

## COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 3

**Q.2.** Read the following passage carefully and answer any two of the Questions that follow in your own words:

"The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants; Yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in fair way become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon a machine. And the machines are very stem masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with and they must be kept at the right temperature. And they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky they refuse to do work or burst with rage, and blow up and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule animals, and this brings me to the point at which I asked "What do we do with all-time which the machines have saved for us, and the new energy that they have given us?" On the whole, it must be admitted we do very little. For on the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines, but more and better machines will only give us still more energy and what are we to do with them? The answer, I think, is that we should try to become more civilized, or the machines themselves and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and liking beautiful things, thinking freely, and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance to do these things than he ever had before. He has for time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give us time and energy which his machines have won for him to more things to finding out more and more of the universe the universe to removing the causes of quarrels between nations to discovering how to prevent poverty then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greatest. As it would be the most lasting than there has ever been. (CSS 1983)

**Questions -**

1. What is your concept of "Civilization"? Do you agree with the author's view on the subject?
2. Science has given us powers fit for gods. It is a curse or blessing?
3. The use of machines has brought us more leisure and energy. Are we utilizing it to improve the quality of human life?
4. Instead of making machines our servants author says they have become our masters in what sense has this come about?

## COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 4



q.45

## Reading comprehension

Q NO what is your concept of civilization? Do you agree with author's view on the subject?

The sentence is too long. Break it down into simple sentences.

Ans

The concept of civilization is very obvious in this passage that civilization means making something and liking beautiful things, thinking freely and living rightly and maintaining Justice equally between human beings. Moreover, I am also on the same point, as the author explained in this passage: Civilization is the progress and development of any certain task.

Q NO 2

Science has given us powers fit for gods. It is a curse or blessing.

Ans There is no denying the fact that science has given us powers fit for gods. It is a curse for all of us. Human beings are completely reliant on the machines which are very harmful for the human health. Machines were



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~~to~~ his master. Already most  
of people spend most to their  
lives looking after and waiting  
upon machine. So, it is a curse.

Q No The use of machines has  
brought us more leisure and  
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improve the quality of human  
life?

Do what things?

Ans

Man has a better chance  
to do these things than he  
ever and before he has for time  
more energy, less to fear and less  
to fights against. Human beings  
are procuring the constant  
benefits from machines, finding  
out more and more universe,  
to removing the causes of quarrel  
between nations and to discovering  
how to prevent poverty and  
handling the difficult situation  
of people.



Q No

Instead of making machines our servants authors say they have become our masters in what sense has this come about?

Ans The Author clearly explained the purpose of machines to help or assist the human beings in the difficult time. That is the core reason; ~~author~~ author said that in the initial time machines were made ~~for~~ to be the servant of man but with the passage of time, ~~it~~ <sup>they</sup> became our master and started <sup>made people dependent on these machines.</sup> pushing all the people on its ~~dependency~~; therefore, instead of machines our servant, <sup>they have</sup> it has become our master.

Repeat question statement at the start of the answer.