

EXERCISE 3

The whole point of technical advance is that it enables man to manipulate his environment to live in the sort of conditions he wants to live in. So you ask 'What will man's everyday surroundings be like in forty years' time?' Other animals will get the environment they deserve, man will get the one he wants.

And will man be so very different in forty years time? I do not think so. Healthier, yes, I imagine we shall have mastered the viruses and the problem of cancer in the young and I am sure we shall know enough to be able to avoid passing on hereditary abnormalities to our children; but I suspect that the illnesses and hurts of old age will still be with us, because I doubt whether we shall have overcome the necessity of growing old.

And shall we be any more sensible? No, certainly not, the recorded history of several thousand years shows us that all the logical absurdities of man have always been with us; what we have not outgrown in 4,000 years we shall not outgrow in another forty.

Food is already becoming increasingly hygienic, quick frozen, packaged and prepackaged in impregnable plastic containers, increasingly free from all taint of decay—forgetting the fact that many of the flavours which we prize

most highly are due to the early stages of decay of one sort or another. Already the production of our organic food is becoming increasingly mechanized. One obvious step remains, and that is to produce all our food—the proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins roughage and what have you entirely synthetically.

And how shall we communicate? We shall still talk to each other. Shall we write? Not, I think, in the way we do today. Even today, handwriting is dying out. Typing will last longer, but the time will come when the manual typewriter will in its turn become obsolete, and will be relegated to the status of a toy, like a child's printing set. For already computers are beginning to tackle the problem of recognition of ordinary written texts; and already a simple computer exists which will obey verbal instructions. Put these ideas together, and you will see that even today we are within sight of the possibility of a machine that will take dictation, and will then automatically print out the dictated text.

Do you find this sort of prospect worrying, depressing, even frightening? I have envisaged nothing that will not be technically possible in forty years if we really want it. For it is what we want now that will decide what we get in the future. (444 words)

Reading Comprehension

Answer the given questions.

QNO: 01

Will technology help us overcome the challenges of aging in the next 40 years?

Answer:

With the help of technology, no doubt, man will be able to tackle ~~the~~ diseases and make life healthier. Probably, he will also be able to prevent inherited diseases to pass on to the next generations but technology is not advance enough to stop man getting old as getting old is linked with death which is the absolute reality. So, technology will not help man overcome the challenges of aging in the next 40 years.

QNO: 02

Do you think man's logical absurdities will ever change, even after thousands of years?

Answer:

The history shows that the logical absurdities of man have remained with him for thousands of years. Even after such a long time, he has not become perfectly sensible. So, a man who could not leave these logical absurdities for a longer time period, it is not possible for him to change in the coming times.

QNO: 3

Do you believe that our everyday surroundings will significantly change in the next 40 years?

Answer:

Man is making progress with every passing day. The treatment of many disease which was not possible in ancient times is possible today. It is now possible to preserve food for months and years.

Many tasks which were formerly done by man are now easily done with the help of computer such as typing. All these progresses show that the surroundings of man are ever changing so it is quite possible that the surroundings of man will significantly change in the next 40 years.

QNo: 4

Are you curious about any other technological advancements that could shape our future?

Answer:

Curiosity is in the nature of man. He has always remained busy in making advancements in technology. We are getting from the environment that we wanted but we have ^{also} received harms of changing the environment as a by-product. So, technological advancements are good when they don't harm our future.

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am curious for these kind of
advancements.

Q2. Read the given passage, then give brief answers, to the questions placed at the end, in your own words: - (20)

There is indeed, something inexpressibly pleasing in the annual renovation of the world and the new display of the treasures of nature. The darkness and cold of winter with the naked deformity of every object, on which we turn our eyes, make us rejoice at the succeeding season, as well for what we have escaped, as for what we may enjoy. Every budding Flower, which a warm situation brings early to our view, is considered by us a messenger to notify the approach of more joyous days.

