

# Comprehension CSS - 2013

(1) Why do you think the author calls Confucius' belief about the progress of human society as a delusion?

Answer:

The author calls Confucius' belief about the progress of human society as a delusion because Confucius rejected the entirety of this idea. He admired the remote antiquity rulers and believed people were more happy back then.

(2) How did Confucius' thought affect China to develop into a stable and 'Proper' China?

Answer:

Confucius' belief of peace and stability in a society became an important part of Chinese Civilization. This stable society focused on some level of excellence but not always going after successes. This belief established itself in centuries to come and helped China to develop into a stable and 'Proper' China.

(3) Why does the author think that Confucian system deserves respect and admiration?

Answer:

Confucian system survived the barbarian invasions, periods of chaos and civil war, giving China a civilized way of life. This extra-ordinary power of survival means that the system has great merit and ~~deserve~~ respect and admiration.

(4) Why does the author call Confucian system a purely ethical system and not a religion.

Answer:

The author calls Confucian system a purely ethical system and not a religion because it is not related with divine revelation or some mystical belief. The ethics are not very difficult for a common man to practice as in most of the religion.

(5) Briefly argue whether you agree or disagree to Confucius' ideal of a gentleman.

Answer:

I agree with the Confucius' ideal of a gentleman. The true gentleman avoids any sort of argument and remains respectful even when competing with his opponents.

## The cure of envy

Envy is an unfortunate emotion, envious person wants to inflict misfortune but in return remains unhappy. He feels miserable on what others have and would feel secure by depriving others. Uncontrolled envy is dangerous for excellence, unable to answer that why one person is blessed more than the other. Fortunately, admiration exists as a compensating emotion. Happiness is achieved by increasing admiration and removing envy. The cure of envy for a saint is selflessness but he may get envious of other saints. The cure for ordinary people is happiness but to feel happiness one should be devoid of envy and to remove envy one needs to find happiness. However, realizing the cause of envious feeling is a long step to cure envy.

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