

Q#02

(CSS-2015)

PRECIS:

## WAR: Cause of Civilization's Failure

The writer advocates the idea that the demise of every civilization has been approximately brought about by war. Yet war is not viewed as an evil until its deadliness is manifest to warring parties. In evolution of a civilization, war is unwanted as it leads to more suffering and destruction than the benefits it promises in return. Virtues, such as tolerance, become the order of the day and even impunity for the defeated enemy is a thinkable phenomenon. However, at the next stage when the society acquires manpower and material superiority, war reveals its evilness. It destroys man's industry and intellect and buries bodies and happiness. This stage can be more ruinous if efficiently that military equipments are mobilized for the war effort. Historically, such critical junctures have been characterized by endeavours to avert war, prone to take either of the two paths. Salvation is rooted in man's mind who can choose to participate in war or support diplomatic efforts of government aimed at eliminating sparks of war before it become a raging flame. Although the latter path of peace may seem unheroic, ~~yet~~ it is undisputably the most promising path to take, says the author.

(WORD COUNT)

Passage: 541

Precis: 182





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### ENGLISH (Precis & Composition)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

(PART-I MCQs):

MARKS: 20

PART-I(MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

(PART-II):

MARKS: 80

NOTE:(i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.

(ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.

(iii) Candidate must write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.

(iv) All the parts(if any) of each question must be attempted at One Place instead of at different places.

(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.

(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.

### PART-II

Q. 2. Make a précis of the following text and suggest a suitable title.

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In studying the breakdowns of civilizations, the writer has subscribed to the conclusion – no new discovery! – that war has proved to have been the proximate cause of the breakdown of every civilization which is known for certain to have broken down, in so far as it has been possible to analyze the nature of these breakdowns and to account for their occurrence. Like other evils, war has an insidious way of appearing not intolerable until it has secured such a stranglehold upon the lives of its addicts that they no longer have the power to escape from its grip when its deadlines has become manifest. In the early stages of a civilization's growth, the cost of wars in suffering and destruction might seem to be exceeded by the benefits accruing from the winning of wealth and power and the cultivation of the "military virtues"; and, in this phase of history, states have often found themselves able to indulge in war with one another with something like impunity even for the defeated party. War does not begin to reveal its malignity till the war-making <sup>202</sup>society has begun to increase its economic ability to exploit physical nature and its political ability to organize manpower; but, as soon as this happens, the god of war to which the growing society has long since been dedicated proves himself a Moloch by devouring an ever larger share of the increasing fruits of man's industry and intelligence in the process of taking an ever larger toll of life and happiness; and, when the society's growth in efficiency reaches a point at which it becomes capable of mobilizing a lethal quantum of its energies and resources for military use, then war reveals itself as being a cancer which is bound to prove fatal to its victim unless he can cut it out and cast it from him, <sup>329</sup>since its malignant tissues have now learnt to grow faster than the healthy tissues on which they feed.

In the past, when this danger-point in the history of the relations between war and civilization has been reached and recognized, serious efforts have sometimes been made to get rid of war in time to save society, and these endeavours have been apt to take one or other of two alternative directions. Salvation cannot, of course, be sought anywhere except in the working of the consciences of individual human beings; but individuals have a choice between trying to achieve their aims through direct action as private citizens and trying to achieve them through indirect action as citizens of states. A personal refusal to lend himself in any way to any war waged by his state for any purpose and in any circumstances is a line of attack against the institution of war that is likely to appeal to an ardent and self-sacrificing nature; by comparison, the alternative peace strategy of seeking to persuade and accustom governments to combine in jointly resisting aggression when it comes and in trying to remove its stimuli before hand may seem a circuitous and unheroic line of attack on the problem. Yet experience up to date indicates unmistakably, in the present writer's opinion, that the second of these two hard roads is by far the more promising.

Q.3. Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below:

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Experience has quite definitely shown that some reasons for holding a belief are much more likely to be justified by the event than others. It might naturally be supposed, for instance, that the best of all reasons for a belief was a strong conviction of certainty accompanying the belief. Experience, however, shows that this is not so, and that as a matter of fact, conviction by itself is more likely to mislead than it is to guarantee truth. On the other hand, lack of assurance and persistent hesitation to come to any belief whatever are an equally poor guarantee that the few beliefs which are arrived at are sound. Experience also shows that assertion, however long continued, although it is unfortunately with many people an effective enough means of inducing belief is not in any way a ground for holding it