

PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title: (20)

All the evils in this world are brought about by the persons who are always up and doing, but do not know when they ought to be up nor 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 wager, 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 never were more fussy people about), but most of it is simply misdirected. If, for example, in July 1914, when there was some capital idling weather, everybody, emperors, Kings, arch dukes, statesmen, generals, journalists, had been suddenly smitten with an intense desire to do nothing, just to hang 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. Again, suppose our statesmen, instead of rushing off to Versailles with a bundle of ill-digested notions and 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 hillside 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 of the politicians in Europe would relinquish the notion that laziness is crime and go away and do nothing for a little space, we should certainly gain by it. Other examples come crowding into 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.

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Virtues of Idleness

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Most of the evils in the world do not stem from laziness, but from the misdirected energy of busy people. Their poor decisions have caused more harm than good. For instance, World War-I might have been avoided if the world leaders had taken a vacation instead of engaging in futile war activities. Similarly, if present-day politicians sat idle for a while, the world would benefit. Peace may prevail if the leaders take a break from their "peace-plans". Religious leaders, too, would do a service to humanity by pausing their irrelevant preachings for a while. Rather than condemning trivial matters like women's clothing or music, they should rest and reflect on real issues. Thus, in this regard, laziness is a blessing, not a crime.

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اپنے پوشیدہ عیبوں کو معلوم کرنے کے لیے یہ دیکھنا ضروری ہے کہ ہمارے دشمن ہم کو کیا کہتے ہیں۔ ہمارے دوست اکثر ہمارے دل کے موافق ہماری تعریف کرتے ہیں۔ اول ہمارے عیب ان کو عیب ہی نہیں لگتے یا پھر ہماری خاطر کو ایسا عزیز رکھتے ہیں کہ اس کو رنجیدہ نہ کرنے کے خیال سے ان کو چھپاتے ہیں، یا پھر ان سے چشم پوشی کرتے ہیں۔ برخلاف اس کے ہمارا دشمن ہم کو خوب ٹٹولتا ہے اور کونے کونے سے ڈھونڈ کر ہمارے عیب نکالتا ہے گو دشمنی سے چھوٹی بات کو بڑا بنا دیتا ہے۔ مگر اس میں کچھ نہ کچھ اصلیت ہوتی ہے۔ دوست ہمیشہ اپنے دوست کی نیکیوں کو بڑھاتا ہے اور دشمن عیبوں کو۔ اس لیے ہمیں اپنے دشمن کا زیادہ احسان مند ہونا چاہیے کہ وہ ہمیں ہمارے عیبوں سے مطلع کرتا ہے۔ اس تناظر میں دیکھا جائے تو دشمن دوست سے بہتر ثابت ہوتا ہے۔

Translation

1.30 In order to know about our hidden flaws, it is
important to pay attention to what our enemies
2.30 think of us. Our friends often praise us as our
heart's desires. Firstly, they do not consider our flaws
3.30 as flaws, at all. Secondly, they either hide our
errors from us, or simply turn a blind eye to them,
4.30 lest it might hurt our feelings. On contrary, our
enemies observe us closely and dig up all the flaws.
5.30 In their enmity, they make a mountain out of
a molehill. But, there's always often some truth
6.30 in their criticism. A friend always exaggerates
the virtues of a person, while an enemy focuses
7.30 on his shortcomings. Therefore, we should be
more grateful to our enemies, as they inform
8.30 us about our ~~we~~ flaws. From this perspective,
an enemy is better than a
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Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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Education ought to teach us how to be in love and what to be in love with. The great things of history have been done by the great lovers, by the saints and men of science, and artists, and the problem of civilization is to give every man a chance of being a saint, a man of science, or an artist. But this problem cannot be attempted, much less solved, unless men desire to be saints, men of science, and artists. And if they are to desire that continuously and consciously they must be taught what it means to be these. We think of the man of science or the artist, if not of the saint, as a being with peculiar gifts, not as one who exercises, more precisely and incessantly perhaps, activities which we all ought to exercise. It is a commonplace now that art has ebbed away out of our ordinary life, out of all the things which we use, and that it is practiced no longer by workmen but only by a few painters and sculptors. That has happened because we no longer recognize the aesthetic activity of the spirit, so common to all men. We do not know that when a man makes anything he ought to make it beautiful for the sake of doing so, and that when a man buys anything he ought to demand beauty in it, for the sake of beauty. We think of beauty if we think of it at all as a mere source of pleasure, and therefore it means to us ornament, added to things for which we can pay extra as we choose. But beauty is not an ornament to life, or to the things made by man. It is an essential part of both. The aesthetic activity, when it reveals itself in things made by men, reveals itself in design, just as it reveals itself in the design of all natural things. It shapes objects as the moral activity shapes actions, and we ought to recognize it in the objects and value it, as we recognize and value moral activity in actions. And as actions empty of the moral activity are distasteful to us, so should objects be that are empty of the aesthetic activity. But this is not so with most of us. We do not value it; do not even recognize it, or the lack of it, in the work of others. The artist, of whatever kind, is a man so much aware of the beauty of the universe that he must impart the same beauty to whatever he makes. He has exercised his aesthetic activity in the discovery of the beauty in the universe before he exercises it in imparting beauty to that which he makes. He has seen things in that relation in his own work, whatever it may be. And just as he sees that relation for its own sake, so he produces it for its own sake and satisfies the desire of his spirit in doing so. And we should value his work; we should desire that relation in all things made by man, if we too have the habit of seeing that relation in the universe, and if we knew that, when we see it, we are exercising an activity of the spirit and satisfying a spiritual desire. And we should also know that work without beauty means unsatisfied spiritual desire in the worker; that it is waste of life and common evil and danger, like thought without truth, or action without righteousness.

- Questions:**
1. What has been lamented in the text? (4)
 2. What is the difference between ordinary man and an artist? (4)
 3. How can we make our lives beautiful and charming? (4)
 4. What does the writer actually mean when he says, "Beauty is not an ornament to life"? (4)
 5. Do art and beauty affect our practical life and morals? Justify whether you agree or disagree. (4)

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Comprehension

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Q1) The text laments the modern man's inability to recognize and value the importance of art and beauty in life. Today, art has been reduced to selected few because of people's fading interest in art forms. The text also laments the ignorance of treating beauty as a mere ornament, enhancing the ~~more~~ outer value of objects.

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2) What is the difference between an ordinary man and an artist?

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The difference between an ordinary man and an artist is that the latter is blessed with the ability to recognize beauty in the world around him. He appreciates this gift of nature by incorporating beauty in whatever he creates. On the contrary, an ordinary man neither acknowledges the existence of beauty, nor he values it.

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3) How can we make our life beautiful and charming?

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We can make our life beautiful and charming by realizing the significance of art, and integrating it in our daily life activities. This aesthetic connection will then satisfy our spiritual desires. Thus, inclusion of art can make life more beautiful.



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4) What does the writer

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8.30 actually mean when he says "Beauty is not an ornament to life"?

9.30 The phrase, "Beauty is not an ornament to life," means that beauty is not an artificial object rather it is a natural phenomena. It has more to offer than being limited to pleasure and material gains. Therefore, it is important that people realize its worth by making it a part of their life, instead of treating it as an embellished accessory.

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1.30 5) Do art and beauty affect our practical life and morals ...?

2.30 Yes, art and beauty affect our practical life and morals. They exhibit themselves in action and moral activities by imparting an aesthetic value to them, thus shaping our conduct and character. In this regard, the significance of art and beauty in practical life can not be denied.

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