

When in 1822' Napoleon raced from Moscow to Paris to save throne, he had no means to travel more speedy than had Alexander the Great in the Fourth century before Christ, or than Julius Caesar three hundred years later, for transport was still dependent upon the horse. Nor could he send even most urgent dispatches more swiftly than Genghiz Khan in A. D. 1220 or Akbar in. 1600 for signalling was the still dependent upon flag or fire. Railways had scarcely grown out of the narrow tracks laid for the haulage of tribes in the English mines, and the possibilities of steam were realized by a handful of far-seeing men. Electricity was still the plaything. Experimenting philosophers, and its offspring was not yet conceived, namely the telegraph, the telephone, electric lighting, heating and action. There was yet to pass a whole century before the mysterious rrent should surpass its own marvels by giving telegraphy without lrcs which was to lead to broadcasting; there was to be another half century still before men could dream that it could be possible to talk over the air, to send pictures even, without the help of wires, muchless to cast the image of moving things upon a distant screen. The use of mineral oil for burning was known only to a few, and so the invention of the Engine which is driven by the explosion of oil gas had not yet given men the motor car or made possible the conquest of air. Then twenty miles an hour was thought a breakneck speed. Today it is not difficult for men to fly at the speed of 600 miles per hour.

Questions

(1) What were the means of transport in the first quarter of the 19th century?

Horses were the means of transport in the first quarter of the 19th century. People would use them for travelling. In fact, they were considered to be the best means of transportation.

(2) How do they compare with those of the past and the present?

In the past people travelled on horses. They also used them in the first quarter of the 19th century. However, in the present, means of transportation are advanced. It means one can travel from one place to the other in less time.

(3) Mention some of the inventions made by scientists during the 150 years.

the inventions, which were made by scientists during the 150 years are telephone. Man can talk to others. Besides, he can send pictures through email. What is more, he can travel 600 miles per hour on a plane.

(4) Suggest a suitable heading for the passage.

The suitable heading of this passage is Blessings of science

(5) Write and outline of a brief essay on; "The importance of the Means of Communication in the Present Century."

Through the means of communications governments have made their performance better all over the world

Political parties use these means of communication to spread their message

Economies of the states have become better by the inventions of new communication means

People can talk to one another while using new means of communication

People can send pictures while using technology