

Answer 1:

According to the passage the mental attributes of human such as thoughts of future, desires, and regrets differentiate humans from animals. Animals live and enjoy every movement while humans instead of enjoying present movement delve into thoughts of future life, plans and desires.

Answer 2:-

Anxiety as the name indicates restlessness. Human anxiety makes life difficult for them. Regrets for the things that can never be undone and fear about future which is unpredictable only results in restless and depression.

Answer 2:

The writer beautifully compared the man with butterflies and squirrels. If a man were a butterfly or a squirrel, he would enjoy the life in the manner as butterflies do. He would enjoy each and every moment of day without the worries of future.

Answer 4:

According to the information given in the passage, anxiety about future not only deprive us of pleasures of present moment but also make our life miserable and restless. In the worries of future and regrets of life, man miss the beauty of present moment.

Answer 5:

The key to make life tolerable is in the hands of humans themselves. The fears of future and anxiety ^{is the reason} which make their life intolerable. If humans

focus on present moment, find
positivity out of everything and
freed themselves from worries of
future, their life ^{would} become tolerable.

Q: Read the following passage and answer the questions. (20)

We look before and after, wrote Shelley, and pine for what is not. It is said that this is what distinguishes us from the animals and that they, unlike us, live always for and in the movement and have neither hopes nor regrets. Whether it is so or not I do not know yet it is undoubtedly one of our distinguishing mental attributes; we are actually conscious of our life in time and not merely of our life at the moment of experiencing it. And as a result we find many grounds for melancholy and foreboding. Some of us prostrate ourselves on the road way in Trafalgar Square or in front of the American Embassy because we are fearful that our lives, or more disinterestedly those of our descendants will be cut short by nuclear war. If only as squirrels or butterflies are supposed to do, we could let the future look after itself and be content to enjoy the pleasures of the morning breakfast, the brisk walk to the office through autumnal mist or winter fog, the mid-day sunshine that sometimes floods through windows, the warm, peaceful winter evenings by the fireside at home. Yet all occasions for contentment are so often spoiled for us, to a greater or lesser degree by our individual temperaments, by this strange human capacity for foreboding and regret - regret for things which we cannot undo and foreboding for things which may never happen at all. Indeed were it not for the fact that over breaking through our human obsessions with the tragedy of time, so enabling us to enjoy at any rate some fleeting moments untroubled by vain yearning or apprehension, our life would not be intolerable at all. As it is, we contrive every one of us, to spoil it to a remarkable degree.

Questions:

1. What is the difference between our life and the life of an animal? (3)
2. What is the result of human anxiety? (3)
3. How does the writer compare man to the butterflies and squirrels? (3)
4. How does anxiety about future disturb our daily life? (3)
5. How can we make our life tolerable? (3)