

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.....Maximum Marks: 100

Q1. Make a precis of the given passage, also give a suitable heading" (20)

'The official name of our species is homo sapiens; but there are many anthropologists who prefer to think of man as homo Faber-the smith, the maker of tools It would be possible. I think, to reconcile these two definitions in a third. If man is a knower and an efficient doer, it is only because he is also a talker. In order to be Faber and Sapiens, Homo must first be loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed we should be some thing much worse. Possessed of a high IQ but no language, we should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels- Creatures too clever to be guided by instinct, too Self-centered to live in a state of animal grace, and therefore condemned forever, frustrated and malignant, between contented apeness and aspiring humanity. It was language that made possible the accumulation of knowledge and the broadcasting of information. It was language that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals, the codification to laws, It was language, in a word, that turned us into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

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Human species is officially known as homo sapiens, but according to anthropologists man is homo faber-the smit. To combine these two definitions man is a knower and an efficient doer, because he is also a talkative. Humans must first be talker because without language they should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Humans should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels - Creatures too clever, self-centered but condemned forever. It was language that accumulate knowledge and broadcast information, that permitted religious insight, ethical ideals, interpretation to laws, and in a nut shell, • turned human into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

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