Examples of Précis Writing

A recent visit to the Arctic region brought me face to face with the problem of global warming. It made me realize how massive the change is and how grave its consequences will be for all. The ice caps in the Polar Regions are melting rapidly due to deforestation and the increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. If steps are not taken soon, the rising water levels will submerge all the landmasses.

Ozone depletion is another serious consequence of global warming. These holes or breaches in the protective cover of our planet let harmful UV rays reach us unfiltered. They in turn cause health hazards that are very difficult to treat. Awareness of these effects of our actions and sustainable steps to prevent them is the  
need of the hour. (134 Words)

Rough Draft

* Global warming can lead to grave consequences.
* Ice caps are melting rapidly.
* Rising water levels a threat to land masses.
* Global warming is causing ozone depletion and health hazards.

Title: Global Warming

**PRÉCIS:**The consequences of global warming are grave. The ice caps, which are melting due to deforestation and the increasing levels of carbon dioxide can cause a rise in the water levels and submerge landmasses. Global warming can lead to ozone depletion. Lack of preventive measures can either cause health hazards or extinction of species. (55 words)

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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 that 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 individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to the grave. (193 words)

Rough Draft

* Humans are social animals.
* They depend on each other for necessities and social needs.
* Humans use language to communicate with each other and further their mental development.
* Humans are superior to animals as they live in societies that guide their material and spiritual existence.

Title: Man and society

**PRECIS:** Human beings have their actions and desires bound up with society as they are social animals. They depend on each other for food and clothes and share their knowledge and beliefs, and use language created by others to communicate, which helps in their mental development. They are superior to beasts because they live in human society. An individual left alone since birth would grow utterly beast-like. Human society guides man’s material and spiritual existence. (76 words)