

**1. Make a precise of the following passage in about one third of its length and suggest a suitable heading. (2000)**

Besant describing the middle class of the 19th century wrote " In the first place it was for more a class apart. "In no sense did it belong to society. Men in professions of any kind (except in the Army and Navy) could only belong to society by right of birth and family connections; men in trade—bankers were still accounted tradesmen—could not possibly belong to society. That is to say, if they went to live in the country they were not called upon by the county families and in the town they were not admitted by the men into their clubs or by ladies into their houses... The middle class knew its own place, respected it, made its own society for itself, and cheerfully accorded to rank the deference due."

Since then, however, the life of the middle classes had undergone great changes as their numbers had swelled and their influence had increased.

Their already well-developed consciousness of their own importance had deepened. More critical than they had been in the past of certain aspects of aristocratic life, they were also more concerned with the plight of the poor and the importance of their own values of society, thrift, hand work, piety and respectability. Thrift, hand work, piety and respectability as examples of ideal behavior for the guidance of the lower orders. Above all they were respectable. There were divergences of opinion as to what exactly was respectable and what was not. There were, nevertheless, certain conventions, which were universally recognized: wild and drunker behaviors were certainly not respectable, nor were godlessness or avert promiscuity, not an ill-ordered home life, unconventional manners, self-indulgence or flamboyant clothes and personal adornments.

## Title: Evolution of Middle Class

Previ's (2000)

According to Besant, there was no middle class in 9th Century. All people except military men were not considered as part of society. Middle class was discriminated everywhere. Nevertheless, the class made its own society which was based on some values. Since then, middle class is undergoing tectonic changes. Moreover, due to the past experience of autocracy, the class is more concerned about the civic values and poor. Middle class people give importance to respect and justice. The class was based on certain principles which denied the vulgar cultures and activities. Thus, ill-behavior, wild character and rude manner like elements are vividly condemned by middle class.

# TRANSLATION

## EXERCISE 1

کتابیں ایک عجیب نعمت (۱) ہیں۔ یہ انسانی زندگی کے صدیوں کے تجربہ کا نچوڑ (۲) ہیں۔ یہ ہمیں اپنے آباؤ اجداد (۳) کے  
انکار اور تجربات سے آگاہی (۴) بخشتی ہیں۔ تہائی (۵) میں ایک مخلص سولس کی طرح ہماری ڈھارس (۶) بندھانی ہیں اور ہمیں تہائی  
کی رحمت (۷) سے نجات (۸) دلاتی ہیں۔ نہایت مفید معلومات مہیا کر کے ہمیں زندگی کے نشیب و فراز (۹) سے آگاہ رکھتی ہیں۔ لیکن  
ہمیں ایک بات بھی نظر انداز (۱۰) نہیں کرنی چاہیے۔ جہاں اکثر و بیشتر کتب ہماری زندگی میں ایک کارآمد ساتھی ہیں وہاں بعض کتابیں  
ہمیں (۱۱) سانپ سے بھی زیادہ خطرناک ثابت ہوتی ہیں۔ یہ وہ کتابیں ہیں جو ہمارے اخلاق و اطوار کے لئے سم قاتل (۱۲) ثابت  
ہوتی ہیں۔ بدترین دشمن سے زیادہ زہریلی ثابت ہوتی ہیں۔ لہذا ہمیں مطالعہ کی کتب کے انتخاب میں بڑی احتیاط سے کام لینا چاہیے۔  
کی طرح ہمیں اپنے صلتہ اسباب کے انتخاب میں پوری احتیاط برتنی چاہئے اس سے زیادہ ہمیں کتب کے انتخاب میں ضرورت ہے۔

## Translation (200)

Books are great gifts as they are  
crux of ~~ex~~ human's experience of past centuries.  
They abreast us about the struggles and  
experiences of our forefathers. Books act as  
our true companions in aloneness and exonerate us  
from fears of aloneness. They make us  
cognizant about ups and downs of  
life through knowledge. However, it should  
be bear in mind that books are  
not only beneficial but also more dangerous.  
Such books undermine our character and  
evil virtues. Moreover, they are more harmful  
than our arch enemies. Therefore, we should be  
more conscious while choosing and reading books. More conscious-  
ness is needed in selecting books than electing our representatives.