

Exercise 10: Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not so good as ~~are not so good as~~ they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. *But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities.* In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own country, India. Unfortunately, it is in a bad way today. ~~Many of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joy in their lives.~~ We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it. (Wren and Martin)

Everyone thinks that they are superior to others. This is wrong, because neither any person nor any country in the world is totally perfect. Everyone must try to adopt positive and eliminate negative.

Unfortunately, our own country Pakistan is not in a good way. We must appreciate the positive aspects of our country and eliminate the negative aspects. We may have to learn good traits from other countries.

Title: Adopting Positive, Eliminating Negative

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