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Subject - English Comprehension

Chapter - 19 Procession of Cows

Good morning students,

Today we will take up the passage 'The Procession of Cows' as a part of English Comprehension [Language] assignment. This passage has been taken from your English Comprehension book titled 'Friday Afternoon'.

This passage is about a festival that is very famous in our neighbouring country Nepal.

Students now let us start with the summary of the passage 'The Procession of Cows'. This is about the festival of cows. This is also called Grai Jatra. This is the most popular festival in Nepal. This festival is celebrated by Nepalese in the month of August or September. In Nepal it is a tradition that the family who has lost a member during the past year must participate in a procession through the streets of Kathmandu leading a cow. This festival was originated in the ancient age when people were used to worship

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Yamaraj, 'the god of death'. Many satirical plays are performed during this procession. The story behind this festival is that when King Pratap Malla lost his son, his wife was heartbroken. She was in intense grief. The king was also very sad to see his wife in grief. He could not see his wife in that condition any more. So he made many efforts to make her happy but all were in vain. Then the king announced that whosoever will make the queen laugh will be rewarded by the king. Then during the festival of Gai Jatra, the cow procession was brought before the queen. The queen could not control laughing when she saw the performances of the people.

- Students, now let us take a break in order to check your understanding of the passage. After listening to my questions you may pause the audio for three minutes to write your answers.

Q1. Where is this festival celebrated?

Q2. In which month this festival is celebrated?

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- Q3. Who leads the festival according to the custom?
- Q4. Who was worshipped by people in the ancient age?
- Q5. Why was the king Pratap Malla upset?

— Students, break is over, we will discuss the answers

A1. In Nepal

A2. In August or September

A3. Cows

A4. Yamaraj 'the god of death'

A5. He lost his son so his wife was heartbroken. He was unable to make her laugh.

— Students, now let us continue with the passage.

When the queen saw people in the procession who had lost their loving ones, it also consoled her. She realised that she was not alone who had lost her loving son whereas number of people are in the same grief. She realised that though the people are in grief still the life goes on. No one has control of death it is a natural phenomenon. In its modern form, this festival

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Involves songs and humour. After the cow procession is over, it is followed by another tradition in which people use to wear various costumes and masks and enjoy until late night. This festival enables the people to accept the reality of death. They realise that death is a part of the cycle of life and they are not alone in their suffering.

Alright students you have been given a brief summary of the passage. Now you all are required to revise the content and attempt exercise - A given in your book on page number - 59, 60 as a part of your home assignment. Thank you.

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