

## Example 1.1

*Make a Precis of the following passage in about 200 words:*

We are told that moral improvement has not kept pace with the advanced of science, and that the troubles of our age are largely due to this disparity. I shall argue this view is false, or at least profoundly misleading. For I believe that never in the history of mankind has the hunger for brotherhood and righteousness exercised such power over the minds of men as today. The past two centuries have not been an age of moral weakness, but have, on the contrary, seen the outbreak of a moral fervour which has achieved numberless humanitarian reforms and has improved modern society beyond the boldest thoughts of earlier centuries. And I believe it is this fervour which in our own lifetime, has outreached itself by its inordinate aspirations and thus heaped on mankind the disasters that have befallen us. I admit that these disasters were accompanied by moral depravation. But I deny that this justifies us in speaking of moral retardation. What sluggish river has ever broken the dams which contained it, or smashed the wheels which harnessed it? We have yet to discover the proper term for describing this event. Ethics must catch up with the pathological forms of morals

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due to the modern intensification of morality. We must learn to recognise moral excesses. I shall suggest that modern nihilism is a moral excess from which we are suffering today. And I shall try to look past this stage and see whether there is in fact anything beyond it. For our passion for nihilistic self-doubt may be incurable, and it may come to an end only when it has finally destroyed our civilisation. To speak of moral passions is something new. Writers on ethics, both ancient and modern, have defined morality as a composed state of mind. So novel is the present state of morality that it has been overlooked by all writers on ethics. The idea that morality consists in imposing on ourselves the curb of moral *commands* is so ingrained in us that we simply cannot see that the moral need of our time is, on the contrary, to curb our inordinate moral *demands* which precipitate us into moral degradation and threaten us with bodily destruction.





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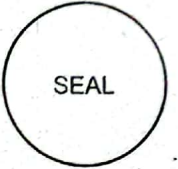
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## Morality as ethics

It is claimed that advancement of science has threatened morality which has increased perils. However, history itself is a witness of today's ethics and excess of morality has been reforming modern livelihood for the last two centuries. This moral fervour led to hazardous for mankind. Besides all above, ethics should promote real moral norms with today's modern views. So, a man follow that moral values. No doubt, due to fervour morality, a man faces harsh challenges. In fact, this kind of morality drives self-ego which destroys the established society completely. Moreover, writers also emphasizes ethics in novels. Beyond its need, tend towards morality is its containment; however, moral inordinate should be contained which are responsible for human destruction.

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