

Question # 5(b) — Prepositions

ii) We must abide **by** the rules of the institution.

iv) The principal presided **over** the function yesterday.

iii) He is deficient **in** common sense despite his education.

viii) The judge dispensed **of** the formalities and proceeded directly to the main issue.

v) The new policy is prejudicial **towards** the interests of small farmers and landless labourers.

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.

Question #4 — Sentence Correction

- i) He has been living in this city for ten years and knows every corner of it.
- 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.
- ii) The committee who was appointed to investigate the matter, has submitted its report last week.
- iv) He distributed sweets among the children and the elderly persons.

Question#6 — Pairs of Words

Words

Sentences

Eminent

Dr. Abhis Salam was an eminent scientist.

Imminent

A strike was imminent to bring the prices down.

Prescribe

The doctor prescribed him some medicines.

Proscribe

The cricketer was punished for using the proscribed drugs during the event.

Ingenuous

It was rather ingenuous of him to ask a complete stranger to look after his luggage.

Ingenuous

She is very ingenious at finding ways to work more quickly.

Councillor

The meeting was held by the district councillor to address the issues faced by citizens.

Counsellor

Kalbhoshan Thadar was given the counsellor access according to the international rules.

Apprise

The president was apprised of the situation.

Appraise The workers demanded an appraisal in their pays.

Question #7 — Translation

Literature is the essence of a society which depicts the moral and spiritual condition. When the literature turns down then it should be understood that nation is going to reach its end. It is very sad to say that today's literature has become so cheap and mafia has taken control of it. The writer who sales his writings for money is actually selling his conscience. A real author is that person who raises voice for truth and write against the wrong ones even he has to face consequences. However, such writers are hardly found today. Most of the writers seem to bow before the authority and try to make them happy through their writings. ~~these~~ This is an utter dishonesty with the literature and also with the nation.

Question #2 — Précis

THE CONSEQUENCES OF BEING TOO EXPERT

The race for specialized knowledge has left humanity unable to deal with basics. Experts are consulted to deal with economy and technology while scientists are needed to answer about life's purpose. These experts can only talk about a narrow picture. Economists, biologists or psychologists each have their own interpretation of world. There is no doubt in their knowledge but it is only a partial truth. The fragmented knowledge has divided the problem into fragments as can be seen in climate change problem. ~~That~~ The multiple interpretations has further confused the world. The medieval thinker was far better than the modern experts because of his broader view of the world. Today's specialized world is more like a broken glass that can never present whole picture. The expertise have taken possession of general understanding gained through cultural experiences. Now again, there is a need of a person who have multi-disciplinary knowledge and have broader view instead of in-depth knowledge. Till then we can continue with our old practices.

Original Passage = 485 words

Précis = 165 words.

Question #3 — Comprehension

- 1) The author identified the fundamental error in understanding the relationship between tradition and progress as opponents of each other. A false dichotomy of progress and tradition was created which is dangerous because progress cannot be made without taking basis from the past i.e. traditions.
- 2) The author has used historical examples to challenge the notion that progress requires ~~intending~~ abandoning the past as the great renaissance in human history — the European renaissance has not entirely rejected the past but looked backward at classical antiquity. Similarly the great religious reformers also referred to the teachings of ancient texts and the scientists too, use previous knowledge to build foundations of new knowledge.
- 3) The writer means that tradition is not just a static thing as past and present are interrelated and both question each other. Present develops on the basis of past, as if we cut a tree from its middle then it will just become rootless, unable to stand by itself. So the past (tradition) is as

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useful as the roots for a tree

4) The modern search is blindly seeking meaning and purpose of life while putting its past away. Thus, cutting its roots by itself, searching for the roots meaninglessly.

5) The author's argument that distinguishing between valuable traditions and harmful ones requires real intelligence is quite right. ~~as~~ The distinction is clearly possible because everyone is aware of the right and wrong behavior. The author says that the old practices of treachery should be set aside and right ones be adopted which are clearly distinguishable.