

## Exercise 6

Look where we may, the present trend of civilization cannot escape our notice. Rather it is painfully brought home to us that we are travelling down an inclined plane. Instead of moving upward, letting the ape and the tiger die, we are going back to the beast once more. If civilization means a constant effort to live progressively a higher and noble life than before, it means the subordination of the self to the interest of the public-at-large; it means stern self-control and self-discipline. It must be admitted that since the Second World War, we have travelled a long way in the direction of barbarism. Unbridled licence has usurped the place of stern self-control. Fidelity, constancy, and purity in man as well as in woman have given place to a desire for self-satisfaction and casual enjoyment. At the same time, the desire to marry and shoulder the responsibility of married life are on the decline. This same beastly tendency is equally apparent in the political sphere too. Time there was when one nation was ashamed to make an unprovoked attack on another and had to find out some plausible excuse to accomplish its selfish end. The modern formula is that a nation must have a place in the sun and scope for development and the fulfilment of this destiny is supposed to be a sufficient excuse to destroy the independence of its weaker neighbours. Civilised society seems to be like a ship without rudder or compass and madly driven by a crew of maniacs fast drifting towards the rocks which lie ahead of it and which will send it to the bottom.

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### Deterioration of Civilization.

It is impossible to ignore the extent of deterioration, civilization is going through.

Where civilization meant a continuous struggle to achieve higher levels of nobility, today mankind is moving in the opposite direction.

Since World War II, humans gave up nobility to barbarism. They only pursue their desires and self centered needs without any responsibility of relationships. Similarly, politics has adopted this beastly character. Today, a stronger nation can wage a war on a weaker neighbour for power and without bearing ethical responsibility. Presently, a civilized society is like a ship heading towards a rock, ready to hit and get wrecked.