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November 2019

Practice Question

The casual horrors and real disasters are thrown at newspaper reader without discrimination. In the contemporary arrangements for circulating the news, an important element, evaluation is always weak and often wanting entirely. There is no point anywhere along the line somewhere someone put his foot down for certain and says, "This is important and that does not amount to row of beans; deserves no one's attention, and should travel the wires no farther". The junk is dressed up to look as meaningful as the real news.

Evaluation of news would imply

- a) less dependence on modern systems of communication
- b) more careful analysis of each news story and its value
- c) separating beans from junk
- d) discriminating horrors from disasters

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There is modicum of truth in the assertion that "a working knowledge of ancient history is necessary to the intelligent interpretation of current events". But the sage who uttered these words of wisdom might well have added something on the benefits of studying, particularly, the famous battles of history for the lessons they contain for those of us who lead or aspire to leadership. Such a study will reveal certain qualities and attributes which enabled the winners to win and certain deficiencies which caused the losers to lose. And the student will see that the same patterns recurs consistently, again and again, throughout the centuries.

A person who aspires to lead could learn from the history of battles

- a) what led the previous leaders win a battle
- b) what made them lose a battle
- c) the qualities and deficiencies of commanders of these battles
- d) the strategies that they have evolved in course of these battles

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Detective glories tend to glorify crime. Murderers, gangsters and crooks all kinds are described as tough, cunning and courageous individuals who know how to take care of themselves and how to get what they want. In James McCain's *The Postman Always Rings twice*, for instance the villain is much more a impressive character than his victim. He is casual brave smart and successful with women. It is true that he finally gets caught. But he is punished for a crime that he did not commit, so that his conviction is hardly a triumph of justice. Besides, looking back over the exciting life of the criminal, the reader might conclude that it was worth the risk.

Murderers, gangsters and crooks referred to in the passage given above

- a) always manage to get away
- b) are wiser than their victims
- c) are often glorified in detective stories
- d) know how to escape from law

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Nationalism, of course, is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth and unity but, at the same time, it has a tendency to limit one, because one thinks of one's country as something different from the rest of world. One's perceptive changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failing to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism which is the symbol of growth for a people becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found. Otherwise something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good become not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How are you find a balance, I don't know. Apart from the political and economic problems of the age, perhaps, that is the greatest problem today because behind it there is tremendous search for something which it cannot found. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance. It is folly to talk of culture or even of god. When human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economies come in. Human beings today are not in mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

The greatest problem in the middle of the passage refers to the question

- a) how to mitigate hardship to human beings
- b) how to contain the dangers of aggressive nationalism.
- c) how to share the economic burden equally
- d) how to curb international hatred

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There was a marked difference of quality between the personages who haunted near bridge of brick and the personages who haunted the far one of stone. Those of lowest character preferred the former, adjoining the town; they did not mind the glare of the public eye, they had been of no account during their successes; and though they might feel dispirited, they had no sense of shame in their ruin. Instead of sighing at their adversaries they spat, and instead of saying the iron had entered into their souls they said they were down in their luck. The miserable's who would pause on the remoter bridge of a politer stamp persons who did not know how to get rid of the weary time. The eyes of his species were mostly directed over the parapet upon the running water below. While one on the town ward bridge did not mind who saw him so, and kept his back to parapet to survey the passer-by, one on this never faced the road, never turned his head at coming foot-steps, but, sensitive on his own condition, watched the current whenever a stranger approached, as if some strange fish interested him, though every finned thing had been poached out of the rivers years before.

The attitude of lowly and genteel towards strangers was

- a) virtually the same
- b) entirely different
- c) completely indifferent
- d) virulently hostile

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The assault on the purity of the environment is the price that we pay for many of the benefits of modern technology. For the advantage of automotive transportation we pay a price in smog-induced diseases; for the powerful effects of new insecticides, we pay a price in dwindling wildlife and disturbances in the relation of living things and their surroundings; for nuclear power, we risk the biological hazards of radiation. By increasing agricultural production with fertilizers, we worsen water pollution.

The highly developed nations of the world are not only the immediate beneficiaries of the good that technology can do, that are also the first victims of environmental diseases that technology breeds. In the past, the environmental effects which accompanied technological progress were restricted to a small and relatively short time, the new hazards neither local nor brief. Modern air pollution's cover vast areas of continents: Radioactive fallout from the nuclear explosion is worldwide. Radioactive pollutants now on the earth surface will be found there for generations, and in case of Carbon-14, for thousands of years.

The passage emphasis that modern technology

- a) is an unmixed blessing
- b) has caused serious hazards to life
- c) has produced powerful chemicals
- d) has benefited highly developed nations

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Until the end of his first year at school, Cyril retained many of the pleasures and pursuits he had brought with him from home, and he kept an old interest in butterflies and fossils. His grandmother had presented him with a fine bird's eggs cabinet, but he could never bring himself to risk in climbing trees. Once or twice he dissected dead birds from sheer determination to overcome his horror of the operation. Probably it was his envy of those physically unlike himself that brought on a phase during which he drew massive athletes with thick necks and square shoulders. Again he was pitying himself for what he could never be.

