

**Q:2) Make a precis of the following passage about one third of its length and suggest a suitable title. (20)**

**CSS-1998**

Lying is indeed a vice. We are men, and we have relations with one another by speech. If we recognized the horror and gravity of an untruth, we should more justifiably punish it with fire than any other crime. I commonly find people taking the most ill-advised pains to correct their children for their harmless faults, and worrying them about heedless acts which leave no trace and have no consequences. Laying – and in a lesser degree obstinacy – are, in my opinion, the only faults whose birth and progress we should consistently oppose. They grow with a child's growth, and once the tongue has got the knack of lying, it

is difficult to imagine how impossible it is to correct it. Whence it happens that we find some otherwise excellent men subject to this fault and enslaved by it. I have a decent lad as my tailor, whom I have never heard to utter a single truth, even when it would have been to his advantage.

If, like the truth, falsehood had only one face, we should know better where we are, for we should then take the opposite of what a liar said to be the truth. But the opposite of a truth has a hundred thousand shapes and a limitless field.

The Pythagoreans regard good as certain and finite, and evil as boundless and uncertain. There are a thousand ways of missing the bull's eye, only one of hitting it. I am by no means sure that I could induce myself to tell a brazen and deliberate lie even to protect myself from the most obvious and extreme danger. St Augustine said that we are better off in the company of a dog we know than in that of a man whose language we don't understand.

## Lying: a perilous sin

Lying is truly a serious sin. It is justifiable to punish an untruth the severest due to its perils.

The author feels that parents generally ~~then~~ correct their children's harmless acts but overlook their habit of lying. He thinks that everyone must oppose the evil of lying consistently. Correcting this ill habit of lying becomes arduous with time. Unlike truth, a lie has countless faces. Resultantly, a person can not take an opposite of a lie. Moreover, the author said that he will never resort to lying no matter what circumstances he faces.

**Q:2) Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title. (20)**

**CSS-1991**

Generally, European trains still stop at borders to change locomotives and staff. This is often necessary. The German and French voltage systems are incompatible. Spain – though not Portugal – has a broad gauge track. English bridges are lower than elsewhere, and passengers on German trains would need a ladder to reach French platforms, twice as high as their own. But those physical constraints pale in comparison to an even more formidable barrier – national chauvinism. While officials in Brussels strive for an integrated and efficiently run rail network to relieve the Continent's gorged roads and airways, and cut down on pollution, three member countries – France, Germany and Italy – are working feverishly to develop their own expensive and mutually incompatible high-speed trains.

**O:3) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Use your own**

## Differences in European railway system

European trains still halt at borders for different reasons. Many differences exist in their railway systems. European countries differ from each other in their railway's physical infrastructure & build-up of trains. However, ultra nationalism serves as a mighty barrier. Belgium talks for a synchronized system to lessen pollution, while a few countries are endorsing for developing high-speed trains.