

Comprehension (2017)

(i)

It has been ^{lamented} that our ordinary lives are deprived of art and the recognition of its value. We fail to value ^{our} ~~the~~ aesthetic activity and do not acknowledge it as the expression of spirit. The ^{aesthetic} aesthetic activity shapes natural objects and it is essential to recognize and value it in our lives.

(ii)

An artist is a person who perceives the beauty of the universe and tries to impart it in his work. He used to exercise his aesthetic ~~work~~ activity. In contrast, an ordinary man neither values ^{recognizes} nor recognize the aesthetic activity in life. He does not acknowledge this activity as a profound expression of spirit.

(iii)

We can make our lives beautiful and charming by developing connection with the beauty of the universe. For this purpose, we need to actively engage in our aesthetic activity which helps us in discovering the existing beauty in the universe. Acknowledging aesthetic activity as a profound expression of spirit is essential for leading a spiritually fulfilling life. By making a ^{conscious} effort to incorporate the beauty of the universe in our actions, we can't only satisfy our spiritual desires but also add charm and beauty in our ordinary lives.

(iv)

The writer actually means that when he says, "Beauty is not an ornament to life", he emphasizes that it is an essential part of life not merely an extraneous element. Unlike man-made

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ornaments, beauty is not solely created by humans but it is inherently and naturally prevalent in the universe. It is not just a source of pleasure but a fundamental aspect of existence. Hence, beauty is not an ornament but an integral part and parcel of life that is essential for fulfilling spiritual desires. It could not be perceived as something decorative or superficial.

Limit your answers to 5-7 lines.

(v)

Yes, art and beauty affect our practical life and morals by developing aesthetic activity and shaping our actions.

Recognizing aesthetic activity as an expression of spirit is essential for leading a spiritually fulfilling life.

Actions devoid of morals render our lives dull and meaningless. Therefore, the importance of art and beauty cannot be denied as they not only

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shape our sense of morality but also
bring purpose and vitality to our
everyday experiences.

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