

## English Comprehension Test-2

**Ans 1** The difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness is that human beings' fear of death increases when they hear or read stories about the pain felt by a man at the time of his death, while children's fear of darkness increases when they hear stories involving supernatural beings or criminals.

**Ans 2.** Religious-minded people believe in divine retribution. They think that death is a kind of punishment for the sins they have committed. They also consider death as a means to enter the hereafter. This is the religious and sacred view of death.

**Ans 3.** According to a religious belief, inflicting pain on oneself is a means of <sup>self-purification</sup>. Monks have described in their books the horrible ways in which they have been torturing themselves. The description of

• these painful, <sup>self-inflicted</sup> experiences escalate the fear of death in the minds of the readers.

Ans 4. According to Seneca, a Roman philosopher, the circumstances which cause death, and <sup>the</sup> various customs and rites observed with regard to the dead person are so frightening that they create a fear of death in the minds of the onlookers.

Ans 5. The groans of a dying man, the convulsions of his body, his pale and hopeless face, the mourning clothes of the relatives and friends of the deceased person, the sombre rituals, all these facts make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise.