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Passage.

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 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. Whosoever 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 of 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 of 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 cause of one's own envious feeling is to take a long step towards curing them.

Step-1 (Core Point of Every Sentence in your own Language)

The Cure of Envy

Indent the paragraph.

The worst characteristic of human nature is envy which instigates a person to harm others but also makes him unhappy. He gains sorrow from others happiness instead of seeking delight from what he has. Envy finds no answer to the question that why should a man of rare talent be exempted from laborious work and harsh conditions?

The cure of envy for saints is selflessness while for ordinary men and women, it is happiness. But the envious man may say that he cannot find pleasure while being envious, so how could he stop to be envious. The cure of envy is in the realization of the cause of one's own envious feeling.

Total words = 332

Summarized words = 111.

Use your own vocabulary without borrowing sentences from the original passage.