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Comprehension 2005

My father loved all..... in dramatic form.

Question 1: Why did writer's father spend time ~~stg~~ studying the skies?

Writer's father was very fond of astronomy. He had collected all the instruments. ~~and~~ He used to predict weather changes, phases of moon and to find heavenly bodies. So, he spend time studying the skies.

Question 2: Why the writer thinks that there was no need of a barometer?

Answer:

A barometer was added in dining room wall but according to author, there was no need of a barometer because her father was very expert in predicting weather changes. Just only by sniffing he could feel the accurate weather.

Question 3: What does the bright horizon meant for the writer's father

Answer:

The writer's father advised his children to follow the bright horizon if they get lost somewhere. Bright horizon means the presence of a river, by tracking a river they will find populations.

Question 4: How did her father influence the writer in her last years?

Answer:

Her father's knowledge of weather had a great influence in her writings. She used to resemble inner feelings with the weather and to give dramatic form in stories. This made her idea to express clearly.

Question 5: explain underline word & phrases:-

To keep appointments : To search for, to find

Kaleidoscope

: An instrument to find movement of heavenly bodies

Barometer

: instrument to predict weather

Take a good look at : observe keenly

strike out for a river : Track or search a river

Stood apart

: not interested

To take apart

: break up

An assortment of puzzles : mysterious things

The ^{Atifa} third great defect of our
..... lasting that there has ever been.

Defect of our Civilization

Question 1: Instead of making machines our servants the author says they have become our masters. In what sense has this come about?

Because of our extraordinary dependence on machines, the author says that the machines have become our masters. Machines work properly ^{only} when they are treated with care. To keep them you provide them with coal, petrol and oil to keep them in a good temper otherwise they will bust or blow up. We are always busy looking after them, and a time may come when they will rule us just as we rule animals.

Question 2: The use of machines has brought us more leisure and more energy. But the author says that this has been a curse rather than a blessing. Why?

Answer:

No doubt, machines provide us

with leisure time and more energetic. But instead of enjoying life, we are busy to make more machines. We are unable to enjoy during the time that machines have saved for us. That's why author says this has been a curse rather than blessing.

Question 3: what exactly is the meaning of "civilization"? Do you agree with author's view?

Answer:

Yes I strongly agree with the author, we are trying to become civilized but the power that the machines have given us are not civilized. The author says that the exact meaning of civilization is to create and link beautiful things.

Question 4: 'Making more beautiful things' - what does the expression mean? Make a list of the beautiful things that you would like to make and how would you make them?

Answer:

According to author, The expression 'making more beautiful things' means that the time and energy saved by machines should be utilize to make beautiful things. we should invest our time and energy to think freely, right living, promotion of justice, discovering universe, creating peace and alleviation of poverty.

Question 5: Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention and why?

The steps that we ~~for~~^{equal} should take to alleviate poverty are: distribution of available resources, by reducing the inflation, by reducing expenditure. Also we should follow. The examples of countries where poverty has been alleviated.