



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 12.12.2023

Article link : [Link](#) (From the Glass King to QAnon)

1. The article discusses the glass delusion at length in order to drive home the idea that :

- A. Delusions are a universal feature of human societies
- B. Delusions reflect a snapshot in human culture
- C. Delusions are shaped by the technologies, not beliefs, of the age
- D. Delusions stem from mental illness and vary from culture to culture

Explanation : B

Option B states the main idea of the article: 'This was a phenomenon so widespread that it has a name: the glass delusion. And the reason for its emergence has much to teach us about how irrational belief and mass delusions act like a mirror of the societies in which they become widespread.'

2. All the following, according to the article, provide possible explanations for the glass delusion except:

- A. The inventive unconscious mind pegs its delusions on to new materials and the technological advances of the age
- B. In medieval understanding, melancholia was caused by an excess of black bile, which was believed to take on a glassy sheen in the afflicted body
- C. The glass delusion taps into an era of intense social dislocation, uncertainty, upheaval, and rapid change
- D. In widely held metaphors of the time, glass represented the fragility and fickleness of life

Explanation: C

All options except C are mentioned in the article.

3. The author argues that we must take delusions seriously in order to:

- A. Understand what anxieties we need to address as the fears and paranoias of modern life
- B. Appreciate how QAnon and anti-vaccine conspiracy theories sway those who are mentally ill
- C. Understand how the cultural background of individuals influences how they experience their symptoms
- D. Appreciate how raised anxiety levels can lead to paranoia

Explanation: A

Refer to the last couple of paragraphs.