

Q.6 What does the poet say about 'whisperings'?  
 Ans. According to the poet, our whisperings are as meaningless as wind in the dried grass or like the voices of creeping rats on the pieces of broken glass. It is so because their conversation is devoid of feelings of affection, sympathy, and love.

شاعر کے مطابق ہماری سرگوشیاں بے مقصد ہیں جیسا کہ خشک گھاس میں ہوا یا شیشے کے ٹوٹے ہوئے ٹکڑوں پر رینگتے چوہوں کی آوازیں ہوتی ہیں۔ یہ ایسا اس لیے ہے کہ ان کی گفتگو شفقت، ہمدردی اور محبت کے جذبات سے عاری ہے۔

Q.7 Who have been called the hollow men by T.S. Eliot?

شاعری۔ ایس۔ ایلینٹ نے کن لوگوں کو کھوکھلے انسان قرار دیا ہے؟

Ans. The poet called modern men as hollow men. He has deep analysis of European society that's why he condemns their attitude toward one another. شاعر نے جدید انسانوں کو کھوکھلے انسان قرار دیا ہے۔ اس نے یورپی معاشرے کا گہرا تجزیہ کیا ہے اس لیے وہ ان کے ایک دوسرے کے لیے رویے کی سخت مزمت کرتا ہے۔

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## Text Book Exercise

1. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

i. The poet calls men

- a) hungry      b) thirsty      c) hollow      d) cruel

ii. This poem has been written by

- a) Keats      b) T. S. Eliot      c) W. B. Yeats      d) Byron

iii. The title of the poem is

- a) The hollow men      b) The hollow man  
 c) The hollow woman      d) The hollow women

iv. We convey

- a) nothing      b) something      c) anything      d) a few words

2. Mark the statements true / false.

- i. We are hollow men.      True  
 ii. We do not whisper together.      False  
 iii. Shape without form, shade with colour.      True  
 iv. We do not learn together.      False

3. Add two more rhyming words to each of the words given below:

- i. hollow \_\_\_\_\_ (follow, swallow)  
 ii. glass \_\_\_\_\_ (brass, class, glass)  
 iii. colour \_\_\_\_\_ (squalor)  
 iv. wind \_\_\_\_\_ (Rind, Hind)

4. Write down the missing words in each verse.

ii. We are hollow \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) *men*            b) boys            c) women            d) girls

iii. Or rats' feet over broken \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) table            b) chair            c) *glass*            d) mirror

iv. Remember us, if at all, not as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) *lost*            b) found            c) unwise            d) hungry

v. Violent souls, but \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) *only*            b) really            c) dead            d) alive

5. Write a critical note on the poem.

Ans: The poem is a satire on the modern mechanical mind-set of 21st century. The people are spiritually and mentally hollow. Their feelings and emotion are hollow. Apparently, they seem to be a living being but inwardly they are soulless.

6. Give a summary of the poem.

Ans: As above in question no.5.

7. Why does the poet call modern men as hollow men?

Ans: The poet calls the modern men as hollow men because they have no faith, and no feelings of brotherhood, affection and sincerity for others. They have no creativity and no aims.

8. What does the poet say in the last stanza of the poem?

Ans: 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. But modern men are good for nothing. They are stuffed with straws. They are devoid of courage and faith.

