

Of all the characteristics ordinary human nature envy is the most unfortunate; not only does the envious person wish to inflict misfortune and do so whenever he can with impunity, but he is also himself rendered unhappy by envy. Instead of deriving pleasure from what he has, he derives pain from what others have. If he can, he deprives others of their advantages, which to him is as desirable as it would be to secure the same advantages himself. If this passion is allowed to run riot it becomes fatal to all excellence, and even the most useful exercise of exceptional skill. Why should a medical man go to see his patients in a car when the labourer has to walk to his work? Why should the scientific investigator be allowed to spend his time in a warm room when others have to face the inclemency of the elements? Why should a man who possesses some rare talent of great importance to the world be saved from drudgery of his own housework? To such questions envy finds no answer. Fortunately, however, there is in human nature a compensating passion, namely that of admiration. Whosoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy.

What cure is there for envy? For the saint there is the cure of selflessness, though even in the case of saints envy of other saints is be no means impossible. But, leaving saints out of account, the only cure of envy in the case of ordinary men and women is happiness, and the difficulty is that envy is itself a terrible obstacle to happiness. But the envious man may say: 'What is the good of telling me that the cure of envy is happiness? I cannot find happiness while I continue to feel envy, and tell me that I cannot cease to be envious until I find happiness. But real life is never so logical as this. Merely to realize the cause of one's own envious feeling is to take a long step towards curing them.

# Envy: The Most Negative Attribute

Envy is the most negative attribute of human nature. It is an irrational emotion that seeks to bring others down rather than elevate oneself. It only creates dissatisfaction in life and can not provide any logical explanation to <sup>the</sup> question of why skilled individuals enjoy luxuries while the envious do not. However, the author offers a glimmer of hope by suggesting that recognizing the cause of envy is a significant step towards overcoming this feeling. Even there exists a positive attribute in human nature called admiration which counterbalances the negative emotion of envy. Unlike envy, it encourages humans to accept qualities of others. Thus, in order to increase happiness of life, humans must increase this trait of admiration.

## Word Count

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**B. Rewrite the following passages, converting what is in direct speech into indirect, and what is in indirect speech into direct.** (05)

**Hassan Ali Gondal:** Hi Shahab, when will your essay book be ready?

**Shahab:** I believe, at the end of November.

**Hassan Ali Gondal:** So what's the deal? The competitive exams market is already full of essay stuff. What's special about yours?

**Shahab :** I speak only about the international standards followed in essay writing that I were taught at Christ Church University during my one year teachers training course. My book follows the same standards. Moreover, it includes different practice activities rather than ready-made content for cramming.

**Hassan Ali Gondal:** If it is so, then its gonna clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.

Hassan Ali Gondal came to Shahab to ask him about his upcoming essay book. He greeted Shahab and asked him when his essay book would be ready. Shahab replied that he believed it would be ready at the end of November. On hearing this, Hassan Ali Gondal irritably asked him what the deal was. He also belittled Shahab and said that the competitive exams market was already full of essay stuff; so what was special about his book. Then, Shahab defended his book and argued that his book followed international standards of essay writing which he had been taught at Christ Church University during his one year teachers training course. Moreover, it included different practice exercises rather than ready-made content for cramming. So, Hassan Ali Gondal got partially convinced; and replied that if it were so, then it would clear most of the misconceptions about essay writing.