

## English Comprehension Test-2

Time Allowed: 40 Minutes

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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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Q1:-

Ans:-

The difference between human being's fear of death and children's fear of darkness is that the fear of humans are increased by hearing the stories of the pain inflicted upon a man after his death. Whereas, children's fear of darkness ~~is~~ aggravated by hearing the stories of ghost and thieves.

Q2:-

Ans:-

The religious and sacred view of death is that a person make entry into another world through it. The death is considered a punishment for the sins man committed in the world.

Q3:-

Ans:-

The painful experiences described by the Monks in their books are the physical tortures that they inflict upon themselves for the sake of self-purification. It makes a person wonder how the pain of death would be, making it undescribably painful.

Q4:-

Ans:-

The view of Seneca, the Roman philosopher, is that the ceremonies of death are more frightening than the death itself. The dying man experiences brawl of people, the rituals performed on his body. He described how the dead man seems bloodless and pale and how the friends and family of a dead

weep and put on mourning clothes. Various rituals are performed on his body. All these acts make death ~~frightful~~ or a dreadful experience.

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Ans. The treatment with the dead person or various rituals performed on his body make death appear more horrible. ~~Other~~ than this, when a dying man utters groans, his body becomes pale ~~due~~ the bloodlessness, the weeping of friend and relatives altogether make death ~~appear~~ more horrible than it would be otherwise.

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