

CLASS VI MORAL SCIENCE

L. 6 Money Can't Buy Happiness (Exercises)

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Elias have many visitors?

Ans. Elias had many visitors who came from different countries to meet him and to see his rich and prosperous life.

2. How did Elias lose the company of all his children?

Ans. Elias' children had lived in plenty and were thus spoiled. His eldest son took to drinking and got killed in a fight. The younger son got married and shifted away from him taking his share of the property. His daughter died due to a disease. All his wealth couldn't save them.

3. How did Elias and his wife react when they got work as labourers?

Ans. They accepted the offer from Muhammad Shah to work for him and were happy to start working hard again for their livelihood.

4. What was the guest interested in knowing about Elias and his wife?

Ans. The guest was interested in knowing how Elias and his wife were coping with the misfortune and whether they felt sad seeing other prosperous people around.

5. Elias and his wife had always lived with each other. But, why did she feel that they were actually happy only now?

Ans. Although Elias and his wife had lived together in a house for all the years, they had not spent enough time enjoying each other's company or shared joys and sorrows. This was because they were always busy gathering more wealth and safeguarding their worldly possessions. This had changed now, as they had lost everything and didn't fear any more losses. They spent more time together, prayed together and lived in peace, thus experiencing their happiest times now.

B. Give reasons why.

1. Elias' children were spoiled. - *Because they lived in plenty.*
2. Elias' wife said, "I feel happiest now and I wish for nothing better than our present lot." - *Because they were able to spend more time together in peace without the worries of the world.*

3. Elias and his wife found real happiness in poverty. - *Because poverty taught them to value family life and being content with what they possessed.*
4. The guest started laughing when Elias' wife said that they were very happy. - *Because the guest found the statement of Elias' wife funny at first.*

C. Tick the correct answer. (*The correct answer is given with the question*)

1. Elias and his wife were not happy earlier because - *(iii) they did not have enough time for each other.*
2. Elias was somehow responsible for his elder son's death because - *(iii) he did not teach him the value of money.*
3. What did Elias and his wife realise was missing from their lives earlier? - *(iii) peace and prayer*
4. By the phrase 'real happiness', Elias' wife meant - *(ii) time spent with each other without worries*
