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PASSAGE PRACTICE

Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions

When we discover an incongruity in somebody's statement, we should be at least discreet enough to allow him to 'save face' by covering his error, howsoever thinly. Why be merciless, and expose his ignorance? At the same time, let us not be petty, and be afraid of having made an error. We are not infallible, and so there is no point in living behind a veil of infallibility. The Pope is said to be infallible, but Cardinal Gibbon, who was an American, made a wisecrack on this point. After meeting the Pope, he returned to the U.S.A., and told friends that he had doubts, about the pontiff's infallibility. When asked why he thought so, the Cardinal replied that the Pope kept pronouncing his name as 'Jibbon'

If we show that we dislike being corrected, people will stop pointing out our errors,

and we shall continue to wallow in our ignorance. Not only many of us are averse to correction, but we assume a superior air of knowledge even when we do not have the vaguest idea of what the other person is talking about. A famous man was once asked to what did he attribute his genius. He replied, "To my lack of shame in asking questions about things I do not know."

Questions:

1. When should we allow someone to save his face?
2. Why shouldn't we be merciless?
3. What did Cardinal Gibbon say about Pope?
4. When do people stop pointing out our errors?
- 5 Give a suitable title of the passage.