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(ANSWERS ONLY)

ANS 1: The text laments the fact that art and aesthetic sense have fallen by the wayside in everyday life. It mourns that beauty is no longer woven into the fabric of daily work and is now confined to a few professional artists, while the majority fail to recognize or appreciate the spiritual value of aesthetic activity.

ANS 2: The key difference between an ordinary man and an artist is that an ordinary man turns a blind eye to the beauty inherent in the universe, whereas an artist has a keen eye for beauty and feels compelled to reflect it in his work. The artist's spirit is stirred by the beauty he perceives and he creates not for gain but to satisfy a deeper spiritual longings.

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Ans 3: To add colour to our lives, we must rekindle our aesthetic sensibility; seeing and demanding beauty in all that we create and use. By nurturing the habit of seeing beauty for its own sake, we breathe life into our surroundings and feed the soul with purpose and joy.

Ans 4: The writer means that beauty is not an additional or decorative aspect of life, chosen or added at will. Rather it is an essential and inherent part of both life and human creations. Just as moral values shape human actions, aesthetic values shape the things made by people. Therefore, beauty should be recognized and valued as a necessary part of existence, not as a luxury.

Ans 5 Yes, I agree that art and beauty hold considerable influence over both our practical lives and moral values. As stated in the text, when work lacks beauty, it leaves a spiritual void in the worker, resulting in vain effort and a broader social loss. This absence of aesthetic value is described as a "common evil and danger" much like thought devoid of truth or action stripped of righteousness. The writer

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suggests that when we fail to recognize beauty as a vital human need, we reduce life to mere functionality, depriving it of depth and meaning.

I agree with this perspective, as art and beauty nourish the human spirit and act as a guiding force in shaping a more harmonious and morally conscious society.
