

**Precis writing-2**  
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Make a precis of the paragraph given below:

The first thing that strikes the critical minority as it looks at the whole cultural picture, is that ours is a nation of new-rich people, well washed, well dressed up rather pathetically unsure just what it is dressed up and washed for; a nation convinced that a multitude of material goods, standardized, furiously and expensively advertised by appeals to greed and vanity

# Make a precis of the paragraph given below:

Will in themselves make life worth the living. Because we are new- rich, we over value possessions. Almost any individual who makes a great deal of money very rapidly supposes that mere possession of wealth is evidence of worth. He also is apt to imagine that with his means he can buy happiness. These mistakes usually seem folly to the old- rich, to one who was born to poverty, whose father and mother were bred with it. Such a one knows that merely because he or his friends have it, it is no sign that they are worth it, but quite commonly the contrary.

Make a precis of the paragraph given below:

He has learned through experience that money is not in itself very valuable stuff. Happiness, which is what all men desire, can not be purchased; it is an illusive something not for sale. The old- rich know these things well enough, but the new-rich rarely discover them until they have grown accustomed to possessions. So it seems to be with our society.

- Read the paragraph carefully.
- Try to understand the meaning of the paragraph.
- Remove what is superfluous and retain the core essence of the work.

- Ours is a nation of new-rich people.
- nation convinced that a multitude of material goods
- Will in themselves make life worth the living.
- we are new- rich, we over value possessions

- imagine that with his means he can buy happiness.
- These mistakes usually seem folly to the old- rich
- He has learned through experience that money is not in itself very valuable stuff.

- Happiness, which is what all men desire, can not be purchased
- but the new-rich rarely discover them until they have grown accustomed to possessions.
- So it seems to be with our society.



Total words=225  
Words for precis= $225/3=75$

# Precis

Ours is a nation of new-rich people. The people think that a lot of material goods will make the life worth living. Only the new-rich people believe that riches can buy happiness. The old-rich by their experience know better. Born in riches they do not believe that riches make them worthy. So the new-rich make the mistake of believing possessions make the worth of the owner and they rarely discover them until they have grown accustomed to possessions.

# Topic

- Can riches bring happiness?
- Riches can not bring happiness.
- Riches versus happiness.
- Riches- a road to happiness?
- Illusion of money.

# Topic

- Importance of-----
- Uses of -----
- Abuses of -----
- Advantages of-----
- Disadvantages -----

# Tips for Writing a Précis

- A well-written précis should be a serviceable substitute for the original work
- The goal is to preserve the core essence of the work in a manner that is both clear and concise.

# Tips for Writing a Précis

Précis should include

- the topic or main thesis,
- the purpose of the research,
- what was studied,
- what methods were used,
- what results (or insight) were gained,
- conclusion.

# How to finish

- This is what was studied (argued, discussed).
- This is how it was done (this was the focus).
- This is what was learned.
- This is what it means (why it is important).

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