

Précis 31: CSS 1992

Q.2: Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

Throughout the ages of human development men have been subjected to miseries of two kinds; those imposed by external nature and, those human beings misguidedly inflicted upon each other. At first, by far the worst evils were those that were due to the environment. Man was a rare species, whose survival was precarious. Without the agility of the monkey, without any coating of fur, he has difficulty in escaping from wild beasts, and in most parts of the world could not endure the winters cold. He had only two biological advantages: the upright posture freed his hands, and intelligence enabled him to transmit experience. Gradually these two advantages gave him supremacy. The numbers of the human species increased beyond those of any other large mammals. But nature could still assert her power by means of flood and famine and pestilence and by exacting from the great majority of mankind incessant toil in the securing of daily bread.

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In our own day our bondage to external nature is fast diminishing, as a result of the growth of scientific intelligence. Famines and pestilence still occur, but we know better, year by year, what should be done to prevent them. Hard work is still necessary, but only because we are unwise; given peace and co-operation, we can, whenever we choose to exercise wisdom, be free of many ancient forms of bondage to external nature.

But the evils that inflict upon each other have not diminished in the same degree. There are still wars, oppressions, and hideous cruelties, and greedy men still snatch wealth from those who are less skillful or less ruthless than themselves. Love of power still leads to vast tyrannies, or to mere obstruction when its grosser forms are impossible. And fear deep scarcely conscious fear is still dominant motive in very many lives.

Causes of human Miseries

From very beginning human being has been facing two main problems. One from external (naturally) and other is deviating from right path. First, worse evils were due to environment because man was less, wild animals were more. Human could not bear bear cold environment, they also were lack of some necessities to survive. However, man had two biological advantages one was free hand and other was intelligence. These two advantages increased human supremacy. Natural casualties is decreasing due to scientific growth but still need to overcome these. On the other hands, evils due to exploitation man by man still exist, due to human greediness, and misguidedly inflicted upon each other.