

## Exercise 7

Make a precis of the following passage in about one-third of the original:

Hazrat Ali (RA) gave the last bath to the body of the Prophet (peace be upon him). While doing so, he was heard saying: "My parents be sacrificed, your death has resulted in the loss of things which nobody else's death did ever terminate. It is the end of divine revelations from the heavens. Your death is a great shock, it has deadened the heart towards all calamities; it a tragedy the agony of which all share. If you had not counselled us to bear it with composure and fortitude and forbidden wailing, we would have immersed you in tears – and even then this pain would not have lessened nor the wounds been healed. There is no cure for this pain and no end to this grief. Please mention us to the Almighty and do not forget us." The Prophet's (peace be upon him) body was wrapped in three pieces of cloth.

His body was kept where he breathed his last. The funeral prayer was offered first by the members of his house, then by the Immigrants, then by the Helpers and lastly by women and children. Nobody led the prayers. It was a small room and ten persons at a time could go inside. Prayers continued for a period of 32 hours at the end of which the body was laid to rest in the grave.

The demise of Prophet (PBUH)  
Hazrat Ali regarded the demise of the  
Prophet (PBUH) as an irreplaceable loss  
and an unparalleled tragedy. It was the closure  
of divine revelations. If the Holy prophet  
had not advised to cry, they would have  
expressed their grief through tears. He  
asked the Prophet to remember them  
all to God. He gave bath to corpse. The  
funeral prayer was offered in four  
shifts in a small room.

Total words: 225

Precis words: 68