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The purpose of Art: Understanding Essence

From antiquity, art has been criticized for arousing human emotions that impacts their morality. Plato argues that poetry nourishes various human emotions. Similarly, Tolstoi regards arts as infectious, which defines its merit. However, he ignores an important aspect of art called form. It is a distinct aesthetic experience, encompassing intense passion with a redefined essence and purpose. Wordsworth claims that poetry is relocation of emotions, yet the feelings aroused by poetry are present experiences. Art, therefore, makes human passions clear and allows them to connect with their inner selves. Shakespeare does not talk about aesthetic theory but highlights the purpose of art. At his plays, the audience is not affected by emotional characters. They look beyond emotional representation and try to understand the real essence of emotions. Therefore, Shakespeare's theory of art complements the theory of fine arts which emphasize understanding the essence behind different representations of art.

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Answer 1:

1. Multifarious activities: many tasks
2. A melioration of human life: improvement of human condition
3. It is sound: It is valid
4. be their special advocate: be their important proponent
5. Renounce the devil: Reject the Evil/Satan
6. drowsed: means inactive
7. gauged: can be predicted/understood
8. aforesaid: something that has been said before

Answer 2:

Bentham believes that church teaches children insincerity by making them adhere to beliefs they cannot comprehend. For example, adhering to God's commandments, abandoning devil practices, and refraining from worldly vanities are the things children do not have any experience in. He argues that children do not have any understanding of devil's work and how to protect themselves from it.

Answer 3: Bentham's philosophy is based on Benevolence and veracity, which includes passion to improve human condition and find truth. The purpose of his philosophy is to improve human life. Therefore, he argues that if institutions, customs, and laws promote human happiness then they are valid. Moreover, he claims that different doctrines and morals should underline the importance of virtue and duty.

Answer 4:

Bentham's limitation, according to the author, is his rejection of poetry and religion as misrepresentation. The author argues that Bentham with credible virtues of benevolence and veracity and a denial of religion highlights the condition of believers as dominant adherents.

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Answer 5:

The archbishop of Canterbury has been condemned by Bentham. He argues that Archbishop propagates abandoning worldly desires and lavishes; however, his own affairs are deeply associated with such elements, including kings who have never abandoned world riches.

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Culture . . . over Lords

Social Structure of undeveloped world

Human culture has two critical forms called external and internal. External aspects are systematic representation of the inner and they both make up the social structure. These aspects are impacted by^{the} change in social structure. Therefore, cultural problems cannot be comprehended without understanding social issues. The solution of cultural issues of undeveloped states, formerly ruled by imperialists, lies in understanding their social problems. Before imperialism, these countries had feudal and tribal societies. In feudal societies, culture was restricted to an elite class and tribal culture lacked intellectual foundations. Both societies were involved in constant fights with the opponents over various issues. Imperialist increased the social divisions by fomenting vertical and horizontal differences. Therefore, a fragmented social structure was gifted to^{the} independent states by their imperialist masters.

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My father was back in work ... of a woman? (Glc in Patterson)

Answer 1:

The writer mentions the financial troubles of working population. He describes how workers were penalized for taking leaves even for important events like marriage. Moreover, when they stood against such measures through strikes it further harmed them financially; for example, writer's family remained financially stuck even after years of the Honeymoon strike.

Answer 2:

According to the writer, the working conditions in the electronics firm where his father worked was poor. The workers did not have the right to go on leave for important life events such as marriage. The firm penalized the worker for taking time off from his work by laying him off. This shows that working conditions were not favourable for workforce in his father's firm.

Answer 3:

His father colleague was sacked because he took some days off from the work to get married. This caused the

firm to remove the worker from his job.

Answer 4:

The writer shows that as father and son they do not know much about each other by highlighting that they do not share an emotional bond with each other. They keep their aspirations, apprehensions, and doubts to themselves. This illustrates the nature of relationship the writer had with his father.

Answer 5:

Underlined words:

Made the Belfast papers: made the honey money
Strike official ~~or~~ legal

Had a spell: had a job

dubbed: called

was sack: was laid off

hit hard: affected badly