

Précis 13: CSS 2010

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

Of all the characteristics of ordinary human nature envy is the most unfortunate. The envious person not only does the envious person wish to inflict misfortune and do so whenever he can with impunity, but he is also himself rendered unhappy by envy. Instead of deriving pleasure from what he has, he derives pain from what others have. If he deprives others of their advantages, which to him is as desirable as it would be to secure the same advantages himself. If this passion is allowed to run riot it becomes fatal to all excellence, and even to the most useful exercise of exceptional skill. Should a medical man go to see his patients in a car when the labourer has to do his work? Why should the scientific investigator be allowed to spend his time in a warm room when others have to face the inclemency of the elements? Why should a man who possesses some rare talent of great importance to the world be saved from the drudgery of his own housework? To such questions envy finds no answer. Fortunately, however, there is in human nature a compensating passion, namely admiration. Whoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy.

What cure is there for envy? For the saint there is the cure of selflessness. But even in the case of saint's envy of other saints is by no means impossible. But, leaving saints out of account, the only cure for 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. Merely to realize the causes of one's own envious feeling is to take a long step towards curing them.

RÉCIS:

Jealousy: killer of happiness

Jealousy

~~Jealousness~~ is the unfortunate character of ordinary human nature which makes him unhappy ^{with} ~~by~~ himself. He is not joyous of what he has, rather he feels sad of what others have and kills his own excellence. The cure of jealousy for pure people is to forget himself but for ordinary people it is happiness. Therefore, if one wants to achieve happiness, then he is to advise others but the complete cure is present in knowing the root causes of ^{envy} ~~jealousy~~.

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