

**Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:**

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In the heart of bustling cities, urban green spaces stand as oases of tranquility, providing respite from the hustle and bustle. Parks, adorned with vibrant flora, become havens for relaxation and recreation. The greenery offers a sanctuary for diverse wildlife, creating a delicate balance between urban development and environmental preservation. Beyond their aesthetic appeal, city parks play a crucial role in fostering community bonds. Families gather for picnics, friends engage in sports, and individuals find solace amidst nature's embrace. These communal spaces serve as venues for cultural events, open-air concerts, and art installations, enriching the urban experience. The benefits of urban green spaces extend beyond leisure. They contribute to improved air quality, mitigate the urban heat island effect, and promote overall well-being. Access to nature within city limits becomes a vital aspect of mental health, offering a refuge for introspection and rejuvenation. However, the challenge lies in balancing the increasing urbanization with the preservation of green spaces. Sustainable urban planning becomes imperative to ensure the coexistence of concrete jungles and natural havens. Efforts to create and maintain parks, tree-lined avenues, and green rooftops become integral components of shaping cities that prioritize both human and environmental health. As cities evolve, the preservation and enhancement of urban green spaces become a shared responsibility. The vision is to cultivate urban landscapes that seamlessly integrate nature into the tapestry of city life, fostering a sustainable and harmonious cohabitation between human progress and the environment.

# CSS - 2024

## Title:

Cultivating Harmony Through urban green spaces.

## Precis:

Urban green spaces offer feelings of relaxation, refuge to wildlife and foster community bonds. Apart from improving <sup>environment</sup> environment, Urban green spaces help to get rid ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> mental disturbances. However, as cities expand, the challenge lies in balancing development with the preservation of these crucial spaces. While shaping cities, green spaces must be <sup>prioritized</sup> prioritize for both human and ~~environmental~~ benefits. It must be a shared vision to evolve cities without damaging green spaces, creating a harmonious balance between human development and environment.

Total words in passage : 240

Precis words : 82

Idea is ok. Try to use your own vocabulary as much as possible.

**1. Make a precis of the following passage about one third of its length and suggest a suitable title.**

Lying is indeed an accursed 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. Therefore, those of different nations do not regard one another as men and how much less friendly is false speech than silence.

# CSS-1998 (Precis)

## Title:

Gravity of lying and reflection on truth.

## Precis

Indent the paragraph.

The Author <sup>condemns</sup> lying as destructive vice and suggests severe punishment. The narrative highlights how people often overly correct minor faults in children while neglecting to address lying and stubbornness, which once ingrained, becomes difficult to correct. The author illustrates <sup>that</sup> complexity of falsehood is contrasted with the simplicity of truth, making lies harder to detect. The narrative draws on Pythagorean philosophy to illustrate <sup>uncertainty</sup> the finite nature of truth and boundless uncertainty of lies. Personal integrity doubts author's ability to lie in extreme danger. The passage concludes by highlighting the detrimental effects of false speeches, <sup>undermining</sup> trust and genuine human connections.

Total words in passage : 317

Precis words : 105