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Comprehension - CSS (2010).

Do not write one sentence answers. There should be at least 2 sentences, and answers should be 5-7 lines long.

(i) The tortures of interrogation made Galileo recant the truth he knew.

(ii) The word 'heritage' in the first paragraph hints about the present time of human beings.

Whatever has been achieved/known till today

(iii) All the knowledge which has been gathered is the reason of happiness is the "betrayal of our trust".

(iv) We need to question the old truths and work for the new ones for the sake of future generations' development.

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envy in the case of ordinary men and women is happiness, and the difficulty is that envy is itself a terrible obstacle to happiness.

But the envious man may say: 'What is the good of telling me that the cure for envy is happiness? I cannot find happiness while I continue to feel envy, and you tell me that I cannot cease to be envious until I find happiness.' But real life is never so logical as this. Merely to realize the causes of one's own envious feeling is to take a long step towards curing them.

Q.3. Read the following passage and answers the questions that follow.

And still it moves. The words of Galileo, murmured when the tortures of the **Inquisition** had driven him to recant 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, we may 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, 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:

- (i) What made Galileo recant the Truth he knew?
- (ii) What is the heritage being alluded to in the first paragraph?
- (iii) What does the 'betrayal of our trust' imply?
- (iv) Why do we need to question the old truths and work for the new ones?
- (v) Explain the words or expressions as highlighted/underlined in the passage.

Q.4. Write a comprehensive note (250 – 300 words) on any **ONE** of the following: (20)

- (i) When flatterers get together, the devil goes to dinner.
- (ii) The impossible is often the untried.
- (iii) A civil servant is a public servant.