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Model question-answer

There are two more model answers of question containing 05 marks each.

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4. Description of the House of the Houyhnhnms:

Gulliver's description of the horses, the Houyhnhnms, is almost idyllic: "The behaviour of these animals was... orderly and rational... acute and judicious". Indeed it is a horse that rescues him from the Yahoos.

Houyhnhnms lives simple lives wholly devoted to reason. They speak clearly, they act justly, and have simple laws. Everyone knows what is right and acts accordingly. They are untroubled by greed, politics or lust. They live a life of clearness and exist in peace and serenity. They live by the grand maxim: Cultivate Reason and be totally governed by it. So perfect is their society, in fact, they have no concept of a lie, and therefore no words to express it.

Swift defines Houyhnhnms as a meaning "perfection of nature". The definition establishes an important distinction. The horses are uncorrupted by passion - either base or noble. They are devoid, for example, of charity. Also, they are not subject to temptation. Swift, however, never suggests that the Houyhnhnms stands for perfected human nature; on the contrary, they manifest innocent human nature. What they do - and what they say and think - is akin to human nature, but the character of the Houyhnhnms is far from Gulliver's. They are ignorant of many things which most people would consider venial. They cannot, for example understand lying - or even the necessity for lying.

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Swift thus establishes a range, or spectrum, of existence. The horses are literally innocent, having never "fallen"; the Yahoos are super-sensual and seem depraved. The Houyhnhnms are ice-cold reason; the Yahoos are fiery sensuality. In between these extremes is Gulliver.

5. How was the narrator treated by the master Houyhnhnms in his first visit to the house of the master?

In Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels, Gulliver's last voyage takes him to the land of the Houyhnhnms. There, he finds two kind of creatures: A monkey/human hybrid of filthy and deceiving creatures called Yahoos and a species of talking horses called the Houyhnhnms.

Gulliver stays at the house of one of the Houyhnhnms and finds they are far superior to the people that Gulliver knew and dealt with in England. The Houyhnhnms are noble, honest, and peaceful creatures who care about others in addition to themselves. They don't even have a word for telling a lie. Instead, they can only refer to the act of lying as "saying a thing which is not".

Gulliver is so enamored with the Houyhnhnms and their way of life that he wants to stay there, forever, despite his family that Gulliver is staying with wants to keep him. The rest of the Houyhnhnms are convinced that he is just a really smart Yahoo, and that he will be nothing but trouble in the future. They vote to banish Gulliver from their island after he has lived there for five years.

When Gulliver leaves, he is picked up by a passing boat, but Gulliver has gone mad: He associated every human being with the despicable Yahoos he met on the island of the Houyhnhnms, even his family.



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