

## Comprehension 11: CSS 2012

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Human Beings feel afraid of death just as children feel afraid of darkness; and just as children's fear of darkness is increased by the stories which they have heard about ghosts and thieves, human beings' fear of death is increased by the stories which they have heard about the agony of the dying man. If a human being regards death as a kind of punishment for the sins he has committed and if he looks upon death as a means of making an entry into another world, he is certainly taking a religious and sacred view of death. But if a human being looks upon death as a law of nature and then feels afraid of it, his attitude is one of cowardice. However, even in religious meditation about death there is something a mixture of folly and superstition. Monks have written books in which they have described the painful experience which they underwent by inflicting physical tortures upon themselves as a form of self-purification. Such books may lead one to think that, if the pain of even a finger being squeezed or pressed is unbearable, the pains of death must be indescribably agonizing. Such books thus increase a Man's fear of death.

Seneca, a Roman Philosopher, expressed the view that the circumstances and ceremonies of death frighten people more than death itself would do. A dying man is heard uttering groans; his body is seen undergoing convulsions; his face appears to be absolutely bloodless and pale; at his death his friends begin to weep and his relations put on mourning clothes; various rituals are performed. All these facts make death appear more horrible than it otherwise.

What is difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness?

There is difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness because children's feel fear from darkness by listening stories about ghosts and thieves. While human beings feel fear of death by listening stories the condition of dying person.

What is a religious and sacred view of death?

Ans Human beings take death as a punishment for their sins that they have committed and they considered it as a entry of one world to another world. So, in this way.

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Q.3 What are the painful experiences described by the Monks in their books?

Monks have described about the painful experiences in their books. Which they feel as a result of physical tortures upon themselves as a treatment of self-purification.

These books also force one to think about the pain of death by giving examples of the pain of suppressed finger is unbearable, than what will be the severe pain of death. In this way, such books increase the fear of death in human beings.

Q.4 What are the views of Seneca about death?

Ans Seneca views about death are described the circumstances and ceremonies of death create more fear in people than death itself. By describing the condition of dying person who his face appears pale and bloodless, his friends weep and his relatives perform <sup>rituals</sup> ~~rituals~~. All these facts make people more frightened.

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Q What are the facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise?

A There are certain facts that make death more horrible than it would be otherwise, such facts are the circumstances which cause death and ceremonies of death itself.

The groans of dying person, his pale and bloodless face, his friends weep at his death and relatives

perform his ~~winter~~ <sup>various</sup> rituals and

putting upon mourning clothes. All these

facts are more horrible than death itself.