

(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 makeup 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.