

PRÉCIS
Central Superior Services Examination (CSS) 2000

Passage.

Besant describing the middle class of the 9th century wrote "In the first place it was for more a class apart. "In no sense did it belong to society. Men in professions of any kind (except in the Army and Navy) could only belong to society by right of birth and family connections; men in trade—bankers were still accounted tradesmen—could not possibly belong to society. That is to say, if they went to live in the country they were not called upon by the county families and in the town they were not admitted by the men into their clubs, or by ladies into their houses... The middle class knew its own place, respected itself, made its own society for itself, and cheerfully accorded to rank the deference due."

Since then, however, the life of the middle classes had undergone great changes as their numbers had swelled and their influence had increased. Their already well-developed consciousness of their own importance had deepened. More critical than they had been in the past of certain aspects of aristocratic life, they were also more concerned with the plight of the poor and the importance of their own values of society, thrift, hand work, piety and respectability as examples of ideal behavior for the guidance of the lower orders. Above all they were respectable. There were divergences of opinion as to what exactly was respectable and what was not. There were, nevertheless, certain conventions, which were universally recognized: wild and drunker behaviors were certainly not respectable, nor were godlessness or avert promiscuity, not an ill-ordered home life, unconventional manners, self-indulgence or flamboyant clothes and personal adornments.

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Final Draft

The Evolution of Middle Class

The author ascribed that middle class was not considered to be the part of a society. Professionals with limited numbers were considered to be the part of a society. Although, tradesmen were not accounted in social activities of a society. The middle class formed its own society who realised their status and respect. The status and respect of middle class members further spread the influence among individuals. The middle class became more concerned about the importance, respect and values of their society. The members of the middle class showed respect and tolerance for their opinions. The members of middle class also recognized different conversations. The members of middle class also reject immoral behaviours in society.

Remarks by Examiner

In main précis

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1. Main idea is picked	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Main aspect(s) of an idea is/are covered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Marks

Main Précis: / 15 Title: / 5

Remarks

dear student there is too much repetition of the same words again and again

which seems a bit bad
need improvement in expression

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