

Passage:

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities we would have been poor, indeed comparable to higher animals. We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from cradle to grave. (199 words)

Precise:

Man: A Social Animal

Man is dependent on other human beings for his basic needs. A man will be comparable to higher animals if he don't have language and mental capacity to interact with other human beings in the society. If a man is left alone from birth, he/she will be comparable to even beast. So it is the society which differentiate man from other animals.

(67 words)