

English Precis and Composition

Part - I

Q1 a) Synonyms :

- 1- Vicissitude : Transformation
- 2- Inexorable : Inevitable
- 3- Extol : Enervate
- 4- Obstreperous : Timid
- 5- Contort : Stubborn
- 6- Abstruse : Obscure
- 7- Wanton : Lewid
- 8- Importunate : Vivid
- 9- Guile : Craftiness.
- 10- Impassive : Intimation

b) Antonyms:-

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| 1- Contrite : Praise | 8- Morose : Depressed |
| 2- Invective : Praise | 9- Munificent : Lavish |
| 3- Quell : Endorse | 10- Ingratiate : Exalt |
| 4- Obviate : Prevent | |
| 5- Dirge : Artifice | |
| 6- Surgeon : Shrink | |
| 7- Exhort : Deter | |

Part - II

Q4 - Correction :

- iii- Though she studied hard, she failed the exam.
- iv- This is the perfect solution to the problem.
- v- A large number of books were donated to the library.
- vi- They suggested us to join the club.
- vii- She does not have enough time to finish the project.
- viii- It is Sara and Maria's house.

Q5 - a) Prepositions :

- ii- Would someone please get this bag off me?
- iii- All the neighbours were there besides the new one.
- vi- We don't have a coffee maker at work.
- viii- We walked up the hill to see the view.
- ix- The fireman led the people away from the burning building.

b) Punctuation :

If you look about you and consider the lives of others as well as your own; if you think how few are born with honor and how many die without name or children; how little beauty we see and how few friends we hear of; how many diseases and how much poverty there is in the world, you will fall down upon knees, and instead of repining at one affliction, will admire so many blessings which you have received from the hand of God.

Q6. Pair of Words :

i- Amiable

Ahmed is an amiable fellow and is loved by everyone.

Amicable

His amicable attitude towards his rival led to the lessening^{en} of the hostility.

ii- Enmity

The enmity of Pakistan and Afghanistan resulted in worst conflict.

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Amity

The amity of Ali and Saad is exemplary in the class.

vi- Pour

Pour some tea in my cup.

Pore

The small pores on my skin help regulate body temperature.

ii- Averse

He averted the subject of discussion in order to avoid criticism.

Adverse

The drug has adverse effects on human health.

vii- Especially

She is adept in cooking, especially the Italian food.

Specially

She came specially to greet her on her success.

Q7. Translation:

The sad reality of our society is that everyone calls for change, but seeks escape when it comes to their own actions. The slogans

of revolutions are charted in gatherings, the streams of transformation are flooded in writings, but in every day life, it does not take a second to compromise on a trivial rule. The result is that the society has become a double edged sword. On one end, there are wishful fantasies and, on the other end, there is bitter reality. We all want other's transformation, but fear our own. Hence, every person is a living example of darkness under lamp. The nations are not formed by slogans; they are formed by strength of character. And the character only becomes bright when an individual holds honesty as compulsory within himself. Otherwise, collective success becomes a mere oasis.

Q3. Comprehension:

1- Conceptualization of sportsmanship:

The sportsmanship is conceptualized in the passage as an endearing

relatively stable characteristic or disposition. It is such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sports situations. It encompasses the virtues such as fairness, self-control, courage, and persistence. It is also associated with the interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control if dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents.

2. The four elements of sportsmanship:

The four elements of sportsmanship mentioned in the passage are good form, the will to win, equity and fairness. A balance must be found among all because all are critical and necessary to illustrate true sportsmanship.

3. The desire to win sometimes conflict with the elements of equity and fairness in sportsmanship in the way

that a person may desire to win more than play, resulting in the clash within the aspects of equity and fairness. The conflict can dismiss the idea of sportsmanship by defeating the purpose of the idea.

4- "Sore loser" and "bad winner":

The behaviours associated with being a sore loser includes blaming others for the loss, not accepting responsibility for personal actions that contributed to the defeat, reacting to the loss in an immature or improper fashion, making excuses for the defeat, and citing unfavourable conditions or other petty issues as reasons for the defeat. While, behaviours associated with a bad winner include acting in a shallow fashion after his or her victory, such as by gloating about his or her win, rubbing the win in the face of the opponent, and lowering the opponent's self-esteem by constantly reminding the opponent of poor performance in comparison. These

behaviours impact the perception of sportsmanship by causing demoralizing effects, and promotion of idea of bad sportsman.

Q2. Précis

Title: The Art of Oratory

The future of oratory is declining. Earlier, the orators considered their work a dignified task. They used to put much effort in it to keep it valid in coming times, laying foundation for future work. Nowadays, no due attention is given to the art of oratory due to the ever-increasing technological influence and rapid advancements of the modern era. Busy lifestyles have led to the neglect of perfection in oratory. Sir Winston Churchill is one of the great figures in the art of oratory with his careful choice of words and wise expression of ideas. It is quite obvious from his speeches on both domestic and international matters, which serve as glory of

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his age as well as personality.

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