
Q.2: Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

'The official name of our species is homo sapiens; but there are many anthropologists who prefer to think of man as homo Faber-the smith, the maker of tools It would be possible. I think, to reconcile these two definitions in a third. If man is a knower and an efficient doer, it is only because he is also a talker. In order to be Faber and Sapiens, Homo must first be loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed, we should be something much worse. Possessed of a high IQ but no language, we should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels- Creatures too clever to be guided by instinct, too Self-centered to live in a state of animal grace, and therefore condemned forever, frustrated and malignant, between contented ape hood and aspiring humanity. It was language that made possible the accumulation of knowledge and the broadcasting of information. It was language that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals, the codification to laws, It was language, in a word, that turned us into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

Title: Language; the Identity and Nurture of Human Civilization.

Précis:

Man has been called Homo Sapiens; the wise and Faber; the tool-maker. But both the qualities rely on human ability to communicate through words. Without language humans would be stuck between humanity and ape hood like chimpanzees. Inability to ^{verbally} express the high IQ would bring humans to a dire state. Therefore language distinguishes humans from other creatures. It nurtured civilization and propagated religion, ethics and laws.

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