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{QUESTION 2}

Precis

Title: A common Sense approach to life

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An overspecialized approach to life has eroded our ability to confront ordinary challenges in life. We tend to resort to experts who possess a narrow perspective of life based on their specified field. However, despite concealing the whole picture, we still find ourselves helpless in approaching these specialists, applying their opinions on our lives. This has hampered our potential to solve personalized issues based on ordinary human intellect, as these issues do not sit well with technical knowledge. Previous generations adopted a comprehensive and diverse approach to life, an important quality that the present generation has seriously neglected. Overdependence on specialized knowledge has also stunted our critical thinking abilities, as we consider experts' opinion our only saviour. Moreover, humans have also become less active and lazy, as

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they shy away from a problem solving approach. A wise approach to this issue would require us to strike a balance between a common sense and an over-specialized approach to problems confronting human beings. Diverse perspectives would provide viable solutions to ordinary problems. Further, educational institutions should encourage critical thinking. Human intelligence and common sense should both be trusted and appreciated. Unless humans strike this balance, they will only be exposed to ~~the~~ part of the picture, being ignorant to broader perspectives.

Q4.

Sentence corrections

- i) The committee which was appointed to investigate the matter it submitted its report last week.
- ii) He has been living in this city for ten years and knows every corner of it.
- iv) Each of the students is required to submit their assignment before the deadline.

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

vii) The committee has been deliberating on the proposal since morning but has not yet arrived at any consensus.

Q5(A) 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 our 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."

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Q5 (B) Prepositions :

- ii) He must abide by the rules of the institution.
- iii) He is deficient in common sense.
- iv) The Principal presided over the function yesterday.
- vii) The minister expressed disapproval of the manner in which the enquiry was conducted.
- v) The new policy is prejudicial to the interests of small farmers and landless labourers.

Q7: Translation

Literature is the identity of a society, which is a reflection of its moral and spiritual condition. When a nation suffers from a decline in literature, it indicates that the nation is moving towards ~~towards~~ ^{its conclusive} ~~fall~~ ^{fall}.

Regrettably, present day literature has become vulgar and manipulated by strong mafias. When a writer values money over quality content, in reality he exchanges his self worth. True literature

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raises voice for the deserving and denounces oppression, regardless of the sacrifices that such ~~actions~~ steps require. However, such brave writers are rarely found in the present day. Writers are often seen possessing position of power and are busy in appeasing the ruling class through their literatures. This is dishonesty with literature and treason against the state.

Q3: Comprehension:

1: The author highlights a rooted misconception regarding tradition and progress being complete opposite and poles apart. People consider tradition as a barrier to progress. This is dangerous as people have become ignorant to the wisdom of the past which could be helpful towards progress.

2: The author stresses on the wisdom of the past. Every great Renaissance has involved reflecting on the past and used it constructively. Similarly, religious reformers used past traditions as ~~as~~ by reflecting on it. Moreover, scientific revolutions also highlight the shortcomings of the past to fill the loopholes through innovation.

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3: The writer says that tradition is alive and relevant. He stresses on the connection between tradition and present, highlighting the importance of dialectics as the past and the present ~~present~~ thesis and ~~antithesis~~ to find a workable solution in the form of synthesis. Thus, tradition and customs possess relevance.

4: According to the passage, modern world seeks meaning through pretentious means, neglecting the traditional solutions ~~that genuinely~~ genuinely cater to human's meaning and purpose.

5: The author's argument regarding distinction is possible but requires an understanding and open-mindedness to both traditional and progressive perspectives. This could be achieved when one embraces and critically evaluates the shortcomings of traditions and finding a workable solution to progress by learning from past mistakes. This would ensure genuine progress.

Q6: Pair of words:

(viii) Eminent: The gathering was full of eminent scholars who

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engaged in intellectual discussions.

Imminent: Pakistan faces an imminent threat of water crisis.

(ii) Depreciate: Pakistani rupee has depreciated by a huge margin.

(iv) Prescribe: The doctor prescribed Anthony with a cough syrup.

(vii) Counsellor: The counsellor sent an admission letter to Ahmed regarding his September intake induction.

