

Q.2 Write a precis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title:

All the evil in this world is brought about by persons who are always up and doing, but do not know when they ought to be up and nor what they ought to be doing. The devil, I take it, is still the busiest creature in the universe, and I can quite imagine him denouncing laziness and becoming angry at the smallest waste of time. In his kingdom, I will bet, nobody is allowed to do nothing, not even for a single afternoon. The world, we all freely admit, is in a muddle, but I for one do not think that it is laziness that has brought it to such a pass. It is not the active virtues that it lacks but the passive ones: it is capable of anything but kindness and a little steady thought. There is still plenty of energy in the world (there never were more fussy people about), but most of it is simply misdirected. If, for example, in July 1914, when there was some capital idling weather, everybody--emperors, kings, archdukes, statesmen, generals, journalists, had been suddenly struck with an intense desire to do nothing, just to hang about in the sunshine and consume tobacco, then we should all have been much better off than we are now. But no, the doctrine of the strenuous life still went unchallenged; there must be no time wasted, something must be done. And, as we know, something was done. Again, suppose our statesmen, instead of rushing off to Versailles with a bundle of ill-digested notions and a great deal of energy to dissipate, had all taken a fortnight off, away from all correspondence and interviews and what not, and had simply lounged about on some hill side or other apparently doing nothing for the first time in their energetic lives, then they might have gone to their so-called Peace Conference and come away again with their reputations still unsoiled and the affairs of the world in good trim. Even at the present time, if half the politicians in Europe would relinquish the notion that laziness is a crime and go away and do nothing for a little space, we should certainly gain by it. Other examples come crowding into the mind. Thus, every now and then, certain religious sects hold conferences; but though there are evils abroad that are mountains high, though the fate of civilization is still doubtful, the members who attend these conferences spend their time condemning the length of ladies' skirts and the noisiness of dance bands. They would all be better employed lying flat on their backs somewhere, staring at the sky and recovering their mental health.

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.....

Precis 2017

Indent the paragraph.

Benefits of Idleness

Total words = 450

precis words = 130.

Those who do not sit idle for even a second always ~~bring~~ ^{do not} some evil with them. The author compared it with the devil who ^{does not} allow laziness at all. The unrest in the world is not due to ~~less~~ idleness, but due to absence of kindness, and misdirection of energies. World would be in better place, if all the kings had spent sometime in luxuriating themselves in 1914. ~~It was doctrine of hard life to not waste a little time.~~ Affairs of the world can still be in well-off position, if the statesmen spend some ~~lavish~~ time in relaxing themselves and then attend the meeting. ~~It would be beneficial for politicians in Europe for sparing some quality time for themselves and to not consider it as a crime.~~ Religious scholars across the world are dissipating their energies in ~~criticising~~ women's dressing rather than lying under ~~them~~ ^{they} and recovering their mental health.

Idea is ok. Try to use your own vocabulary as much as possible.