Until the end of first year, Cyril retained his interest in

- a) bird's eggs
- b) butterflies and fossils
- c) dissecting bird's
- d) drawing pictures of athletes

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The enjoyment of physical possession of things would seem to be one of the prerogatives of wealth which has been little impaired. Presumably nothing has happened to keep the man who can afford them from enjoying his Rembrandt and his home-grown orchids. But enjoyment of things has always been associated with the third prerogative of wealth which is the distinct it confers. In a world where nearly everyone was poor, the distinction was very great. It was the natural consequence of rarity. In England it is widely agreed, the ducal families are not uniformly superior. There is a roughly normal incidence of intelligence and stupidity, good taste and bad taste, morality, immorality. But very few people are dukes and duchesses, although the later have become rather more frequent with modern easing of divorce laws. As a result, even though they may be intrinsically unexceptional they are regarded with some awe. So it has long have been with the rich. Were dukes numerous their position would deteriorate. As the rich have become more numerous, they have inevitably becomes a debased currency.

The distinction conferred by wealth

- a) was unfair to the poor
- b) was unlikely to spread throughout the world
- c) was very great when there were many rich people
- d) was very great when there were few rich people

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Corduroy is fast establishing itself at this year's fabric. While the ribbed cotton itself provides utilitarian tenacity, texture and warmth, it is the fabric's long held associations may provide a hint to its current revival as a fabric for all seasons.

It is Corduroy's link with the good breeding and country living that made it an essential ingredient in the gentleman's wardrobe along with Wellington boots and decent woolly. It combines the comfortable nonsense appeal of cotton with the perfectly correct luxury finish of velvet. Corduroy has the ability to appear either supremely sophisticated or rough and ready.

According to the author, the special quality of corduroy is that

- a) it needs no ironing
- b) it combines the virtues of both cotton and velvet
- c) it contains the correct mixture of cotton and velvet
- d) both the rich and that not-so rich can afford to buy it

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Organisations are institutions in which members compete for status and power. They compete for resource of the organisation, for example finance to expand their own departments, for career advancement and for power to control the activities of others. In pursuit of these aims, groups are formed and sectional interests emerge. As a result, policy decisions may serve the ends of political and career systems rather than those of the concern. In this way, the goals of the organisation may be displaced in favour of sectional interests and individual ambition. These preoccupations sometimes prevent the emergence of organic systems. Many of the electronic firms in the study had recently created research and development departments employing highly qualified and well-paid scientists and technicians. Their high pay and expert knowledge were sometimes seen as a threat to the established order of rank, power and privilege. Many senior managers had little knowledge of technicality and possibilities of new developments and electronics. Some felt that close cooperation with the experts in an organic system would reveal their ignorance and show their experience was now redundant.

Organic system" as related to the organization implies its

- a) growth with the help of expert knowledge
- b) growth with input from science and technology
- c) steady all around development
- d) natural and unimpeded growth

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November 2020 Real Exam Question

Source
a) It is natural to be healthy, but we have wandered so far astray that disease is the rule and good health, the exception.
b) Of course, most people are well enough to attend to their work, but nearly all are suffering from some ill, mental or physical, acute or chronic.
c) There is too much illness, too much suffering.
d) The average individual is of less value to himself, to his family and to society than he could be.
e) We are losing every year a vast army of individuals who are in their productive prime.

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September 2020 Real Exam Question

Source
a) A series of thin nerves run along the shell and detect pressure changes associated with touch.
b) The bony shell of a sea turtle can actually sense when something touches it.
c) The nerves do not contain pain receptors so scientists do not think sea turtles feel pain when touched on the shell, but these thin nerves could transmit information to other parts of the sea turtle's body.
d) In addition, researchers and scuba divers have observed sea turtles respond to the stimulation of being touched on the skin of their head and their flippers.

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August 2020 Real Exam Question

Source
a) The brain is our most treasured possession.
b) It coordinates our movements, our words, our relationships, and the ability to pass on our genes.
c) Our body therefore protects the organ fiercely: The central nervous system polices particles traveling through the bloodstream and invites only the safest into our cognitive chamber.
d) The barrier serves a vital role, but is also poses a tremendous challenge for scientists developing drugs to treat brain-based disorders.
e) This selective process occurs due to a proactive boundary known as the blood-brain barrier.

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January 2021 Real Exam Question

For birdwatchers in southern New Mexico, September can be highly entertaining. Good numbers of many diverse are on the move during this time, traveling southward from northern breeding grounds to places they will spend the winter, and there's always a chance that some rare or unusual bird will turn up.

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December 2020 Real Exam Question

But look beyond fossil fuels for the most intriguing trends. One is that the energy intensity of the world economy — the amount of energy it takes to produce one dollar's worth of — keeps falling, at a rate of about 2 percent. What this means is that even without any change in the shares of fossil-based and fossil-free sources in the world's energy mix, we could have 2 percent annual economic growth without increasing carbon emissions from energy use. Of course that is not enough to climate change and we need more economic growth than that. It is a stunning number, which refutes the claim by some environmentalists that permanent economic growth is fundamentally incompatible finite physical resources.

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It was a busy old time at London Zoo this week, reports the Daily Mail, where over 19,000 animals were having their annual weight and height . Some creatures, such as rhinos, tigers and okapis, had to be on to specially constructed larger scales. The are shared with other zoos across the world to allow keepers to compare information about species. Zoological manager Mark Habben said: "We have to know the vital statistics of every animal at the zoo, however big or small."

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fixed

endangered

statistics

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coaxed

forced