

Sample Passage:

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals. We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave.

## Sample Precis

~~Title:~~ **Man is a Social Animal**

The ~~study~~ <sup>survey</sup> of human lives shows that man is a social animal.

For basic needs, gaining knowledge and language ~~man~~ depends on others. ~~And these~~ language and mental abilities make ~~man~~ different from higher animals.

Man has knowledge and civilization because of his living in a human society.

In ~~a~~ nutshell, the individual's material and spiritual existence and his significance are because of his membership in human community.

half precis in a single sentence  
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**Total words: 192**

**Precis words: 68**

main idea is picked but there is no versatility in the content  
need improvement in basic grammar and sentence structure

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