in imminent danger of being swept away by devastating floods.

QUESTION NO: 07

Literature is the pulse of any society that reflects its ethical and spiritual condition. It is understood that the ultimate fate of the nation lies in its literature. The literature's downfall is the nation's downfall. Remorsefully, today's literature is cheap enough and plays in the hands of the mobs. Writers who sell their talent for the sake of money, sales, their conscience too. A true writer is the one who writes the truth.

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and contradicts the tyranny, despite the sacrifice it demands. However, in today's world, such an efficient writers are impossible to find. More often, writers bow down their heads at the door steps of powerful guns and remains busy in pleasing the powerful classes through their writings. This is both the betrayal with literature and deception with the nation.
