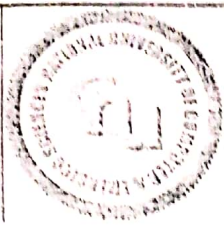


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Instruction/Notes: **ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS ON THE ANSWER SHEETS PROVIDED.**
ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS IN GIVEN ORDER.

Q1. Read the following excerpt and answer the following questions. [15]
 (Ahmad, I. (2021, December 23). Cultural liberation vs assimilation, and the rise of a pluralistic world. Daily Times.)

The changes created by the modern industrial society on social norms and values has led to the decline of cultural individuality. Societies have either lost their cultural dignity, or have been integrated into others. The norms and values of the traditional world have already been compromised, and now we see before our very eyes, the norms and values of the modern world as they too are restrained.

In light of current events and all that has transpired in history, it is clear the hostile belief that one culture must perish in order for the others to survive or the survival-of-the-fittest, has been the narrative for a long time. With several nations coming up as perpetrators of a *better* culture—the superiority complex that does not waver from culture to culture, and has made possible these clashes over centuries. It has either been “be perished” or “be irrevocably changed”—it has been the case with Indian culture, when the British first arrived in the subcontinent during the seventeenth century, also, it has been the case with Native Americans, and today it is still very much the case.

The elimination of the concept of a superior culture, and making the move towards a global culture, made of the values of all people, *acceptable* to all people, will surely result in the end of conflicts among different societies. As proven by history that the best communities are those which have overcome their differences—to reconcile their people and culture, and have tried to find middle ground, where cultural specificities are intermingled, but not altered in a way to promote one culture over the other, is dubbed as Cultural Liberation, and is said to be the way to future peace worldwide giving rise to the possibility of a pluralistic world

Today, the proof of such a future can be seen in technological globalization, and the rise of a technology-based global culture. Against all odds, the global web community have breached the threshold of the proverbial fourth wall, and have found the middle-ground between themselves across a psychologically heavenly encrypted space, that affords them safe haven from the antics of the rest of the world. the solidarity of internet users worldwide cannot be ignored. fueled by passion and the keen sense of *humanity* that seems to keep today’s youth going, can easily be predicted. we already see these young people venture into the streets to protest the rights of people they have recognized as their equals, a feat not accomplished—instead, actively denied—by their forefathers, whether it is Black Lives Matter, or Women’s Rights, or the fight against Islamophobia and Asian Hate. The probability of cultural liberation becoming a reality under their **unlikely tutelage** is higher than under any other circumstance.

1. What is the implied main idea? Provide one supporting detail from the excerpt. [4]
2. What is the tone of the excerpt? Provide two examples from the excerpt of how the tone conveys the author’s feelings. [3]
3. What is the author’s purpose for writing the article? Explain your choice [2]
4. What is the pattern of organization of the excerpt? Provide two supporting details from the excerpt. [3]
5. Explain what the words *unlikely tutelage* suggest in the context of the excerpt? [3]

Q2. Read the excerpts and paraphrase. [15]

- A. Not long ago in the United States, COVID-19 cases were plummeting, vaccine rates were soaring, however the seven-day daily average of COVID-19 cases has spiked to 150,000 and is rising fast. Science gave us the tools to end the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have been poor stewards, from vaccine hesitancy to states banning mask and vaccination mandates. Americans expected a one-way path to herd immunity and a return to normal. Instead, they face an exponentially worsening delta variant-driven spike, with many months of restrictions on the way. Yet without forceful action, an even worse prospect looms: variants that partially or fully evade our best vaccines. We have witnessed the marvel of human ingenuity and the ingenuity of the virus, a microscopic organism that is but on "the edge of life." Human wisdom or human foolishness will tip the scale between the two to determine what our future holds.

Source: Friedman, E., & Gostin, L. (2021, August 21). The Whole World Needs Vaccines Before a Worse Variant Than Delta Arrives. Foreign Policy. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/08/24/delta-variant-booster-shoots-covax-vaccines/>

- B. Sindh's Kachho desert has witnessed an unprecedented surge in the use of solar-powered tube wells for groundwater extraction in agriculture. In the past, prolonged droughts meant no vegetation and an acute water shortage for both humans and livestock. The mass installation of tubewells has breathed new life into Kachho when it comes to economic prosperity. The expanded agriculture in the in this drought-hit desert, has brought radical changes in inhabitants' lifestyles with a sharp decline in migration and an increase in livelihood options. But while the economic and agricultural activities have resumed with a new zeal, the large scale groundwater extraction has brought serious environmental hazards. The rise in the number of tube wells powered by solar energy as compared to grid-provided electricity or diesel is linked with the acute power shortage in the country as well as high costs of fuel. But despite these challenges, the absence of legislation for groundwater control and the lack of a mechanism to store rainwater means that these tube wells continue to be installed at a rapid pace – and the environmental threat worsens.

Source: Kunbhar, Z. (2021, January 6). Solar tubewells suck water out of Sindh desert. The Third Pole. <https://www.thethirdpole.net/en/climate/solar-tubewells-suck-water-out-of-sindh-desert/>

Q3. Write a (120-140) word introductory paragraph for an Expository essay on "Effects of Smog on the environment" (10)

Your paragraph must include

- Readers hook (Question)
- Lead-in
- Three-point thesis statement (underlined)

Q4. Write an argumentative essay of (320-350 words) in response to the following prompt (25)
The presidential election, climate change, or Covid-19 vaccines and the delta variant, misinformation continues to spread uncontrollably across social media. **What makes identifying misinformation on social media increasingly challenging?**

Your Essay must include:

- Introduction
 - Reader's Hook: Interesting Fact/Statistic
 - Lead-in
 - Three-point thesis statement
- Body Paragraphs
 - Transitions to link paragraphs
 - Relevant Conclusion