

## English Comprehension Test-2

Time Allowed: 40Minutes Note:

1. Assignment must be handwritten.
2. Upload it in “Quiz/Assignment” section, otherwise it will not be checked.

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### Q. Read the following text carefully and answers the questions below: (20)

Human beings are afraid of death just as children feel afraid of darkness. The fear of darkness of kids increased by the stories of the heard ghosts and thieves. In the same way, the fear of human being is increased by the stories which they heard about the agony of dying man. If a human being regards death as a kind of punishment for his 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 of cowardice. However, even in religious meditations about death there is sometimes a mixture of folly and superstition. Monks have written books in which they have described the painful experiences which they underwent by inflicting physical tortures upon themselves as a form of self-purification. Thus, one may think that the pains of death must be indescribably agonizing. Such books and such thoughts increase a man's fear of death.

Seneca, the Roman Philosopher is of the view that the circumstances and ceremonies of death frighten people more than death itself would do. A dyeing 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 such facts make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise.

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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QUESTION NO.1: What is the difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness?

Answer: The only difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness is that humans can perceive their fear in many ways depending upon their religious affiliations and their understanding of the laws of nature which helps them process that emotion in many ways.

QUESTION NO.2: What is a religious and sacred view of death?

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Death has a mixed is perceived as either good or bad, if seen religiously. Death scares the person who thinks of it as a punishment of his sins in the world whereas someone who thinks of it as a return of their good deeds, death becomes fearless and beautiful.

QUESTION NO.3: What are the painful experiences described by the monks in their books?

Monks have described the act of physical torture as a form of self-purification which makes humans believe that death is an extremely painful and a scary phenomenon.



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QUESTION NO#4: What are the views of Seneca about death?

Seneca believed that the rituals and ceremonies related with death are far more scary than the phenomenon itself. How a human soul leaves <sup>the</sup> body, the mourning associated with that and the rituals make humans fear death.

QUESTION NO#5: WHAT are the facts that make death appear more horrible than ~~the death itself~~ it would be otherwise?

The painful process of death, convulsions seen when the <sup>soul</sup> body leaves its body, blood leaving the body, the mourning and rituals regarding death are the facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise.

Feedback:

- a- Answer must start from the question statement
- b- It should be of at least 2 sentences; single sentence answer is not permissible
- c- Do not add your own opinion unless you are asked for; ideas must be contextual to the passage
- d- Avoid replicating phrases from the passage; you may extract/copy words from it.
- e- Give a closing end to each answer
- f- Ideal length of answer is 5-7 lines. Avoid too lengthy answers
- g- Also, do not begin answers with the words, " Yes, No, And or Because "