

# COMPREHENSION FROM CSS PAST PAPER 2018 :-

## PARAGRAPH :-

The third great defect of our -----  
----- that there has ever been.

## QUESTIONS :-

1. Instead of making machines our servants the author says they have become our masters. In what sense has this come about?

A: Machines have become our masters because we have grown

overly dependant on them. We spend most of our time taking care of the machines we make. We have to feed them properly according to their schedule to prevent them from causing destruction. Therefore, like traditional (human) masters, we have to bear the mood swings of machines.

2. The use of machines has brought us more leisure and more energy. But the author says that this has been a curse rather than a blessing. Why?

As Indeed, the use of machines has brought us more leisure and energy, but we are unable to utilise this energy effectively. Instead of making beautiful things and exploring the universe, we are stuck making better machines. Surely, these better machines will provide more leisure and energy, but we will still be unable to utilise them effectively. The author sees this as a curse because the potential for making beautiful things and thinking freely is often neglected in favor of technological advancement.

3. What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with author's views?

A: Civilization means the process by which a society or place reaches an advanced stage of social and cultural development and organization. In the given text, the author defines civilization as making and linking beautiful things, thinking freely, living rightly, and maintaining justice and equality between individuals. According to the author, the time and energy gained from machines should be utilized to carve out the best civilization. I agree with the author's view that instead of advancing the technology further, we should work on the moral values and ethics of our civilization.

4. 'Making more beautiful things' - what does this expression mean?  
Make a list of the beautiful things that you would like to make and how you would make them.

As: The expression 'Making more beautiful things' refers to engaging in creative and aesthetic activities that contribute positively to society. It involves the creation of art, literature, architecture etc. that add beauty and value to the world. I would like to make the following beautiful things:

- i- Painting of a landscape to show the beauty of nature.
- ii- Writing an article on ecosystems to demonstrate the importance of all living organisms living in a particular region.
- iii- Making sculptures of historical intellectuals and leaders to encourage the present generation.
- iv- Singing the national songs to promote our national language and the purpose of independence.

5. Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention, and why?

Ans. Preventing poverty is a multifaceted phenomenon that involves various aspects from different dimensions. Poverty can be prevented either by targeting an individual, a family, or a society as a whole. I would suggest the following measures to prevent poverty:

- i- Education initiatives for those skilled individuals that are unable to pay for their education.
- ii- Microfinance programmes to support small-scale entrepreneurship.
- iii- Healthcare initiatives to ensure affordable and accessible healthcare services. This will prevent medical expenses from pushing people into poverty.
- iv- Promotion of agricultural development to ~~prevent~~ prevent high food prices.