

PART - II

NOTE:	(i) PART-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book. (ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.
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Q.2 Write a precis of the following passage in about 100 words and suggest a suitable title. (20+5)

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 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 to 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. Whoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy.

What cure is there for envy? For the saint there is the cure of selflessness, though even in the case of saints envy of other saints is by no means impossible. But, leaving saints out of account, the only cure for envy in the case of ordinary men and women is happiness, and the difficulty is that envy is itself a terrible obstacle to happiness.

But the envious man may say: 'What is the good of telling me that the cure for envy is happiness? I cannot find happiness while I continue to feel envy, and you tell me that I cannot cease to be envious until I find happiness.' But real life is never so logical as this. Merely to realize the causes of one's own envious feeling is to take a long step towards curing them.

Q.2 Read the following passage and answers the questions that follow. (20)

Precis

Cures of envy in human nature

Envy is unluckiest feature of human nature. Envious person are not only harmful for others, but for themselves as well. Instead of being happy about others' advantages, they become jealous of what others have. Because this emotion is very harmful, it should be checked. The first step to curing the envy is recognizing the feelings, and these feelings can be overcome through admiration.

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Practicing settlersness is another way to cure envy. Envy can be overcome by cultivating happiness. It may be difficult, but it is not impossible. Thus, an envious person may have no control their feelings, but if they identify the cause of their envy, it can lead to cure.

Precis words: 119

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