

... question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.

PART-II

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

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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.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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Precis (2017)

09 Title :-

"Advantage of Doing Nothing"

10 Preci's :-

The writer of the paragraph discusses about the advantages of doing nothing. For this he begins with the maladies brought in the world by active people who are always striving to do something. The writer illustrates his stance by giving various examples. He first begins with the devil, who is always keen to do something - resultantly causing chaos in the world. Then he talks about the world war I destruction. According to writer, if all people including kings at that time had desired to do nothing, there would not have been any destruction and the world would have been much better than it is today. The writer argues again that after WWI, if the statesmen had not rushed to Treaty of Versailles - so called peace notions,

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and just lied on a hillside doing nothing 08
then there would not have been further
calamities and only then there would 09
have been resonance to their prior
so called peace agreement. The writer 10
further argues about present politics especially
of Europe that if even a half of 11
politicians call for doing nothing, then it
would be beneficial for all. Discussing 12
the various religious parties, the writer
says that instead of criticizing women's 01
dressings or loud musics, just
lying somewhere under the sky 02
and doing nothing would be helpful
for their mental health. 03

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