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Q for question；A for answer

***The text reading-----***

Q1: What is the common structure element in all this proposition?

A: First it’s proposition and then Kant gives argument.

Q2: What is the first subject of Kant’s argument?

A: Reason

Q3: What is the definition of Reason?

A: The Reason is the ability of nature to set goals, that is, use of all his powers.

Q4: Which other conception that we discussed today or yesterday can be connected with no limit?

A: Freedom.

Q5: The argument why the development of Reason can not be done in individual but this species is needed?

A: Because the Reason must have a long time to developed.

Q6: What would be the case if you don’t look at history in this way?

A: Meaningless.

Q7: Which word can be replaced “on the own” in proposition 4 ?

A: Reason

Q8: Why or what sense it’s astonished about “nature has will”?

A: That is Kant says nature has will

Q9: What’s the reason of “For nature dose nothing superfluous and is not wasteful in the use of its means to attain its ends”?

A: In Kant’s eyes, nature gave human beings the faculty of reason and freedom of will.

Q10: What the meaning of “extreme economy”?

A: It’s means nature dose nothing superfluous.

Q11: What’s the indication of “extreme economy”?

A: Human were intended to produce everything themselves.

Q12: Please explain the sentence “It thus seems as if nature has been concerned more with their rational self-esteem than with their well-being” on your own words.

A: Nature concerned with the reason of human beings.

Q13: What’s the meaning about the word “antagonism”?

A: Unsociable sociability.

Q14: What’s the meaning of “self-esteem”?

A: Have done something and get their goals. Man can be proud of what he has done, that is self-esteem

Q15: In the fourth proposition, what’s the new element?

A: Law-governed organization of society.

Q16: What dose Kant mean by bringing the new term “law-governed organization of society”?

A: It means that it is the final goal.

Q17: What’s the relationship between “civil society” and “law-governed organization of society”?

A: Civil society is much more condete than “law-governed organization of society”.