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Read the short passage below. Pay special attention to the highlighted words and phrases. Then read the discussion below.

English for Competitive Exams Module 10 - PASSAGE

One of the key **aspects** of Brecht for us today is that his theatre gives us an **insight into** a period in which there was a passionate commitment to theatre as an agent of social change. This was a time, the first half of the twentieth century, the pretelevision era, when theatre played a **much more vital** ______ role than it does today. In a sense we can study Brecht like we study classical Greek theatre and Shakespeare as one of theatre's high points, at one of its most **intensive** periods of change.

DISCUSSION:

Aspects

Generally the noun 'aspect' means a feature or side. This is the meaning in the passage above. However, it also has a lesser known meaning. The position of a building with a certain direction is also known as aspect.

E.g. The house has a northern aspect.

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Insight Into

You always gain an 'insight into' something. There is no other preposition which we use after 'insight'. There is one exception. When we are talking about the source of the insight, we may use 'of' or 'from' after the word.

E.g. The insights of the analyst proved especially valuable in deciding with what to do with the funds.

Much More vital

'More vital' is the comparative form of the adjective 'vital'. It is also seen from the use of the word 'than' later in the sentence. A comparison is being made between the previous times and now. Thus, the comparative form must be used. 'Much' has been used as an adverb meaning 'greatly' or 'a lot'.

E.g. The sister is much more intelligent than the brother.

<u>Intensive</u>

The meaning of this word is 'thorough'. The antonym for this word is 'superficial' or 'cursory'. 'Intensive' is not the same as 'intense'. 'Intense' means 'extreme' or 'great' or 'powerful'. It can also mean 'passionate'

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