

• Sample 5

Some of the things which science has given us have certainly helped to make our lives happier. Science has helped us to get rid of many sicknesses of the body. That is a great thing. It is difficult to be happy if your body is full of pain.

Scientists have made many discoveries which have helped to make painless, and to remove the causes of pain and sickness. By making it possible to cure terrible diseases- such as malaria, smallpox, plague, pneumonia and tuberculosis- science has made longer then life of the average man.

Science is helping man to produce much more food from the earth. By this, it is helping to get rid of famine and to prevent sickness caused by not having enough food to eat. It has also made possible the sending of quick relief to places where there is shortage of good and medicines, with the help of motor-lorries, railway trains, Ships and aero planes. That is also very good, and many lives are saved in such ways.

There are also many discoveries of science which have definitely brought unhappiness into the world. But that is not because the discoveries are bad, but because men are using them badly. For Example, consider the discovery of gun-powder and of other explosives, each more powerful than the previous one discovered. In ancient times men could wound and kill each other only if they were near enough to strike each other with stones, arrows, spears or swords. Even in battles, the armies on both side usually wounded and killed was not very large. In most wars the peasants went on cultivating their fields peacefully, even when the armies were fighting a few miles away. But the invention of fire-arms and high explosives caused a great change. A modern machine-gun, or quick fir-gun, worked by a single man, can wound and kill hundreds of people in few minutes. One modern bomb can kill hundreds of thousands of people immediately if it was dropped on a big city. The scientist who invented these terrible weapons are not wicked men who enjoy killing. They are people with kind hearts, but they are more clever, and they earn their living by discovering new things. (385 Words).

# Title: Blessings and Curses of Science.

Science is both a blessing and a curse. On one hand, it has made life easier, by inventing technologies in different fields, like in medical field, for curing different diseases. Science has also invented the mode of transportation for importing goods from one place to another. In this way, food is transported to other places, where is a dire need of food. On the other hand, Science is also a curse. It has invented the modern nuclear weapons. In past, the nuclear weapons were not powerful, and it could killed only those who are present at the place of war. But the modern technological weapons are more powerful, and can kill those millions of people, who are living in other parts of the world. However, it is not the scientists, but laymen who are responsible for this misuse of scientific discoveries and inventions.

Total words = 405

Precis words = 135

Write a precis of the following passage in about 120 words and suggest a suitable title:

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During my vacation last May, I had a hard time choosing a tour. Flights to Japan, Hong Kong and Australia are just too common. What I wanted was somewhere exciting and exotic, a place where I could be spared from the holiday tour crowds. I was so happy when John called up, suggesting a trip to Cherokee, a county in the state of Oklahoma. I agreed and went off with the preparation immediately.

We took a flight to Cherokee and visited a town called Qualla Boundary surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery, the town painted a paradise before us. With its Oconaluftee Indian Village reproducing tribal crafts and lifestyles of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the outdoor historical pageant *Unto These Hills* playing six times weekly in the summer nights, Qualla Boundary tries to present a brief image of the Cherokee past to the tourists.

Despite the language barrier, we managed to find our way to the souvenir shops with the help of the natives. The shops were filled with rubber tomahawks and colorful traditional war bonnets, made of dyed turkey feathers. Tepees, cone-shaped tents made from animal skin, were also pitched near the shops. "Welcome! Want to get anything?" We looked up and saw a middle-aged man smiling at us. We were very surprised by his fluent English. He introduced himself as George and we ended up chatting till lunch time when he invited us for lunch at a nearby coffee shop.

"Sometimes, I've to work from morning to sunset during the tour season. Anyway, this is still better off than being a woodcutter ..." Remembrance weighed heavy on George's mind and he went on to tell us that he used to cut firewood for a living but could hardly make ends meet. We learnt from him that the Cherokees do not depend solely on trade for survival. During the tour off-peak period, the tribe would have to try out other means for income. One of the successful ways is the "Bingo Weekend". On the Friday afternoons of the Bingo weekends, a large bingo hall was opened, attracting huge crowds of people to the various kinds of games like the Super Jackpot and the Warrior Game Special. According to George, these forms of entertainment fetch them great returns.

Our final stop in Qualla Boundary was at the museum where arts, ranging from the simple hand-woven oak baskets to wood and stone carvings of wolves, ravens and other symbols of Cherokee cosmology are displayed.

Back at home, I really missed the place and I would of course look forward to the next trip to another exotic place.

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

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## Title: A Trip to Cherokee.

The writer wanted to go on Trip. He wanted to make his trip ~~Exstrange~~ strange. Writer's friend suggested him to go to Cherokee, a country in the state of Oklahoma. Both set for Cherokee. They visited the Town Qualla of 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The town presented scenes of mountains, different crafts and lifestyle. The writer visited different shops of town. The things in the shops, portrayed the past of Qualla. The writer also found an Englishman, who was Shopkeeper. He was also a woodcutter. Shopkeeper told the writer that, by cutting woods he could hardly find money for survival. So he also had to do other work for increasing income. One of them is Bingo weekend, having lot of games, and helped the Englishman to earn more money. However, writer really enjoyed the trip, and wished for the next trip.

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