

## Sample précis-writing exercise: flawed summary 2

This summary is too short both reorders and omits parts of the original statement (the instructions specified 300-350 words, the inclusion of all the main points and no change to the order in which the ideas were presented in the original). The summary is not structured in paragraphs, and capitalization and punctuation are inconsistent.

The speaker said that landmark growth of 7 per cent had played a positive role in eradicating poverty, which is not the same as saying it has been eradicated altogether. This is borne out by the fact that the speaker later says that the percentage of people living below the poverty line has fallen to 12.9 per cent.

The speaker said that eradicating poverty by empowering people had long been a priority of the Government. Its people-centric development model emphasized:

- Poverty eradication;
- education;
- Skills development
- Elimination of discrimination and extremism;
- Inclusion;
- participation,
- Employment generation.

Inconsistent capitalization and punctuation.

The use of bullet points and a single paragraph is not in line with the instructions.

Strong growth had eradicated poverty, increased life expectancy, reduced the fertility rate, widened access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation, and boosted school enrolment ratios. The crucial role of international cooperation, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, and the need for a more strengthened, coherent and integrated development approach, was emphasized. It was also important to ensure the effective enforcement of labour laws relating to migrant workers, regarding, inter alia, their remuneration, working conditions, health, work safety and freedom of association. Lastly, the role of the Commission of Social Development should be strengthened as a potential platform for following up the social dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.

(145 words)

A key point – the country's achievements connected with persons with disabilities – has been left out here.

