

Assistant Director-IB Descriptive Past Paper

(Case No.15-A, Held on 6 May, 2019)

Q.1. Write an essay of 500 words on any one of the following topics. (25 marks)

1. Digital revolution & Pakistan
2. Great nations win without fighting
3. Emerging power of social media: prospects & effects.
4. Crisis of good governance in Pakistan: need for reforms & institution building.

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. (20 marks)

Great progress has been made by America in the field of mechanization. It is spending lavishly on labor-saving machines. Efficient organization of highly mechanized system has resulted in maximum productivity in America. With mass production, the amenities of life are available to almost every citizen. On the contrary, Europe subordinates the use of machines to human happiness and welfare. It encourages man's reliance on his own faculties and realizes the dangers inherent in the American scheme. However, great the advantages of mechanization, it crushes the creative faculty of man and makes a machine out of him. His individual liberty and personality suffer an irretrievable loss. In his moments of leisure, the worker finds it difficult to turn his hands to creative work because the machine-made goods do not inspire him in the direction of refinement. These goods also lose their fascination because mass production has given a set back to the individuality of the articles produced. The Europeans, therefore, contend that it is better to sacrifice a few material comforts that crush the aesthetic and spiritual urge in the individual which large scale mechanization is doing in America.

QUESTIONS:

- (i) What is the result of progress in the field of mechanization in America?
- (ii) How has it affected America?
- (iii) What is the case in Europe?
- (iv) Why do Europeans sacrifice a few material comforts?

Q.3. Make precis and suggest a suitable title to it. (25 marks)

We live in an age of great hurry and great speed. Men have lost their inward resources. They merely reflect. Like a set of mirrors, opinions which they get a little leisure, they turn to material diversions from outside rather than to inward resources. This internal vacuum is responsible for mental and nervous troubles. The cure for this is not so much treatment by medicine and surgery but a recovery of faith in the ultimate goodness, truth and the decency of things. If we are able to recover that faith, if we are able to live in this world with our consciousness centered in the intimacy of the spirit, many of the problems to which we are subject today may be overcome. Our people were regarded as aspiring after metaphysical insight, but we seem to forget that it never occurred to them to equate eternal life with either the surrender of the mind or the sacrifice

of the body. When an Upanishad writer was asked to define what is meant by spiritual life. He gave the answer that it consists of the satisfaction of the mind, the abundance of tranquility of the spirit. Body, mind and spirit must be integrated and they must lead to a harmonious developed life. If we get that, we have life eternal.

Q.4. Change the following direct speech into indirect. (5 sentences of 10 marks were given)

Q.5. Do as directed (10 marks)

- i. The city _____ is very large (put pronoun)
- ii. _____ people are free from faults (few a few, the few)
- iii. A live dog is better than a _____ lion (put adjective)
- iv. _____ you are mistaken. (Put adverb)
- v. _____ a word is enough for counselling. (Put article)
- vi. _____! what are you doing here? (Put interjection)

Q.6. Write meaning of the following words & use them in your own sentences (10 marks)

1. Admonish
2. Candor
3. Laconic
4. Vicissitude
5. Noxious.