



Doc...34)



Read Only - Save a copy to edit.



Monday Unit Test

Class-8th Subject-English

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. [12]

Human civilization has always equated progress with advancement — a march toward something better, faster, and more efficient. The gleaming towers of modern cities, the invisible web of digital networks, and the ever-shrinking boundaries of the globe through instant communication are often hailed as triumphs of progress. Yet, beneath this shimmering surface lies a paradox: while progress has liberated humankind from innumerable struggles, it has simultaneously woven new chains of dependence and discontent.

In the pre-industrial era, progress was measured in survival — the ability to cultivate crops, harness animals, and withstand nature's unpredictability. With the Industrial Revolution came a dramatic shift: machines replaced muscle, and productivity soared. Humanity discovered that it could shape nature to its will. Coal, steam, and later electricity and petroleum, powered the engines of prosperity. But this mechanized march also began to erode the very environment that sustained it. Forests fell to axes, rivers turned black with soot, and the air grew thick with invisible toxins. The industrial man, who once sought to conquer nature, soon realized he had poisoned his own dominion.

The digital revolution, often celebrated as humanity's most enlightened chapter, only deepened the paradox. The internet connected continents, democratized information, and gave



Print Layout



Headings



Edit



Share



Read Aloud

