

Q. 2. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

The universal regard for money is the one hopeful fact in our civilization, the one sound spot in our social conscience. Money is the most important thing in the world. It represents health, strength, honour, generosity and beauty as conspicuously and undeniably as the want of it represents illness, weakness, disgrace, meanness and ugliness. Not the least of its virtues is that it destroys base people as certainly as it fortifies and dignifies noble people. It is only when it is cheapened to worthlessness for some and made impossibly dear to others that it becomes a curse. In short, it is a curse only in such foolish social conditions that life itself is a curse. For the two things are inseparable: money is the counter that enables life to be distributed socially: it is life as truly as sovereigns and bank notes are money. The first duty of every citizen is to insist on having money on reasonable terms; and this demand is not complied with by giving four men three shillings each for ten or twelve hours' drudgery and one man a thousand pounds for nothing. The crying need of the nation is not for better morals, cheaper bread, temperance, liberty, culture, redemption of fallen sisters and erring brothers, nor the grace, love and fellowship of the Trinity, but simply for enough money. And the evil to be attacked is not sin, suffering, greed, priest craft, kingcraft, demagoguery, monopoly, ignorance, drink, war, pestilence, nor any other of the scapegoats which reformers sacrifice, but simply poverty.

Title : Need of a Civilization : ~~#~~ Money.

In current civilization, ^{the} only hopeful fact nestles in the heart of money,

^b Because money is a powerful tool through which one can gain all ^{the} privileges of life.

Although it clamps down some people, it also dignifies noble people. This has lessened the

value of some people, while enhanced the worth of some which eventually ^{becomes} a curse. Every

citizen is in struggle of having money as it enables life. As a result, it has become

a dire need of nation to earn money, not to promote morals, values, culture, and liberality. (Additionally,

the evil that is attached with money is ~~not~~ ^{poverty} ~~sin~~, but simply