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**Q.1 Write a Precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20+5=25)**

It is no doubt true that we cannot go through, life without sorrow. There can be no sunshine without shade. We must not complain that roses have thorns, but rather to grateful that thorns bear flowers. Our existence here is so complex that we must expect much sorrow and much suffering. Many people distress and torment themselves about the mystery of existence. But although a good man may at times be angry with the world, it is certain that no man was ever discontented with the world who did his duty in it. The world is a looking glass; if you smile, it smiles, if you frown, it frowns back. If you look at it through red glass, all seems red and rose, if through blue, all blue; if through a smoked one, all dull and dingy. Always try' then to look at the bright side of things; almost everything in the world has a bright side. There are some persons whose smile, the sound of whose voice, whose very presence seems like a ray of sunshine and brightness a whole presence seems like a ray of sunshine and brightness a whole room. Greet everybody with a bright smile, kind words and a pleasant welcome. It is not enough to love those who are near and dear to us. We must show that we do so. While however, we should be grateful, and enjoy to the full the innumerable blessings of life, we cannot expect to have <sup>fo</sup>sorrows and anxieties. Life has been described as a comedy to those who think, and tragedy to those who feel. It is indeed a tragedy at times and comedy very often, but as a rule, it is what we choose to make it. No evil, said Socrates, can happen to a good man, either in life and Death,

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## Life Through a Positive Lens

Happiness and sadness are a part of life. Man's existence ~~here~~ is complex, and often full of sorrows, which causes one much pain, and invites anger. According to the author, a good medicine for this ~~is~~ pain is fulfilling one's duty in this world. He suggests that the world is how one looks at it. Therefore, the author recommends looking at the world positively, and being full of love. Such an approach does not eliminate all sadness. Rather, it makes life easier, as life is what we choose to make it.

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