

NOTE:

- (i) **PART-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
(ii) Attempt **ALL** questions from **PART-II**.

Q.2 Write a precis of the following passage in about 100 words and suggest a suitable title. (20+5)

Of all the characteristics of 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 to 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 the 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. Whoever 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 by no means impossible. But, leaving saints out of account, the only cure for 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 for envy is happiness? I cannot find happiness while I continue to feel envy, and you 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 causes of one's own envious feeling is to take a long step towards curing them.

Answer No. 2B

Indent the paragraph. Title should preferably be a phrase, not a sentence.

English Preci

Envy is the Source of Pain

Envious people are ungrateful ~~about~~^{for} their personal belongings. They worry too much about what other people have, which adds more to their suffering and pain. Inflicting damage on other people is as desirable as getting the similar kind of ~~privilege~~^{privilege} and treatment like the people who they envy. People often ignore the fact that happiness and envy have paradoxical relationship. They are two sides of the same coin which means both the feelings cannot co-exist simultaneously. Finding a solution to problem of envy is complex but one antidote can be applied which is to increase admiration for other. Moreover, to prevent society from dysfunctioning, the barrier to happiness must be eliminated or atleast leashed.

Idea is ok. Mistakes identified

Word Count: Original = 340, Preci = 104
(Approximate count of words)