

CSS English (Precis & Composition)2023— Complete Solved Paper

Q.2. Précis Writing

Title: Education Requires Freedom and Discipline

There are three major views regarding freedom in education: complete freedom, complete obedience, and freedom combined with moral discipline. The belief that freedom automatically produces virtuous individuals is unrealistic, since children, like adults, require guidance and training. Education should not merely allow spontaneous development but must prepare individuals for cooperative social life. Since modern society depends upon knowledge, science and technical skills, education must transmit essential knowledge and cultivate self-control, benevolence and intelligence. Thus, while freedom is necessary for growth, education must also provide the mental and moral equipment that children cannot acquire independently.

Q.3. Comprehension

1. How important is happiness to most people, and what is the relationship between material wealth and happiness?

Happiness is an important human aspiration, but material wealth does not necessarily guarantee it. Although people in affluent countries such as North America and Europe possess far more goods and services than are required for survival, they are not necessarily the happiest people. The passage therefore suggests that genuine happiness depends less on material abundance and more on inner satisfaction, meaningful relationships, health, relaxation and fulfilment.

2. How does the author characterize the concept of 'Voluntary Simplicity' as a movement and as a philosophy?

As a **movement**, voluntary simplicity seeks to reduce excessive consumption of goods and energy and minimize one's harmful impact on the environment. It developed through books, magazines, alternative communities and later the internet. As a **philosophy**, it is a voluntary and conscious choice to distinguish between wants and genuine needs and to remove unnecessary clutter from life. It is not a rigid doctrine; rather, its practice varies according to individual character, culture and circumstances.

3. What impact is feared by the growing consumerism of modern society?

Growing consumerism is feared to cause excessive consumption, environmental degradation, unnecessary expenditure and the accumulation of useless possessions. It encourages people to equate material possessions with success and social status. Consequently, valuable resources are wasted, landfills expand, stress increases and fewer resources remain available for future generations.

4. What influences make it difficult for people to reduce their consumption patterns?

Advertising is one of the strongest influences because it repeatedly tells consumers that they need more products to be successful, attractive and important. Social pressure also encourages people to associate greater consumption with status and prosperity. In addition, modern economies are driven by continuous consumption, while cheap products designed for rapid replacement encourage people to buy repeatedly rather than preserve or repair what they already possess.

5. What are the challenges and rewards of voluntary simplicity?

The main challenge is resisting consumer culture and distinguishing genuine needs from psychological desires. People must also overcome social pressure and advertising that encourage excessive consumption. However, voluntary simplicity brings considerable rewards: reduced expenses, conservation of resources, less environmental damage, more personal space and time, reduced stress and improved health. Sharing and reusing resources can also strengthen relationships and create a stronger sense of community.

Q.4. Correct ALL of the following

(i) His knowledge of languages and international relations aid him in his work.

Correct: His knowledge of languages and international relations **aids** him in his work.

(ii) The ambassador, with his family and staff, invite you to a reception at the embassy on Tuesday afternoon.

Correct: The ambassador, with his family and staff, **invites** you to a reception at the embassy on Tuesday afternoon.

(iii) This year, he will sit in the CSS examination.

Correct: This year, he will **sit for** the CSS examination.

(iv) The Chief Executive will let us know whether or not he can attend the meeting.

Correct: The Chief Executive will let us know **whether he can attend the meeting or not**.

(v) When he came back from vacation, Aslam and me plan to look for another apartment.

Correct: When he came back from vacation, **Aslam and I planned** to look for another apartment.

(vi) If some of you make a noise, they shall be punished.

Correct: If some of you make a noise, **you shall be punished**.

(vii) He came to me to enquire what is the salary attached to the appointment.

Correct: He came to me to enquire **what the salary attached to the appointment is**.

(viii) I am too tired that I do not hunt words and idioms in my English book.

Correct: I am **so tired that I cannot look up words and idioms in my English book**.

Q.5 (a). Punctuation

While taking a nap on the porch one hot summer day, Hodga dreamed that a stranger promised to give him ten pieces of gold. The stranger placed them in Hodga's hand one by one until he reached the tenth piece, which he hesitated to give him.

“Come on! What are you waiting for?” said Hodga. “You promised me ten.”

Just then, he woke up. He immediately looked at his hand and saw that it was empty. He quickly shut his eyes again, stretched out his hand and said, “All right, I'll settle for nine.”

Q.5 (b). Prepositions

(i)

The neighbours came **to** my house to see what's going on in the house.

(ii)

She sat **in** the shade of the tree.

(iii)

The moon does not shine **with** its own light.

(iv)

The burglar jumped **over** the compound wall.

(v)

She entered **into** an agreement with them.

(vi)

I have been working hard **at** arithmetic.

(vii)

He got **on** his bicycle.

(viii)

It cannot be done **without** offence.

Q.6. Pairs of Words

(i) Antic / Antique

Antic: The clown's **antics** amused the children.

Antique: The museum contains several valuable **antique** pieces of furniture.

(ii) Draught / Drought

Draught: A cold **draught** entered the room through the open window.

Drought: The prolonged **drought** destroyed thousands of acres of crops.

(iii) Quaint / Queer

Quaint: We stayed in a **quaint** little cottage in the countryside.

Queer: There was something **queer** about his behaviour that evening.

(iv) Momentary / Momentous

Momentary: The power failure caused a **momentary** interruption in the programme.

Momentous: The signing of the peace agreement was a **momentous** event in the country's history.

(v) Compliment / Complement

Compliment: The teacher **complimented** the student on her excellent essay.

Complement: The blue curtains **complement** the colour of the walls.

(vi) Eminent / Imminent

Eminent: The university invited an **eminent** historian to deliver the lecture.

Imminent: The dark clouds suggested that a storm was **imminent**.

(vii) Faint / Feint

Faint: She gave a **faint** smile before leaving the room.

Feint: The boxer made a **feint** to the left and then struck his opponent from the right.

(viii) Immigrant / Emigrant

Immigrant: The **immigrant** settled in Canada and established a successful business there.

Emigrant: The **emigrant** left his homeland in search of better economic opportunities abroad.

Q.7. Translation

The Search for Light

Beyond the jungle stands a mountain where a flower grows. A revered elder told us that its fragrance can restore the lost light of countless eyes. However, the mountain is extremely high, and there are countless rocks and thorny bushes upon it that block the way.

Many people have come in search of that flower and have gone away, but no one has yet been able to reach it. Perhaps this is why there is so much sorrow and suffering in the world, while human beings continue to search for light.