

must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I asked, "What do we do with all the time which the machines have saved for us, and the new energy they have given us?" On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines; but more and better machines will only give us still more time and still more energy, and what are we to do with them? The answer, I think, is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves, and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and linking beautiful things. Thinking freely, and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things than he ever had before, he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrels between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greater, as it would be the most lasting that there has ever been.

- Questions:
1. Instead of making machines our servants the author says they have become our masters. In what sense has this come about? (4)
  2. 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? (4)
  3. What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with the author's views? (4)
  4. 'Making more beautiful things' - what does this expression mean? Make a list of the beautiful things that you would like to make and how you would make them. (4)
  5. Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention, and why? (4)

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Ans 2. According to the writer, people have been dependent on machines for their work; even their survival is based on machines. They do not use their manpower because they prioritize machines instead of their own ability. Hence, instead of making machines our servant, machines have become their masters.

Ans 2. The use of machines <sup>has</sup> brought us more leisure and more energy. However, this leisure time and more energy have been wrongly used by man. Instead of being more productive by utilizing this time, <sup>people use this spare time to make more machines</sup> people became more unproductive and free-rider. That is why, the author says that the leisure time machines are giving, has been cursed rather than blessings.



Try to avoid first person (I, my, we etc). You may answer indirectly. For example, you may write (The author can be agreed here because...

Ans 3. Civilisation means the revolution that makes people able to think freely & living rightly. It means infusing sense of maintaining justice among people. With the same opinion, I agree with the author because if people still think within the box and cannot distinguish from right to wrong, then it means civilisation is still missing.

Ans 4. "Making more beautiful things" means utilizing the time, that machines have saved for people, in making and producing beneficial and productive product that has ability to civilised societies. I have a list of beautiful things including personal growth, consistency to make my dreams true, and a source of hope for others. These can be possible through passions and hard-work to turn things into reality.

Ans 5. There are many ways to prevent poverty but my particular attention would be on educating child-labour. The reason of this attention is having the understanding that this segment of society is hard-working. By educating them and embracing them with skills can effectively reduce the

poverty ratio. These education and skill will make them able to sustain their livelihood.

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