

Original Passage: All the great things that have been done on earth have not been done for gold. The Lord Jesus did not come down and die on the cross for gold. The Spartans sought no reward when they fought and died at Thermopylae. The wise Socrates demands no salary from his countrymen but lives all day poor and barefoot only to make them good and noble. And even in our own time, there are heroes who do noble things but not for gold.

1 Precise & 1 Comprehension Practice.

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①. Precis:-

Discoveries of world have been done without demanding any reward. Heroes of history contributed and sacrificed selflessly. Heroes need no wealth for doing good deeds.

word count: 25

Title: "Nobility of Heroes" or

"Heroes of History"

SPECIMEN

Read the passage below and then answer the questions which follow it.

It has been part of Nelson's prayer that the British fleet might be distinguished by humanity in the victory which he expected. Setting an example himself, he twice gave orders to cease firing upon the *Redoubtable*, supposing that she had struck because her great guns were silent; for as she carried no flag, there was no means of instantly ascertaining the fact. From this ship, which he had thus twice spared, he received his death. A ball fired from her mizzen-top which, in the then situation of the two vessels was not more than fifteen yards from that part of the deck where he was standing, struck the epaulette on his left shoulder about a quarter after one, just in the heat of action. He fell upon his face on the spot which was covered with his poor secretary's blood. Hardy, who was a few steps from him turning round, saw three men raising him up. "They have done for me at last, Hardy!" said he. "I hope not!" cried Hardy. "Yes," he replied; "my back-bone is shot through!" Yet even now not for a moment losing his presence of mind, he observed as they were carrying him down the ladder, that the tiller-ropes which had been shot away, were not yet replaced and ordered that new ones should be roped immediately. Then that he might not be seen by the crew, he took out his handkerchief and covered his face and his stars. Had he but concealed these badges of honour from the enemy, England perhaps would not have had cause to receive with sorrow the news of the battle of Trafalgar. The cockpit was crowded



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with wounded and dying men ; over whose bodies he was with some difficulty conveyed, and laid upon a pallet in the midshipmen's berth. It was soon perceived, upon examination, that the wound was mortal. This, however, was concealed from all, except Captain Hardy, the chaplain, and the medical attendants. He himself being certain, from the sensation in his back, and the gush of blood he felt momentarily within his breast, that no human care could avail him, insisted that the surgeon should leave him and attend to those to whom he might be useful.

QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by 'supposing that she had struck' ?
2. How can Nelson be said to have been partly responsible for his own death?
3. What do you understand by the 'mizzen-top' ?
4. Why did Nelson insist that the surgeon should leave him and attend to others ?
5. What qualities in Nelson's character are revealed by this passage ?



② - Comprehension.

Q#01 What is meant by "Supposing that she had struck?"

Answer "Supposing that she had struck" means that may be army has put down their weapons or shipmen had surrendered. It was his misinterpretation.

Q#02. How can Nelson be said to have been partly responsible for his own death?

Ans Nelson can be said to have been partly responsible for his own death because of his misinterpretation. He asked his army to cease fire even he has experienced two attacks from that ship. He should be cautious and careful. But he didn't care about it.

Q#03. What do you understand by the 'Mizzen-top'?

Answer "Mizzen top" means the tail of the ship. A ball were fired from the "mizzen top" of ship to attack on Nelson.

Q#04. Why did Nelson insist that the surgeon should ~~attend~~ leave him and attend to others?

Ans Nelson insist the surgeon to leave him because he was ~~well~~ ensured about his wounds and injuries. He understood that it was meaningless to attend him because he is going to be dead.

Q#05:- What Qualities in Nelson's character are revealed by this passage?

Qualities that are revealed by the passage are his bravery, kindness, humanity, selflessness and patriotism.

