

Chapter # 12

## THREE DAYS TO SEE

1. Who was Hellen Keller?

**Answer:** Hellen Keller was an American woman born on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1880 in the state of Alabama. She became blind and deaf at the age of 19 months due to an illness. She was educated at different institutions for the blind and deaf. She has written many remarkable books.

2. Describe the thought expressed by the author in the first paragraph.

**Answer:** The author suggests that we should live each day of our life as if we were to die the next day. In this way we shall live our life more tenderly and vigorously. The thought of a large number of days, months and years makes us lethargic. *Lacking interest*

3. What makes you feel that the author is sad and depressed?

**Answer:** The subject matter of the lesson makes us feel that the author is sad and depressed. The article is based on an assumption of her getting

back her vision for three days. It shows how she longs for an ability to see and hear.

4. How do you get an impression that Hellen Keller was a great admirer of nature?

Answer: She has talked about nature throughout the lesson. Despite being blind, she is keenly interested in the rising sun, the trees and springs of water. All these things show that she is a great admirer of nature.

5. People who are deprived of sight are not deprived of imagination. Discuss, referring to the text.

Answer: The whole essay "Three Days to See" is based on imagination. Despite having been written by a blind woman, it describes so many aspects of nature and human life. It shows that those who are deprived of sight are not necessarily deprived of imagination.

6. "To me the pageant of seasons is an unending drama." Comment.

Answer: The author is a blind woman but has got a rich imagination. She takes a keen interest in life and especially nature. As she cannot see, she feels the world with her finger tips. She is deeply interested in the changing seasons. That is why she calls them "an unending drama."

7. Why is the rising of the sun so special for the author?

Answer: The sun is a source of life and light for the world. Unfortunately, the author is a blind woman. Rising of the sun is so special for her because of her own blindness. She wishes that if she could see, she would see the break of dawn everyday to fill her eyes with light.

8. What does the revelation of beauty mean to her?

Answer: The rising of the sun that awakens life has a special significance for the author. She is unable to see and the expression "revelation of beauty" expresses her unfulfilled desire to see the world. For her, every morning would be a "revelation of beauty" if she could see.

9. Why has she no time to waste in longings?

Answer: She has only three days to see according to her assumption. If she wastes her time in longing for more time, she would lose her opportunity to see the world. She wants to make the best use of what is available instead of crying over the inevitable. *Certain to happen*

10. Explain the difference between facilities and opportunities.

Answer: Facilities are man-made things that make our life easy and comfortable. Opportunities are generally the golden chances provided to us by nature. For example, if we have eyes, we have got an opportunity to observe and admire the beauty of nature.

11. What did she want to introduce at the universities and why?

Answer: She wanted to establish a compulsory course in the universities in "How to Use Your Eyes." The concerned professor would teach the students how to use their eyes to see the unseen and make their lives more pleasant.