



**Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end, in YOUR OWN WORDS. (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, everyone 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)



Q4

14) Writer shows that what they share  
their bond as father and ~~mother~~ son is  
more about events than emotions. He  
considers it as a relationship between him  
and his father which includes more  
details on events than that of emotions.  
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1) What is the difference between our life and the  
life of an animal?

- Humans think so much about the past and  
future. Whereas seeing the difference between  
human's life and animal life, animal life  
is a life full of present moments or what is  
happening now. On the contrary, human's life  
is full of looking over to the past and future.

They forget to live in the present moment  
that differentiates them from animals. Humans  
need to keep themselves in the present moment  
from which they can keep themselves happy  
and away from sadness and grief.



2) What is the result of human anxiety?

- Humans have a habit of always looking into their future and in their past. All these things comes with its own implication. Past with regret, the things they can not undo and -future with things that are not even going to happen. All these things come together and cause anxiety for human.

3) How does the author compare man to the butterflies and squirrels.

4) Author compare man to the butterflies and squirrels because of their nature of living in the moment. The author claimed that life will be full of happiness, joys and peace only if humans can live in the moment. And enjoy the small moments of life.