

Q:2) Make a precis of the following passage about one third of its length and suggest a suitable title. (20)

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Of all the characteristics of ordinary human nature envy is the most unfortunate; not only does the envious person wish to inflict misfortune and do so whenever he can with impunity, but he is also himself rendered unhappy by envy. Instead of deriving pleasure from what he has, he derives pain from what others have. If he can, he deprives others of their advantages, which to him is as desirable as as it would be to secure the same advantages himself. If this passion is allowed to run riot it becomes fatal to all excellence, and even the most useful exercise of exceptional skill. Why should a medical man go to see

his patients in a car when the labourer has to walk to his work? Why should the scientific investigator be allowed to spend his time in a warm room when others have to face the inclemency of the elements? Why should a man who possesses some rare talent of great importance to the world be saved from the drudgery of his own housework? To such questions envy finds no answer. Fortunately, however, there is in human nature a compensating passion, namely that of admiration. Whosoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy.

Consequences And Cures of envy

Envy is the most miserable contour of a human's nature. An envious person seeks to cause harm to others with impunity. In this urge, he himself remains unhappy. Haves of others distract him from his own blessings. This fuels in him a desire to deprive others of their possessions. Such a tendency is sinister for all excellence and indispensable skills. ~~luckily~~ It can throw a society in complete shambles. Luckily, envy has an anti-dote, called admiration. The more a person admires, the more he remains joyous.