# ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

***Assignment No #2***




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# *Comprehension Passage*

**Q1.Read the passage below and then answer the questions which follow it.**

It has been part of Nelson's prayer that the British fleet might be distinguished by humanity in the victory which he expected. Setting an example himself, he twice gave orders to cease firing upon the Redoubtable, supposing that she had struck because her great guns were silent; for as she carried no flag, there was no means of instantly ascertaining the fact. From this ship, which he had thus twice spread, he received his death. A ball fired from her mizzen-top which, in the then situation of the two vessels was not more than fifteen yards from that part of the deck where he was standing, struck the epaulette on his left shoulder about a quarter after one, just in the heat of action. He fell upon 0his face on the spot which was covered with his secretary's blood. Hardy who was a few steps from him turning round, saw three men raising him up. "They have done for me at last Hardy!" said he. "I hope not!" cried Hardy. "Yes," he replied; "my backbone is shot through!" Yet even now not for a moment losing his presence of mind, he observed as they were carrying him down the ladder, that the tiller-ropes which had been shot away, were not yet replaced and ordered that new ones should be roped immediately. Then that he might not been seen by the crew, he took out his handkerchief and covered his face and his stars. Had he but concealed these badges of honour from the enemy, England perhaps would not have had cause to receive with sorrow the news of the battle of Trafalgar. The cockpit was crowded with wounded and dying men; over whose bodies he was with some difficulty conveyed, and laid upon a pallet in the midshipmen's berth. It was soon perceived, upon examination, that the wound was mortal. This, however, was concealed from all, except Captain Hardy, the chaplain, and the medical attendants. He himself being certain, from the sensation in his back, and the gush of blood he felt momently within his breast, that no human care could avail him, insisted that the surgeon should leave him and attend to those to whom he might be useful.

**Answer the following questions in your own words: (10)**

1. What is meant by 'supposing that she had struck'?

   Ans: The meaning Of 'supposing that she has struck' is The men in the ship had surrendered

2. How can Nelson be said to have been partly responsible for his own death?

Ans: Nelson ordered his men two times to cease firing on the Redoubtable. From the same ship a ball was fired at him and brought about his death. He was thus partly responsible for his death.

3. What do you understand by the ‘mizzen-top’?

   Ans: The 'mizzen-top' is the platform round the lower part of the mast nearest the stern.

4. Give the meaning Of word Distinguished,ascertaining,instantly and redoubtable?
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   Ans: The meaning of Distinguished is discern,
   The meaning of ascertaning is determine,
   The meaning Of Instantly is immediately,
   The meaning Of redoubtly Is Fear .

6. Give the suitable title of the Passage?