

**2. 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.

1. What is the difference between our life and the life of an animal? (3)



### Passage questions

Q1. What is the difference between our life and the life of an animal?

Our mental attributes, preferences, hopes and regrets are the main factors that makes us distinguished from the animals. Moreover, our consciences about life is another element which helps to express our mentalness averse to animals.

Q2. What is the result of human anxiety?

The human anxiety paves the various ways for desolation and depression. However, many of us become fearful of losing our lives by indulging wars and assaulting by the American embassy.

Q3. How does the the writer compare man to the butterflies and squirrels?

The writer makes comparison among men, butterflies and squirrels





In such extent as they (squirrels and butterflies) are free from every anxiety, tensions etc. and just look to enjoy all things, men can also have the same happiness and way of life.

#### 4. How does anxiety about future disturb our daily life?

Despite knowing of the fact that, we can never even undo the mishappenings in our lives anxiety overides us. This anxiety makes paralyzed us to enjoy and participate in enjoying moments of our lives.

#### 5. How can we make our life tolerable?

There are several ways to make our life tolerable including living in the present days without any regret over mistaking and enjoying every fleeting moment of our lives.