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Read the following passage and answer the question that follow. Use your own language.

The civilization of china remains a true gentleman?

- 1) Why do you think the author calls Confucius' belief about the progress of human society as a delusion?

Answer:

The author calls Confucius' belief about the human society as a delusion because he believes that in reality, the rulers were keen and the public was happy enough that if it is compared to the present era, could only be admired but cannot be achieved.

2) How did Confucius' thought affect china to develop into a stable and 'proper' china?

Answer:

China has been developed into a proper state by the help of Confucian system. They outlived even after facing barbarian invasions, mongol and manchu dynasties, as well as temporary periods of chaos and civil war. Hence, it was a great achievement led by the help of confucius art, literature and civilized way of life that organised china into a stable state.

3) Why does the author think that Confucian system deserves respect and admiration?

Answer:

As the Confucian system had a outstanding power of survival, overcame multiple challenges to their pathway, makes it admirable and respectable in the view of the author.

4) Why does the author call Confucian system a purely ethical system and not a religion?

Answer:

The author calls the Confucian system as a pure ethical system rather than religion because this system was not linked to supernatural beliefs. He added that, It might seem religious because of ^{its} old-fashioned and ideal beliefs in comparison to today's world.

5) Briefly argue whether you agree or disagree to Confucius' ideal of a gentleman?

Answer:

I do agree with this concept because of the characteristics shown by the author in the following paragraph. It illustrates that they were quite happy and satisfied with whatever they had. Nevertheless, their power for survival is admirable. Together we humans make a society and live in it. So, if we do follow such ethics that even beyond situational crises we

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must not lose identity, then we could
grow up that community. But, unwillingly
in today's era, the definition of
gentleman is ideal concept only.

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Write a précis of the following passage in about 100 words and suggest a suitable title.

Of all the characteristics ... towards curing them.

"A Contradiction to happiness: Envy"

The most unfortunate characteristic of human nature is envy. It causes ^{one} to seek misfortune for others but it impacts one's own emotions. One feels pain upon others' achievement, tries to destroy them as if it would benefit oneself. Knowingly, if envy persists, it will harm all ^{the} intelligence and exceptional skills exercise. Contrary, another human characteristic exists in which one wants to spread happiness, fights ^{off the} envy and uplift admiration. Envy is contradicted to happiness which could be its ^{better} cure. Hence, the realization of one's envy and treating the ^{causes} respectively is crucial, the only solution left.

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