

**Make a precis of the following passage in about 100 words:**

Nothing sharpens a man's wits like poverty. Hence many of the greater men have originally been poor men. Poverty often purifies and braces a man's morals. To spirited people, difficult tasks are usually the most delightful ones. If we may rely upon the testimony of history, men are brave, truthful and magnanimous not in proportion to their wealth, but in proportion to their smallness of means. And the best are often the poorest – always supposing that they have sufficient to meet their temporal wants. A divine has said that God has created poverty but

He has not created misery. And there is certainly a great difference between the two. While honest poverty is honourable, <sup>misery</sup> misery is humiliating, inasmuch as the latter is for the most part the result of misconduct and often of idleness and drunkenness. Poverty is no disgrace to him who can put up with it, but he who finds the beggar's staff get warm in his hand, never does any good but a great amount of evil.

The poor are often the happiest of people – for more so than the rich, but though they may be envied, no one will be found willing to take their place. Moore has told the story of the over-fed, over-satisfied Eastern despot who sent a messenger to travel through the world in order to find out the happiest man. When discovered, the messenger was immediately to seize him, take his shirt off his back and bring it to the Chief. The messenger found the happiest man in an Irishman – happy, dancing and flourishing his shillelagh. But when the ambassador proceeded to seize him and undress him, he found that the Irishman had no shirt to his back.

(291 words)



Precis in about 100 words

'Positive aspects of Poverty'

incorrect interpretation of the main passage

Poverty makes a man great because it purifies man and makes him brave by giving him difficult task in his life. The poor always wants only the require portion of wealth. God makes poverty but human feels it as a problem. Poverty and misery are two different things. Positively poverty is not an evil and in negative context, it humitates human. The Poor are happier than the rich ones in the world. Moore has related a story in which a king sent a man for the world tour to find happiest person. Man told him that a poor man without any shirt on his back is the happiest one.

Total words:

291

Precis words:

109

main idea is picked but the expression is weak  
 attend to pointed out mistakes  
 write sentences in clear context and meaning  
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