

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: a blessing in disguise

Poverty is a blessing in itself. ~~Thus,~~  
great people have been poor. <sup>b</sup> But  
they <sup>use</sup> find it as a catalyst in building  
their morals. For optimists, difficulty  
appears delightful. History witnesses  
such people whose approach was  
optimistic towards their way of earning  
and livelihood. The writer further  
elaborated <sup>that</sup> ~~it as,~~ God had created  
poverty but not misery. And there  
is great difference between the two.  
Poverty is honourable while misery  
is humiliating. However, <sup>those</sup> who take  
poverty as a blessing of God, ~~and~~  
<sup>become</sup> <sup>the</sup> happiest of the world. Moreover,  
<sup>in spite</sup> of being <sup>the</sup> happiest of the  
world, no one <sup>wishes</sup> wish to replace them.

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Tense and structural mistakes found. Idea is generally ok.