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## war: A Malignant cancer

According to the writer, war is the main cause of perishing of civilizations. It has the capability to have a tight grasp on people until they can no longer escape it. As seen in previous civilizations as well, the gains of war are always less than the losses. War reveals its aggressiveness once the societies economically and politically depend on it, only for them to lose more in fighting for gains. In the past, these dangers have been recognized and efforts made to prevent them. There are two main ways of prevention of wars. One, by incorporating sense of duty to avoid them at individual level. Second, by involving government to avoid the road to it altogether. In writer's opinion, the second way is more reliable.

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## Social morality: Need of the hour

In order for man to survive today, affection and empathy is as essential as intelligence to ensure social morality. The training of the latter is a complex task for educationists and educational institutes. Previously, it was the duty of religious persons to inculcate this habit. However, their failure to do so is attributed to their love for wealth and power. In contrast, the practical men had a principle with disastrous outcome - power is morality and viceversa. According to the writer, one must hope that a positive change can be brought through education and ensure social empathy.

(100 words)

(Translation - 2019)

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Pakistan is determined for peace in Afghanistan because it is extremely crucial for Pakistan. It can be seen historically that Pakistan and Afghanistan as Islamic brotherly neighbours are bound together in historic, cultural and linguistic relations. These bonds are unseverable, both are interdependent and cannot survive without the other. Pakistan has been of the view since day one, that a solution to Afghan Political problem should be driven. China also agrees with this stance. In the light of this issue, China claims that the solution to Afghan discord can only be solved through peace talks under Afghan leadership. Pakistan and China will play their role to mediate the Afghan dispute for strategic movement.

(comprehension - 2018)

Q1. Instead of making machines our servants, the author says that they have become our masters. In what sense has this come about?

Ans. According to the author, we have become the servants of machines because we have become dependant on them. This excessive reliance has given them the status of superiors and masters whereas we have become its slaves. Mostly, men are either taking care of their machines (by feeding them fuel or managing their temperature) - or are looking forward towards new machines. This behaviour has rendered our status of servants.

Q2. The use of machines has brought us more leisure and more energy. But the author says that this has been a curse rather than a blessing. Why?

Ans. The writer mentions that the use of machines brings us leisure and

energy. However, this is rather a curse as the excessive time accompanied by it is not utilized effectively. It is not used in a productive manner. The time saved is occasionally used to just manufacture more machines, adding to the time already available. Since, this time and energy is not put into something effective, it is pointless to have it making it a curse rather than a blessing.

Q3. What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with the author's view?

Ans. The word 'civilization' refers to a setting of complex factors that make up a functional society. This includes architecture, food, language and social, cultural and religious beliefs of people that live together. Yes, I do agree with the author when he says that we should become more civilized. This is because being more civilized will only mean that we are more cultured, have more freedom and

are ready to contribute positively to the society, in all spheres of life.

Q4. Making more beautiful things-  
what does this mean? Make a list ....

Ans. The expression 'making more beautiful things' refers to bringing about a positive change in the world through education and love and kindness among nations. Following are the things that I would like to do in order to make more beautiful things:

1. Education for all - by making it affordable for all.
2. Eradicate unemployment - by creating job opportunities in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations.
3. Helping the poor - with cooperation of the wealthy and ensuring that everyone has the access to basic necessities of life.

Prevent

Q5. Eradicate Poverty - How?

Ans. A few steps can be taken to prevent poverty in the world. A few of them to start with are:

1. Equitable Distribution of resources
2. Creating better job opportunities
3. Educating everyone.
4. Prohibiting war to ensure peace and prosperity.
5. Gender equality and women empowerment.
6. Joint-collaboration of the rich and powerful countries to help poor and weak ones.