



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 14.02.2024

Article link : [Link](#) (The Favourite Patient)

1. Why, according to the author, is it not "entirely unsurprising" that she has "deeply loved" many of her doctors?

- A. Her own education and knowledge seemed useless in face of her illness while she waited helplessly for medical professionals' insight
- B. Her honours degree in psychology conditioned her try to please doctors in the hope of getting better treatment from them
- C. Her emotional personality and a lifetime spent caring deeply about whether people like her prompted to do so
- D. All the above

Explanation : D

Note the lines, 'It was into this space of uselessness, of helplessness, that medical professionals brought their insight. Oh, how much they knew! Patronizing, caring, well-intentioned, indifferent, insightful, dismissive, they knew and knew and knew. Is it therefore entirely unsurprising that I have deeply loved many of my doctors?'

2. Which of the following statements is the author likely to agree with?

- A. A clinical encounter combines the experience of two human beings in an unrepeatable moment that changes both of them
- B. There is a universal approach every medical practitioner should adopt
- C. A clinical encounter should be measurable, reproducible, impersonal and thus open to professional regulation of standards
- D. Though we are social creatures, in illness we have to heal alone

Explanation: A

Refer to the section where the author talks about Gavin Francis's idea of the clinical encounter as an alchemy.

3. Why, according to the author, does she desperately want to be her doctors' favourite?

A. She has the Stockholm syndrome, doctors edition and is hence obsessed with doctors with no wish to be free of them

B. She is an A+ student, in this as everything else, invested in being the favourite

C. She hopes to enter an encounter in which what the doctor gives her, they give freely because they like her

D. She has always striven to be likeable by everyone and so she works very hard to be liked by doctors

Explanation: C

Refer to the last few paragraphs.