

Precis and Composition

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Q2 Civilization of experts: Brilliant at the details but blind to the larger picture

The author argues that the modern experts of science, technology, psychology, and economy see the world with specific lenses. They deal with problems in their specialized way. For example, climate change is a problem of all areas of specialized fields, but when each talks about the solution, no one understands what they are talking about. As the problem is wholesome and demands a unified solution.

The expertise of every expert cannot see the whole truth of life and experiences. It demands wisdom rather than expert views. Also, people nowadays seek help of these experts and accept their views as reality of life. In this way, people are becoming less active and more passive in common sense. Several ways can restore both wisdom and expertise knowledge together. First, experienced wise people, who have diverse knowledge to share with others. Second, institutions of intuition training

that deal with analogies of other disciplines. Last, most necessary thing is simple intelligence that comes from experiences of life and culture. In conclusion, merger of intelligence of diverse fields demands common sense application, that comes from cultural and life experiences.

Question no. 3

What fundamental error does the author identify in the popular understanding of tradition and progress, and why is this error considered dangerous?

Answer: The author identified the equation of novelty with improvement is one of the most pernicious delusions of the modern mind. It is a profound historical ignorance. Further, the author considered this error dangerous, as we become rootless, unmoored, vulnerable to every passing fad and ideological wind, when we forget our history of civilization.

Q2. How does the author use historical examples to challenge the notion that progress requires abandoning the past?

Answer: The author argues and uses historical examples as the tree does not grow taller by cutting its roots and neither does a civilization grow by abandoning its past. The scholars of the European Renaissance looked backward to classical antiquity even as they moved forward into modernity. Next, the great religious reformers grounded their revolutionary visions in ancient texts. These are the examples of challenging the notion that progress requires abandoning the past.

What does the writer mean by describing tradition as "a living conversation across generation" rather than "a static repository of dead customs"?

Answer:

The writer argues about the present interrogates the past and the past challenges the present. Simultaneously, both past and present are dependent on each other.

Question no. 4

According to the passage what paradox exists in the modern search for meaning, and what does this reveal about contemporary society?

Answer: The contemporary society is searching for purpose, meaning, and identity in exotic spiritualism, therapeutic techniques, and political movements. This reveals about contemporary society that what they are searching today is hidden in past traditional practices, that have been taught them to despise. This paradox is the reality of today's generation.

Question no. 5

The author argues that distinguishing between valuable tradition and harmful ones requires "real intelligence and judgement". Do you agree that such distinction is possible, or are we inevitably biased by our own contemporary perspectives? Justify your position.

Answer: If one approach it armed with nothing then this task will become impossible. Furthermore, this distinction is possible through subtle and close adherence to the reality.

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of facing present and learning from past
With certain changes in past and keeping
modern perspective intact, one can distinguish
between real intelligence and harmful
traditions.

Question no. 4

(i) The committee who was appointed to investigate the matter they submitted their report last week.

(ii) He has been living here for ten years and knows every corner of it.

(iv) Each of the students is required to submit their assignments before the deadline.

(v) He not only distributed sweets among the children but also the elderly person.

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

Question no. 5 A.

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 ~~se~~succumb to dependency 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. Preposition

- (ii) We must abide **by** the rules of the institutions
- (iii) He is deficient **of** common sense despite his education.
- (iv) The principal presided **over** the function yesterday.
- (v) The new policy is prejudicial **for** the interests of small farmers and ~~landlords~~ landless labourers.
- (vi) His conduct ~~was~~ is not commensurate

with his position and responsibilities in the organization.

Q6. Pair of words

v) **Ingenuous** This child's ingenious questions about the world were both charming and insightful.

Ingenious Her ingenious solutions to the math problem impressed all of her classmates.

vii) **Councillor** Talk to your councillor about local community problems.

Counsellor Children who have suffered a loss should see a counsellor experienced in bereavement.

viii) **Eminent** A number of eminent scientists will be speaking at the conference.

Imminent The heavy clouds mean that a rain storm is imminent.

iii) **Deprecate** She deprecated the use of plastic straws because of the environmental impact.

Depreciate The value of the car begins to depreciate as soon as they leave the dealership lot.

iv. **Prescribe** The physician prescribed a new medication to help manage the patient's symptoms.

Proscribe The club's rules proscribed members from smoking inside the building.

Question no. 7 Translation

Literature is the pulse of any society, which exhibit spiritual and moral condition of the society. When literature of any nation collapses then the nation is about to see its downfall soon. Alas! today's literature is merchandised and the mafia captured it well. The writer, who sold his thoughts in reality he sold his conscience as well. The true literature is one that speaks ^{for} against right and against the wrong; indeed, how much he has to suffer in this process. However, in today's era such writers are instinct. Mostly writers kneel down their heads in front of authority.

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and they are busy in appeasing powerful
sector to their level best. This is betrayed
to literature and treachery with the nation.