

PART: II

Q: 5 (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 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."

Q: 4

Sentence Correction

- 1) The committee, ~~that~~ which was appointed to investigate the matter, submitted ~~its~~ report last week.
- 2) He has been living in the city for ten years and knows every corner of it.
- 4) Each of the students is required to submit their assignment before the deadline.
- 5) He distributed sweets not only among the children but among the elderly too.
- 6) The number of unemployed graduates in the country is increasing every year.

Q: 5 (B)

- ii) We must abide by the rules of the institution.
- iii) He is deficient in common sense despite his education.

- iv) The principal presided over the function yesterday
- v) The new policy is prejudicial in the interests of small farmers and landless labourers.
- vi) His conduct is not commensurate with ~~this~~ position and responsibilities in the organization
- vii) The minister expressed his disapproval on the manner in which the enquiry was conducted

Q: 6 (A)

ii) **Deprecate** : I deprecate lack of will to struggle

Depreciate : The value of dollar has depreciated over the decades.

iv) **Prescribe** : She was prescribed an anti-depressant by her doctor.

Proscribe : Islam proscribes all forms of intoxicants including alcohol.

v) **Ingenuous:** He seemed too ingenious to be a spy.

Ingenious: He was ingenious enough to solve the puzzle all by himself.

vii) **Councillor:** The meeting was held for the election of chief councillor.

Counsellor: He aims to contest this year's counsellor elections.

viii) **Eminent:** Jabbar Bin Hayyan is one of the most eminent chemist of Muslim history.

Imminent: Given the high flow of the river, the flood is imminent.

Q: 7

Literature is the core of any society and mirrors ~~the~~ ~~its~~ the condition of its morals. Whenever the literature of a nation starts to decline, know that the nation is nearing its end. It's a shame that the literature of today is becoming vulgar and has come under the

mafia's influence. A writer who sells his work for money, in reality sells off his conscience. Genuine literature is the one that upholds the truth and criticizes ~~the~~ falsehood, no matter what sacrifice the task demands. In the ^{current} age, such writers are nowhere to be found. Most writers are found bowing at the helm of power, writing words to achieve the impossible task of appeasing the powerful. This is dishonesty with literature and a treason towards the nation.

Q: 3

Q1

According to the author, there exists a fundamental misconception about the relationship between tradition and progress. Both of these are thought to have oppositional character. It is believed that tradition stifles innovation and progress defies traditional wisdom. This error is considered dangerous because it locks people into fierce debate of romanticism ^{of past} and enlightenment ideals of present.

Q2

To challenge the notion that progress requires abandoning the past, the author uses the example of Renaissance scholars. He opines that they also looked to classical wisdom as they moved into modernity. Second example that the author uses is that of religious reformers who grounded their visions in ancient texts. The last example the author cites is that of scientific revolution that also relied on insights from early thinkers to make innovations.

Q3

The author describes traditions as "a living conversation across generations" rather than "a static repository of dead customs" because according to him, traditions are a continuously accumulating cultural process that thrives over time - it grows due to the continuous interaction between successive generations. Cutting this process off means stopping this evolutionary process.

Q4

The paradox in the modern search for meaning lies in the fact that people are frantically searching for purpose and identity in exotic spiritualities and political movements. They are ^{doing this} ~~oblivious~~ while being oblivious of the fact that the answer to their questions might be present in the traditions that they have forgotten. This paradox reveals the dilemma that our society is facing today i.e. failing to understand the crude relationship between traditions and progress.

Q5

Just as the author argues, distinguishing between valuable traditions and harmful ones is possible through real intelligence and judgement. The task is certainly not easy ~~but~~ given the biases our generation has developed against traditional values but is possible through careful evaluation.

Title: The Perils of Over-Reliance on Experts

The worship of expertise is leading us to a strange contradiction where we possess specialized knowledge but are unable to find answers to simple problems. When we turn to experts for answers, we forget that they, unknowingly, have developed narrow visions of reality. They do not possess wisdom for whole human life. The insights of all experts are true, yet excessive reliance on them makes us fall into the trap of seeing their partial truths as whole story. Consider multi-dimensional problem like climate change for instance. Our institutions force us to tackle this problem in pieces. Unlike the thinkers of today, medieval thinkers had coherent view of knowledge. Today we ask experts for solutions to our problems and our trust in common sense has decreased, making us passive consumers of knowledge. Getting back to wholeness means putting technical knowledge in proper place under a broad understanding of human life. We need people

moving between various fields to find relevant answers. Students need to think broadly and deeply. Until we do that, we shall go on being a civilization of experts that is blind to the larger picture.

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