

Q.2: **Write a precis of 100 words of the following passage. Suggest a suitable title. (20 marks)**

Nothing sharpens a people's wits like poverty. Hence many of the greatest people have originally been poor. Poverty often purifies and braces a people's morals. To spirited people, difficult tasks are usually the most delightful ones. If we may rely upon the testimony of history, people are brave, truthful, and magnanimous not in proportion to their wealth, but to their smallness of means. And the best are often the poorest – always supposing that they have sufficient to meet their temporal wants. As I said, "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, misery is humiliating, in as much as the latter is for the most part the result of misconduct and often of idleness. 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, rather a great amount of harm. The poor are often the happiest of people – far more so than the rich, but though they may be envied, no one will be found willing to take their place.

Title: Poverty: An Opportunity

Poverty is an opportunity in itself for optimistic people. Hence, human is born poor. However, as the writer said that God had created poverty but not misery. It is upon the men whether he perceives poverty as a threat or ^{as an} opportunity. Thus, those who take poverty as an opportunity and deal it as a catalyst to improve their morals, become happiest one of the world. However, poor are the happier than rich, though no one wants to be poor. Precisely, for optimists challenges like poverty never hurt ~~is~~ painful. As, history is the testimony of that who were happy with their little wealth and also, sufficient for livelihood.

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