

English (New Book) - FA Part 1 English Chapter 28 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Why does the poet consider hollow men useless for a nation.

Ans 1: The poet says that the hollow men are materialistic and selfish. They lack the spirit of love and are morally dead. Hollow men, apparently look powerful but inwardly they are cowardice and soulless. That is why, the poet considers hollow men useless for a nation.

Q2. What does the stuff men mean.

Ans 1: The stuffed men means that modern men are without feeling. They are like robots or machines. They are stuffed with ego, selfish jealousy and worthless idea.

Q3. What does the title of the poem "The Hollow man".

Ans 1: Hollow man means characterless and irresponsible fellow. The poet calls the people as hollow men who are spiritually dead. Hollow men, apparently look powerful but inwardly they are cowardice and soulless.

Q4. Why does the poet compare modern man with animals.

Ans 1: The poet compares modern man with animals because according to him, voices made by the movement of animals has no meaning, like rats feet over broken glass. In the same way, words uttered by modern men has no wisdom in them. That's why the poet compares modern man with animals.

Q5. Why does the poet give example of rat walking on broken glass.

Ans 1: The poet gives example of a rat walking on the broken glass to show the trivial walking and the meaninglessness of the activities of modern men.

Q6. What does the phrase "gestures without motion" mean.

Ans 1: In this phrase, the poet says that we pose to do something but our gestures are meaningless. We do not have real spirit and zeal. We are just like stagnant pools of water all still and motionless.

Q7. What has made the modern man paralysed.

Ans 1: Materialistic ambitions have made the modern man paralysed. The poet tells us that apparently we have powerful bodies but spiritually we are powerless and crippled persons. We pose to do something but our gestures are purposeless. We do not have real spirit and zeal.

Q8. Why does the poet call the modern men the hollow men.

Ans 1: The poem says that the modern man is spiritually dead. He lacks the spirit of love. Due to these properties the poet calls modern man as Hollow man.

Q9. Why have we been termed as hollow man?

Ans 1: The poet says that we hollow men. Everything we say and do is meaningless. We are spiritually dead and characterless fellows. That is why the poet termed us as hollow man.

Q10. What does the poet say in the last stanza of the poem.

Ans 1: In the last stanza of the poem the poet tells us about the people of the past they were brave men with definite aims in life.
