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Subject : English (Precise and composition)

→ Q. No. 1:

write a precis of the following Passage and suggest a suitable title.

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 saint's 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.'

Precis

Envy is corrosive trait that
breeds resentment and unhappiness,
fueling a desire to deprive others
of their advantages. It stifles
excellence and exceptional skill,
questioning why others deserve
privileges. Admiration is a
compensating passion that can
counterbalance envy. Increasing
human happiness requires diminishing
envy and fostering admiration.
The cure for envy lies in
happiness, but envy itself
hinders happiness. Recognizing
the root causes of envy

is a crucial step towards overcoming it. By acknowledging and understanding envy, individuals can take a significant step towards curing it and finding happiness. This realization can help break the cycle of envy.

Total : The destructive nature of Envy.