



English Comprehension Test-2

Time Allowed: 40 Minutes

Note:

1. Assignment must be handwritten.
2. Upload it in "Quiz/Assignment" section, otherwise it will not be checked.

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Q. Read the following text carefully and answers the questions below: (20)

Human beings are afraid of death just as children feel afraid of darkness. The fear of darkness of kids increased by the stories of the heard ghosts and thieves. In the same way, the fear of human being is increased by the stories which they heard about the agony of dying man. If a human being regards death as a kind of punishment for his sins he has committed and if he looks upon death as a means of making an entry into another world, he is certainly taking a religious and sacred view of death. But if a human being looks upon death as a law of nature and then feels afraid of it, his attitude is of cowardice. However, even in religious meditations about death there is sometimes a mixture of folly and superstition. Monks have written books in which they have described the painful experiences which they underwent by inflicting physical tortures upon themselves as a form of self-purification. Thus, one may think that the pains of death must be indescribably agonizing. Such books and such thoughts increase a man's fear of death.

Seneca, the Roman Philosopher is of the view that the circumstances and ceremonies of death frighten people more than death itself would do. A dying man is heard uttering groans; his body is seen undergoing convulsions; his face appears to be absolutely bloodless and pale; at his death his friends begin to weep and his relations put on mourning clothes; various rituals are performed. All such facts make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise.

Questions:

1. What is the difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness?
2. What is a religious and sacred view of death?
3. What are the painful experiences described by the Monks in their books?
4. What are the views of Seneca about death?
5. What are the facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise?

① Human beings are afraid by the stories which they have heard about the pain of dying man. However, children are afraid of darkness when they heard ghost and thieving stories.

② The religious and sacred view of death in certain religions considers death as punishment for those sins which they committed and consider death as a gateway to enter into a new world.

③ Monks have described in their books about painful experiences like physically beating themselves in order to purify from the sins that they have committed.

④ Seneca's opinion about death is that the rituals and circumstances frighten people more than the death itself would do.

⑤ These are several facts which make death appear more horrible like the groan and shaking body of a dying man, his face turns yellowish, relatives and friends wearing mourning clothes etc.