

ENGLISH (Precis & Composition)

PART – II

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| NOTE: | <p>(i) PART-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.</p> <p>(ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.</p> |
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Q.2 Write a precis of the following passage in about 100 words and suggest a suitable title. (20+5)

Of all the characteristics of ordinary human nature envy is the most unfortunate; not only does the envious person wish to inflict misfortune and do so whenever he can with impunity, but he is also himself rendered unhappy by envy. Instead of deriving pleasure from what he has, he derives pain from what others have. If he can, he deprives others of their advantages, which to him is as desirable as it would be to secure the same advantages himself. If this passion is allowed to run riot it becomes fatal to all excellence, and even to the most useful exercise of exceptional skill. Why should a medical man go to see his patients in a car when the labourer has to walk to his work? Why should the scientific investigator be allowed to spend his time in a warm room when others have to face the inclemency of the elements? Why should a man who possesses some rare talent of great importance to the world be saved from the drudgery of his own housework? To such questions envy finds no answer. Fortunately, however, there is in human nature a compensating passion, namely that of admiration. Whoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy.

What cure is there for envy? For the saint there is the cure of selflessness, though even in the case of saints envy of other saints is by no means impossible. But, leaving saints out of account, the only cure for envy in the case of ordinary men and women is happiness, and the difficulty is that envy is itself a terrible obstacle to happiness.

But the envious man may say: 'What is the good of telling me that the cure for envy is happiness? I cannot find happiness while I continue to feel envy, and you tell me that I cannot cease to be envious until I find happiness.' But real life is never so logical as this. Merely to realize the causes of one's own envious

Happiness - Cure for envy

Jealousy is the unlucky quality of human personality. Rather than being happy of what is available, he becomes torment of other's blessing. For gaining benefit, he can deprive people of their advantages. If envy is allowed to continue it will bring harm to professional skills. Why should professional people with rare talent have an upper hand? For such ~~ques~~ queries, envy has no answers, however, human nature have luckily another attribute i.e. admiration. To increase happiness one must have more admiration. For saints, happiness is the healer of happiness, however, envy is a hurdle to happiness. Envious people complain about finding happiness while they get jealous of others. In reality there is a long way to go for curing envy.