

inopportune. The socialist calculation is precisely
desperation, that makes revolutions.

Q.3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Use your own language. (5x4 = 20)

(Human Beings feel afraid of death just as children feel afraid of darkness; and just as children's fear of darkness is increased by the stories which they have heard about ghosts and thieves, human beings' fear of death is increased by the stories which they have heard about the agony of the dying man.) If a human being regards death as a kind of punishment for the 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 one of cowardice. However, even in religious meditation about death there is something a mixture of folly and superstition. Monks have written books in which they have described the painful experience which they underwent by inflicting physical tortures upon themselves as a form of self-purification. Such books may lead one to think that, if the pain of even a finger being squeezed or pressed is unbearable, the pains of death must be indescribably agonizing. Such books thus increase a Man's fear of death.

ENGLISH (Précis & Composition)

Seneca, a Roman Philosopher, expressed 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 these 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?

Q.4. Write a comprehensive note (250 – 300 words) on any ONE of the following:

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- (i) Self done is Well done.
- (ii) The Bough that bears most bend most.

Comprehension (2012)

Q) What is the difference between human being's fear of death and children's fear of death?

The difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of death are numerous. One is, a child fear proliferated by the stories of monsters and robbers. A child has no innate understanding so, he believes every heard story. However, human beings' fear of death increases by listening the stories of a dead person, by seeing the rituals of a funeral and experiencing the things around them.

Q) What is a religious and sacred view of death?

The religious and sacred view of death is based on the deeds and doings of an individual person in this world. It is a gate to new and eternal life for human beings. Hence, death is a way towards the peace of eternal human beings.

Q) What are the painful experiences described by the Mocks in their books?

The painful experiences described by the Mocks in their books are based on the purification of the soul. They elaborated self-torture to depict that it would clean them from the worldly bad deeds.

What are the views of Seneca about death?

Seneca views about death is based on the rituals and practices of the funeral. The rituals of death increase the fear among human beings. The environment of sorrow and grief on an individual death makes a horrible image of death in human's imagination.

What are the facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise?

The facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be are:

- a- The tradition to take and fulfil the death ceremony of a person makes it horrifying to the person who attend it.
- b- The body appearance of a dy died person also plays an important part
- c- Tears in the eyes of the people and grieveable environment make death more horrible than it actually is.

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