

**Q.3.** Read the following passage and answers the questions that follow.

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And still it moves. The words of Galileo, murmured when the tortures of the Inquisition had driven him to recant the Truth he knew, apply in a new way to our world today. Sometimes, in the knowledge of all that has been discovered, all that has been done to make life on the planet happier and more worthy, we may be tempted to settle down to enjoy our heritage. That would, indeed, be the betrayal of our trust.

These men and women of the past have given everything --- comfort, time, treasure, peace of mind and body, life itself --- that we might live as we do. The challenge to each one of us is to carry on their work for the sake of future generations.

The adventurous human mind must not falter. Still must we question the old truths and work for the new ones. Still must we risk scorn, cynicism, neglect, loneliness, poverty, persecution, if need be. We must shut our ears to the easy voice which tells us that 'human nature will never alter' as an excuse for doing nothing to make life more worthy.

Thus will the course of the history of mankind go onward, and the world we know move into a new splendour for those who are yet to be.

**Questions:**

- (i) What made Galileo recant the Truth he knew?
- (ii) What is the heritage being alluded to in the first paragraph?
- (iii) What does the 'betrayal of our trust' imply?
- (iv) Why do we need to question the old truths and work for the new ones?

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# Reading Comprehension

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### Questions:

1) What made Galileo recant the Truth he knew?

Galileo recant the truth because of the tortures of life. He is talking about the past and the sacrifices of the people from the past. After bearing the tortures of life he is trying to apply the truth that he knew to our world today.

2) What is the heritage being alluded to in the first paragraph?

The heritage being alluded to is the discoveries of the past. The things that have been done in the past have made life ~~on~~ in this modern time happy. Hence, the heritage is the treasury that should be enjoyed.

3) What does the 'betrayal of our trust' imply?

The betrayal of our trust implies that we are not enjoying our heritage. The gifts our ancestors have given us is the blessing that is why we are living like this in peace. The trust is the need of life, trust on ~~our~~ the people, which have given us all these comforts.

4) Why do we need to question the old truths and work for the new ones?

We need to question the old truths just because of the adventurous mind. Human beings have a habit of taking risks and trying new things. In taking risks, people also faces setbacks. Still we do not stop. Thus, we should make our life worthy and carry on the work of our ancestors.