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Q.2. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

All the evil in this world is brought about by persons who are always up and doing, but do not know when they ought to be up and now what they ought to be doing. The devil, I take it, is still the busiest creature in the universe, and I can quite imagine him denouncing laziness and becoming angry at the smallest waste of time. In his kingdom, I will bet, nobody is allowed to do nothing, not even for a single afternoon. The world, we all freely admit, is in a muddle, but I for one do not think that it is laziness that has brought it to such a pass. It is not the active virtues that it lacks but the passive ones: it is capable of anything but kindness and a little steady thought. There is still plenty of energy in the world (there need were more fussy people about), but most of it is simply misdirected. It,

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For example, in July 1914, when there was some capital idling weather, everybody emperors, Kings, archdukes, statesmen, generals, journalists, had been suddenly struck with an intense desire to do nothing, just a ~~hand~~<sup>hang</sup> about in the sunshine and consume tobacco, then we should all have been much better off than we are now. But no, the doctrine of the strenuous life still went unchallenged; there must be no time wasted, something must be done. And, as we know, something was done. Again, suppose our statesmen, instead of rushing off to Versailles with a bundle of ill-digested notions and a great deal of energy to dissipate, had all taken a fortnight off, away from all correspondence and interviews and what not, and had simply lounged about on some hill side or other apparently doing nothing for the first time in their energetic lives, then they might have gone to their so-called peace conference and come away again with their reputations still unsoiled and the affairs of the world in good trim. Even at the present time, if half the politicians in Europe would

relinquish the notion that laziness is a crime and go away and do nothing for a little space, we should certainly gain by it. Other examples come crowding into the mind. Thus, every now and then, certain religious sects hold conferences; but though there are evils abroad that are mountains high, though the fate of civilization is still doubtful, the members who attend these conferences spend their time condemning the length of ladies' skirts and the noisiness of dance bands. They would all be better employed lying flat on their backs somewhere, staring at the sky and recovering their mental health.

## Precis.

Title:

### Laziness, a Blessing in Disguise

People who do not act rightly at right time cause issues in the world. It is the Satan who always remains busy without wasting any moment of time. World is in chaos not due to sluggishness but due to lack of kind acts. World

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~~could~~ **would** could have been much better if  
all the important people had enjoyed free  
time and weather in 1914, instead of  
strong desire of not wasting time. Things  
**would** could have been much better if the politicians  
had enjoyed some leisure time at some  
hill station before going to Versailles with  
some bad intentions. Even today, things  
can get better if half of the European  
politicians do not take sluggishness as crime  
and enjoy their free time. Things can  
still get better if religious scholars abandon  
holding useless religious conferences to discuss  
irrelevant things and enjoy the nature  
and improve their cognitive health.

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