

PRÉCIS EXERCISE 12

Q: Write a précis of the following passage in about 100 words and suggest the title: (20+5)

The man, for instance, who, having wealth, is yet lacking in refinement of mind, who has no education by which he may understand and enjoy the beauties of literature, art and nature, can only use his money for the gratification of sexual appetites and be, therefore, not all-powerful. Any power he may have is the power of a brute which works for destruction rather than edification. On the other hand is the man of trained intellect, the man whose soul has been open to the noble influences around him, who has treasured up not gold but a store of precious learning. He looks calmly upon the world around him, scorns its follies and despises its so-called pleasures. He has within himself a source of intellectual joy in contemplation of the mysteries and problems of the world and its history. He is the Man of Power before whom the Man of Gold must bow down in homage as to a king. Carlyle, in his study, living with his wife on an income of \$100 per annum, but sending forth living words to stir the hearts of his countrymen, was more powerful than an American Millionaire, or any other whose money was used merely for perishable things of the world.

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KNOWLEDGE ~~is~~ the true wealth

A wealthy individual who is not acquainted with the beauty of life, art, and literature is confined to enjoying the superficial pleasures of life. Then there are those who have acquired a wealth of knowledge. They are not influenced by worldly pleasures and practices. These individuals are intellectually stimulated by the world around them and are more influential than men of wealth. Thomas Carlyle is one great example of such men.

Word count = 70

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Idea and grammar are ok. Decent effort.