

English (Precis and Composition)

Q:2: Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Title: Fragmented Knowledge and the Crises of Modern Thinking.

Precis:

Modern Society's excessive reliance on expertise has led to the fragmentation of human knowledge and a weakened understanding of life as a whole. As specialization increases, experts view reality only through the narrow lens of their own disciplines. Consequently, partial truths are mistaken for complete explanations of human existence. As a result, complex problems such as climate change remain unresolved because they involve scientific, economic, political, moral and cultural aspects that cannot be addressed separately. Furthermore, Society's growing dependence on experts has weakened trust in common sense and ordinary human judgement. People now rely on professional advice even for basic life decisions, which discourages independent thinking and turns active

citizens into passive followers. However, the author does not argue against specialization itself. Rather, he stresses the need to place expert knowledge within a broader and integrated understanding of human values and life. Therefore, education system must promote both depth and breadth of learning, enabling individuals to connect ideas across disciplines. Ultimately, unless knowledge is reunited into a coherent whole, modern civilization will continue to know more about limited subjects while remaining blind to the larger picture.

Q.3: Read the following Passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Q.1: What fundamental ... dangerous?

Ans: The author identifies the fundamental error as the belief that tradition and progress are inherently opposed forces, with tradition seen as regressive and progressive as necessarily beneficial. This misconception is dangerous because it equates novelty with improvement, leading society to reject accumulated wisdom without critical evaluation. As a result, valuable insights from the past are discarded, leaving civilization intellectually shadowed and vulnerable to misguided change.

Q.2: How does author ... past?

Ans: The author challenges this notion by citing major historical movements such as the European Renaissance, religious reforms, and scientific

revolutions. He shows that these periods of advancement did not reject the past but rather reinterpreted and revived ancient ideas. By grounding innovation in historical wisdom, these movements demonstrate that genuine progress often depends on a creative engagement with tradition rather than its abandonment.

Q.3: What does ... customs,

Ans:

By calling tradition a "living conversation", the writer emphasizes its dynamic and evolving nature. Tradition is not a fixed set of outdated practices but an ongoing dialogue in which each generation interprets, questions, and refines inherited ideas. This interaction allows the past to inform the present while enabling the present to reassess the past, thereby keeping tradition relevant and meaningful.

Q.4: According to the passage ... Society?

Ans:

The paradox lies in the fact that modern individuals seek meaning in new spiritual movements, therapies, and ideologies while rejecting traditional sources of wisdom. This reveals that contemporary society, despite its claim to progress, is rootless and disconnected from its historical foundations. In dismissing tradition, people overlook the very resources that could provide the meaning and identity they desperately seek.

Q.5: The author argues ... perspectives?

Ans:

Although complete objectivity is impossible, people can still distinguish between good and harmful traditions through careful thinking and historical understanding. Even though modern views influence judgement, honest reflection helps avoid bias and allows balanced

decisions instead of
blind acceptance or rejection.

Q.4: Correct the following sentences.

1. The committee which was
appointed to investigate
the matter submitted its
report last week.
2. He has been living in
this city for ten years
and knows every corner
of it.
3. Scarcely had I reached
the station when the
train departed from
the platform.
4. Each of the students
is required to submit
his or her assignment
before the deadline.
5. The number of unemployed
graduates is increasing
every year in the country.

Q:1: Translate the following into English, keeping in view the idiomatic / figurative expression.

Translation:

Literature reflects the moral and spiritual conditions of a society. When a nation's literature declines, it shows that the nation itself is heading toward downfall. Sadly, modern literature has become commercialized and is controlled by vested interests. A writer who sells his pen for money also sells his conscience. A true writer speaks for truth and writes against falsehood, even at the cost of personal suffering. However, such brave writers are rare today. This attitude is a betrayal of literature and disloyalty to the nation.

Q:6. Use only five pairs of words in the sentences clearly illustrating their meanings.

1. Venal / Venial :

The official was venal and accepted bribes to influence his decisions.

His mistake was venial and easily forgiven.

2. Deprecate / Depreciate :

The leader deprecated violence in all its forms.

The value of the car depreciated rapidly over the years.

3. Prescribe / Proscribe :

The doctor prescribed medicine for the patient's illness.

The government proscribed extremist organizations.

1. Ingenuous / Ingenious :

She gave an ingenuous reply that revealed her honesty.

He invented an ingenious machine to solve the problem.

2. Appraise / Apprise :

The Jeweller appraised the necklace at a high price.

Please apprise me of any changes in the schedule.

Q.5: Punctuate the following.

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 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, this advice was not heeded. Now we find ourselves in precisely the predicament he had predicated. 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. Rewrite the following sentences
after filling in the blanks
with appropriate 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 and landless labourers