

Q.3 Make a précis of the following passage and give it a suitable title: 30

Our instinctive apparatus consists of two parts --- the one tending to further our own life and that of our descendants, the other tending to thwart the lives of supposed rivals. The first includes the joy of life, and love and art, which is psychologically an offshoot of love. The second includes competition, patriotism and war. Conventional morality does everything to suppress the first and encourage the second. True morality would be the exact opposite. Our dealings with those whom we love may be safely left to instinct; it is our dealings with those whom we hate that ought to be brought under the dominion of reason. In the modern world, those whom we effectively hate are distant groups, especially foreign nations. We conceive them abstractly, and deceive ourselves into the

belief that acts which are really embodiments of hatred are done from love of justice or some such lofty motive. Only a large measure of skepticism can tear away the veils which hide this truth from us. Having achieved that, we could begin to build a new morality, not based on envy and restriction, but on the wish for a full life and the realization that other human beings are a help and not a hindrance when once the madness of envy has been cured. This is no impossibly austere morality yet its adoption would turn our earth into a paradise.

Necessity of a New Morality

Human beings possess the natural ability to move themselves forward and push others backward. The tendency to progress arises from a feeling of love. However, the ability to trample others down is based on a capacity to confront. Unfortunately, the traditional morality enhances the competitive faculties, brewing hatred among the people. Therefore, it is usual to hate people from other countries. But the author proposes a novel and truer kind of morality. It would be built on liveliness and empathy. It would help people get rid of jealousy, making earth a heaven.

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