The spring affords to a mind free from the disturbance of cares or passions almost everything that our present state makes us capable of enjoying. The Variegated Verdure of the fields and woods, the succession of grateful Odours, the Voice of pleasure pouring out its notes on every side, with the gladness apparently conceived by every animal from the growth of its food and the clemency of the weather, throw over

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the whole earth an air of gaiety, significantly expressed by Smile of nature.
(Samuel John Son)

Questions:

- (a) Give meanings of the under lined expressions in the passage in your own words. (10)
- (b) Say how an early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days? (3)
- (c) Who, according to the writer can make the best of the spring season? (3)
- (d) Why are all animals glad at the approach of spring? (3)
- (e) Suggest a title for the passage. (1)

(b)

Say how an early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days?

Answer:

The early budding flower shows that spring season has arrived and the days of darkness and cold have come to an end. Thus, the budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days that one can enjoy with relaxed mind.

(c)

Who, according to the writer can make the best of the spring season?

Answer:

According to the writer, a person whose mind is free from the everyday tensions and worries and the one who can enjoy his present state can make the best of the spring season.

(d)

Why are all animals glad at the approach of spring?

Answer:

Due to the arrival of spring season, there is abundance of food and the weather is also very relaxing. That is why all animals are glad at the approach of spring.

(e)

Suggest a title for the passage.

Answer:

A Joyous Spring

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There is a famous speech recorded of an old Norseman, thoroughly characteristic of the Teuton. "I believe

neither in idols nor demons," said he, "I put my sole trust in my own strength of body and soul." The ancient crest of a pickaxe with the motto of "Either I will find a way or make one," was an expression of the same sturdy independence which to this day distinguishes the descendants of the Norsemen. Indeed nothing could be more characteristic of the Scandinavian mythology, than that it had a god with a hammer. A man's character is seen in small matters, and from even so slight a test as the mode in which a man wields a hammer, his energy may in some measure be inferred. Thus an eminent Frenchman hits off in a single phrase the characteristic quality of the inhabitants of a particular district in which a friend of his proposed to settle and buy land. "Beware," said he, "of making a purchase there; I know the men of that department; the pupils who come from it to our veterinary school at Paris do not strike hard upon the anvil; they want energy; and you will not get a satisfactory return on any capital you may invest there." A fine and just appreciation of character, indicating the thoughtful observer; and strikingly illustrative of the fact that it is the energy of the individual men that gives strength to a State, and confers a value even upon the very soil which they cultivate.

The cultivation of this quality is of the greatest importance; resolute determination in the pursuit of worthy objects being the foundation of all true greatness of character. Energy enables a man to force his way through irksome drudgery and dry details, and carries him onward and upward in every station in life. It accomplishes more than genius, with not one-half the disappointment and peril. It is not eminent talent that is required to ensure success in any pursuit, so much as purpose,—not merely the power to achieve, but the will to labour energetically and perseveringly. Hence energy of will may be defined to be the very central power of character in a man—in a word, it is the Man himself. It gives impulse to his every action, and soul to every effort. Thus hope is based on it,—and it is hope that gives the real perfume to life.

Energy : The Essence of Life

Precis

A Norseman once said that he only believed in his own strength. This belief of the followers of Scandinavian mythology distinguishes them from the others. Their representative, a god with a hammer, shows that energy is the sole characteristic of a man's character. It is the energy of the individual men that makes a State strong. Firm will of a man and his energy enables him to

get over every situation. The talent of man for doing a particular thing is not enough to get success rather it is the will for doing something with perseverance and energy. So, energy of will is the basic characteristic of a man's character. In a nutshell, it is the man himself and his hope that gives his life the real meaning.

EXERCISE 5

The hydrogen bomb must be considered not as an engine of victory but solely as an engine of destruction. No good can come of the wrangles in which both sides at present indulge. 'We have the hydrogen bomb', says one. "So have we" says the other. "We have more" says one. But you present more convenient targets, says the other. There is grave danger that sooner or later the wranglings will exasperate people to the point where they will say, 'Let us be done with bragging and put the H-bomb to the test !' Any such procedure is suicidal.

Hydrogen Bomb: An Engine of Destruction

Hydrogen bomb is a source of destruction yet there is a continuous competition among states for making/having more hydrogen bombs. That time is not so far when people will be ready for testing these bombs.

Total words = 98

Words in Precis = 35