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Answer 1

Upon reading this wonderful story, I was overcome with the most wonderful feeling. The story is thought-provoking and riveting to say the least and reaches deep into the soul of the reader. Although very simple in its narration, it leaves a very strong impression on the mind mainly because of the masterful and beautiful manner in which it covers the concept of aging and redemption. In our lives, we are trained to chase after the things that may not necessarily matter much to us in the end. These things include wealth, fame, and numerous other materialistic things.

This story is touching because it makes the reader realize the things that truly matter to us in the end are the love, affection, care, and companionship of those we care about. For example, in the story, even in his old age and severe health condition, Morrie is content with his life because he has someone to look after him and care for him. This is a very interesting thing since out of all the things that Morrie has possessed in his life, in the last days of his life, he is content with something as simple as the companionship of a dear student. This makes the reader stop and think about the beauty and unpredictability of life.

Answer 2

It is true that when a person reaches old age, touch and intimacy play an important and integral role in establishing a sense of security well-being in his life. Just knowing that there is someone to look after you, care for you, and love you for who you are is enough for a person when he is old, particularly because at this age, his insecurities and trepidation increase to a great

extent. In many cultures, touch deprivation is something that older people suffer from. The American culture promotes children to leave their parents' home once they have matured. This means that at an old age, the parents are more likely to suffer from touch deprivation since their children are not there to accompany them.

The concept of touch deprivation is covered very beautifully in 'Tuesdays with Morrie'. In the novel, Morrie is certainly disgruntled when, after the doctors catering to him prescribe to him a date of expiration, he observes that this news has not affected the lives and daily routines of anyone around him. Soon, Morrie is saddened when he realizes that the world around him does not stop to acknowledge his illness but rather goes on as it always did. Hence, Morrie is suffering from a sense of touch deprivation where he longs for the companionship of someone close to him who would care for him, love him, and support him in the last few days of his life.

Answer 3

I believe that the process of aging is a journey of self-actualization in which a person realizes what his purpose is in life and what role he has to play on the world stage. This journey is also spiritual in nature because with aging, humans connect with their inner selves and try to find meaning in their actions through deep meditation. Hence, this route of spiritual growth is one that ends on the threshold of death. As nurses, we must strive to ensure that the last months, weeks, days, or even moments of a person are spent in comfort and contentment. There are not many things that an ailing dying man would want in his last days other than love, affection, compassion, and understanding.

Therefore, as a nurse, it is imperative that the needs of a dying person are identified and given full consideration. Nurses can make a huge difference to the way a patient is treated simply

by understanding the condition that they are in. They should, for example, understand that with old age, the insecurities and fears of a person are increased significantly and so are their uncertainties regarding life. Therefore, this is the time when they require affection, love, and care the most. Through simple gestures such as a sincere smile, an honest compliment, or genuine care and concern for such patients, the nurse can go a long way towards ensuring that their last days are spent in comfort and peace.

Answer 4

To Morrie, the quotes are important because they reflect the ideals that he has followed all his life. He is a teacher by profession and even though he has come of age, he strongly believes that he is not too old to stop learning. This is exactly why Morrie also likes to continue to teach Mitch because he believes that learning is a continuous and never-ending process.

My personal belief is that these quotes help a person to understand the true essence of life. Life is not a goal but a journey towards maturity and growth. This means that a person must never stop learning even when he has grown old because it is never too late to learn. Only through constant learning can a person open himself to change and adapting. This is also one of the main themes of the book ‘Tuesdays with Morrie’.

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