

## EXERCISE 2

If today I have a quarrel with another man, I do not get beaten merely because I am physically weaker and he can knock me down. I go to law, and the law will decide as fairly as it can between the two of us. Thus in disputes between man and man right has taken the place of might. Moreover the law protects me from robbery and violence. Nobody may come and break into my house, steal my goods, or run off with my children. Of course, there are burglars, but they are very rare, and the law punishes them whenever it catches them.

It is difficult for us to realize how much this safety means. Without safety those higher activities of mankind which make up civilization could not go on. The inventor could not invent, the scientist find out or the artist make beautiful things. Hence order and safety although they are not themselves civilization are things without which civilization would be impossible. They are necessary to our civilization as the air we breathe is to us and we have grown so used to them that we do not notice them any more than we notice the air.

### Precis writing (5)

If today I -----  
----- notice the air.

Title: Importance of Law.

Today, law is the medium to decide innocent and offender through evidence. The ideology of "might is right" is no longer useful and is practically not applicable. Law provides protection and ensures the safety of every individual. It is difficult to realize the importance of safety. Without it, the civilization would not be feasible. Thus, order and civilization play an important role in the life of every individual.

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### EXERCISE 3

It is customary to say that in our machine age there is less room than formerly for the craftsman's joy and skilled work. I am not at all sure that this is true. The skilled workman now-a-days works, it is true, at quite different things from those that occupied the attention of the medieval guilds, but he is still very important and quite essential in the machine economy. There are those who make scientific instruments and delicate machines, there are designers, there are aeroplane mechanics, chauffeurs, and hosts of others who have a trade in which skill can be developed to almost any extent. The agricultural labour and the peasant in comparatively primitive communities is not, so far as I have been able to observe, nearly as happy as a chauffeur or an engine driver. It is true that the work of the peasant who cultivates his own land is varied, he ploughs, he sows, he reaps. But he is at the mercy of the elements and is very conscious of his dependence whereas the man who works a modern mechanism is conscious of power and acquires the sense that man is the master, not the slave, of natural forces. It is true, of course, that work is very uninteresting to the large body of mere machine minders who repeat some mechanical operation over and over again with the minimum of variation, but the more uninteresting the work

becomes, the more possible it is to get it performed by a machine. The ultimate goal of machine production is a system in which everything uninteresting is done by machine and human beings are reserved for the work involving variety and initiative.

## Precis writing (6)

It is customary - - - -

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Title: Machine: A Helping Tool

It is common but wrongly assumed that there is less room for craftsman's in industrialised age. The skilled workers still works in different fields like agriculture, chauffeurs and also play their due role in machine's economy. On one hand, the work of a labour is difficult and time consuming while on the other hand, machines are helping humans by helping all the tiring tasks timely. The final goal of a machine is to help humans work involving variety and initiative and to perform uninteresting tasks well in time.

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