

**Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

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The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his master. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I asked, "What do we do with all the time which the machines have saved for us, and the new energy they have given us?" On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines; but more and better machines will only give us still more time and still more energy, and what are we to do with them? The answer, I think, is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves, and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and linking beautiful things. Thinking freely, and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things than he ever had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrels between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greater, as it would be the most lasting 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? **(4)**
  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? **(4)**
  3. What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with the author's views? **(4)**
  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. **(4)**
  5. Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention, and why? **(4)**

Answer the following Question

Q1 Instead of making machines our servants the author says they have become our master. In what sense has this come about?

Ans: Man has become so dependent on machines for doing his daily task. He spends most of his time to look after the machines instead of doing any productive work. Machines required proper maintenance on time. If the man is failed in doing so then the machine will not function properly. So, the man has to keep checking on the machines all the time. In this way man has become the servant of machines by relying so much on machines.

Q2 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?

Ans: The use of machines has brought us more leisure and more energy by saving our time. But the man is not getting benefit from the time he has saved by using machines. Instead of finding other resources from the universe to eradicate social disparity he is spending more time in making more machines and their maintenance. In this way machines have become a curse for us.

Q3 What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with the author's views?

Ans: Civilization means the human development. Today man has more energy and time due to the use of machines. He must spend this time for the betterment of people. He has better living standard. He utilized his time in the discovery of universe and to remove the social disparities among people. In this way civilization will grow and it will last longer.

Q4 'Making more beautiful things' - What does this expression mean? Make a list of beautiful things that you would like to make and how you would make them.

This expression means to discover the universe and to remove the social evils. I would like to make more beautiful things which involve the creating art, music and literature that would inspire and enrich our lives.

I would also like to include painting, composing music and crafting handmade items. All these required a lot of practice and dedicated time to bring this creative vision to life.

Q5 Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention, and why?

In order to remove poverty there must be some social reforms such as the gender equality, community development policies reform, job creation, education for all and equal resource allocation to the people. The children, women,

elderly people and people with disabilities would receive most particular attention. This is because they often face barriers to access the resources and opportunities. By prioritizing this group would definitely ensure the poverty reduction in the society.