

Q No. 8: Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

(25 Marks)

As we see, what decides the purpose of life is simply the programme of the pleasure principle. This principle dominates the operation of the mental apparatus from the start. There can be no doubt about its efficacy, and yet its programme is at loggerheads with the whole world, the macrocosm as much as with the microcosm. There is no possibility at all of its being carried through; all the regulations of the universe run counter to it. One feels inclined to say that the intention that man should be 'happy' is not included in the plan of 'Creation'. What we call happiness in the strictest sense comes from the (preferably sudden) satisfaction of needs which have been dammed up to high degree, and it is from its nature only possible as an episodic phenomenon. When any situation that is desired by the pleasure principle is prolonged, it only produces a feeling of mild contentment. We are so made that we can derive intense enjoyment only from a contrast and very little from a state of things. Thus our possibilities of happiness are already restricted by our constitution. Unhappiness is much less difficult to experience. We are threaten with suffering from three directions: from our own body, which is doomed to decay and dissolution and which cannot even do without pain and anxiety as warning signals; from the external world, which may rage against us with overwhelming and merciless forces of destruction; and finally from our relations to other men. The suffering which comes from this last source is perhaps more painful to us than any other. We tend to regard it as a kind of gratuitous addition, although it cannot be any less fatefully inevitable than the suffering which comes from elsewhere.

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Precis

Title: "Destructive Forces in the Way of Seeking Happiness"

The purpose of life is only pleasure seeking which dominates the mind. There is no certainty of the effectiveness of pleasure programme. All things of the universe are opposed to it.

According to the people, happiness is linked with satisfaction of needs. It provides contentment when there is a long time of getting pleasure principle. Human are so made that the ultimately purpose is to get happiness. Happiness is also controlled by constitution. Humans are threatened with three directions, their body which will decay, external world which implies destructive forces on humans and their relation to other men. Sufferings from the former source is more inevitable and unjustified.

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