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| 7. <i>Eliminating</i> | —getting rid of, to expect |
| 8. <i>Resolving</i>   | —deciding                  |
| 9. <i>Gulf</i>        | —deep bay, large area      |
| 10. <i>Chasm</i>      | —gap                       |
| 11. <i>Acerbity</i>   | —bitterness of speech      |
| 12. <i>Holocaust</i>  | —disastrous fire           |
| 13. <i>Impetus</i>    | —driving or moving force   |

#### EXERCISE 4

Gandhi does not reject machinery as such. He observes: How can I be against all machinery, when I know that even this body is a most delicate piece of machinery? The spinning wheel is a machinery, a little tooth-pick is a machine. What I object to is the craze for machinery not machinery as such. The craze is for what they call labour saving machinery. Men go on "saving labour" till thousands are without work and thrown on the open streets to die of starvation. I want to save time and labour not for a fraction of mankind but for all. I want the concentration of wealth, not in the hands of a few but in the hands of all. Today machinery merely helps a few to ride on the back of millions. The impetus behind it all is not the philanthropy to save labour but greed. It is against this constitution of things that I am fighting with all my might. The machine should not tend to atrophy the limbs of man. Factories run by power driven machinery should be nationalised, self-controlled. The supreme consideration is man.

#### Aids to Vocabulary

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| 1. <i>Craze</i>                        | —intense desire   |
| 2. <i>Fraction</i>                     | —a small part   |
| 3. <i>Ride on the back of millions</i> | —to control millions or at the cost of innumerable people |
| 4. <i>Impetus</i>                      | —driving or moving force                                  |
| 5. <i>Philanthropy</i>                 | —generosity or charity                                    |
| 6. <i>Atrophy</i>                      | —wasting away   |

According to the author, Gandhi objected to the craze for machinery because.

For thousands of years, man has tried to save labour cost by replacing them with machinery. This is the craze for machinery which has been raising questions on it. They think of it as generosity towards labours, but it is a greed, which is wasting away limbs of man, and leaving them on streets for starvation. This is giving rise to capitalism; therefore, factories should be nationalised, and the supreme priority should be man.

Precise = 74 words  
Original = 202 words

Title = <sup>Prioritizing</sup> prioritizing humanity over efficiency  
or  
~~Nationalized factories, labour prosperity~~

Machinery is greed not philanthropy

Indent the paragraph.

In this passage, the author discusses the views of Gandhi on machinery. Therefore, you should state this at the start of precis.