

- English Précis & Composition
2. Why is even disagreeable task considered better than none?
 3. In what ways is a man with some task the better for it?

➤ Answers

1. A man without a task, that is, purposeful work, will lack both 'will and direction'. He will not be able to engage himself in any useful activity. Consequently, he will neither work nor achieve anything. He will simply stagnate, suffer disappointments, and bring ruin upon himself.
2. A man without any work to do will inevitably lead a life of boredom and lethargic inactivity. Such a life will be one of unchanging monotony and misery. It is, therefore, better to be engaged in any task whatsoever, even if it be an unpleasant one, than to have nothing to do and suffer endless boredom and unhappiness.
3. A man who has some work, or who is usefully employed, will be a more contented person and also easier to live with than a man without any work. Work has a therapeutic value in the case of invalids, for if they are purposefully employed, according to their capabilities, they will add years to their life. Work is a life preserver; it helps a man to live longer and more happily than a man who has no task in life.

• Reading Comprehension 2010

Read the following passage and answers the questions that follow. (20)

And still it moves. The words of Galileo, murmured when the tortures of the Inquisition had driven him to deny the Truth he knew, apply in a new way to our world today. Sometimes, in the knowledge of all that has been discovered, all that has been done to make life on the planet happier and more worthy, all be tempted to settle down to enjoy our heritage. That would, indeed, be the betrayal of our trust. These men and women of the past have given everything --- comfort, time, valuable treasure, peace of mind and body, life itself --- that we might live as we do. The challenge to each one of us is to carry on their work for the sake of future generations. The adventurous human mind must not falter. Still must we question the old truths and work for the new ones. Still must we risk scorn, cynicism, neglect, loneliness, poverty, persecution, if need be. We must shut our ears to the easy voice which tells us that 'human nature will never alter' as an excuse for doing nothing to make life more worthy. Thus will the course of the history of mankind go onward, and the world we know move into a new splendour for those who are yet to be.

➤ Questions

1. What made Galileo recant the Truth he knew?
2. What is the heritage being alluded to in the first paragraph?
3. What does the 'betrayal of our trust' imply?
4. Why do we need to question the old truths and work for the new ones?
5. Explain the words or expressions as highlighted/underlined in the passage.

Answers are too short. There should be at least two sentences in the answer. Answers should be 5-7 lines long.

Comprehension

Questions:

Q1 - The trouble of questioning led Galileo to deny the truth.

Q2 - The heritage mentioned in the passage is all the knowledge and truth discovered by the wise men of the past.

Q3 - The betrayal of truth means ^{that men} Men are utilizing the heritage of the forefathers without doing anything new.

Q4 - we need to question the old truths, so we may ^{discover} discover the new knowledge for future generations and retain our adventurous abilities.

Q5 -

Inquisition — Questioning

The Planet — Earth

Father — Deny

Cynicism — Pessimism

Those who are yet to be — Future Generations.

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Repeat question statement at the start of the answer.

President laid stress on the writers, poets, intellectuals, philosophers and scholars to help government to make country an Islamic and welfare state through their literary writings. The President was addressing a grand meeting of poets and writers during an inaugural ceremony of a book the previous day.

You are allowed to submit only one question in one pdf. The remaining questions may be submitted in separate pdfs.