

Reading Comprehension

Q.3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Use your own language. (5x4 = 20) 2012

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 ^{Religious} for the sins he has committed and if he looks upon death as ^{sacred view} a means of making an entry into another world, ^{respectively} 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.

Questions:

- (1) What is the difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness?
- (2) What is a religious and sacred view of death?
- (3) What are the painful experiences described by the Monks in their books?
- (4) What are the views of Seneca about death?
- (5) What are the facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise?

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Q1 =

ANS : The difference between human's beings' fear of death and children's fear of death darkness is that the human's beings' fear is increased by the stories which they had heard about the agony of a dying man, and the fear of children's darkness is increased by stories which they have heard about ghosts and thieves.

There should be at least 2 sentences in your answer.

Q2 :

ANS : Religious view of death is a kind of punishment for the sins, and sacred view of death is transfer into another world.

Q3 :

The painful experiences described by the monks in their books are that they underwent physical torture for self purification and the pain of finger squeezed is unbearable than the pain of death will be more horrible.

Q4 :

ANS : ~~The view of~~ Seneca, expressed the view that the circumstances and ceremonies of death brighten people more than death itself would ~~be~~.

Q5 :

ANS : There are various ^{facts} about the death. A dying man is heard uttering groans, his body ^{starts} shivering, his face appears bloodless and pale, at his death his friend begin to weep and his relations put on mourning clothes and various rituals are performed which make death appear more horrible than it ~~would~~ ~~be~~. ^{actually is}

