

Part One: Reading

(Score: 11/20)

In the following selection, the writer describes the tragic end of a family because of a troubled marriage. Read the selection carefully, and then answer the questions set on it.

Burial among the “Angels”

1 In little white coffins, **they** were carried to a place dotted with teddy bears and faded pinwheels spinning in the breeze. Vardaan Tiwari, 4, and his sister, Ananya Tiwari, just 18 months old, were buried among hundreds of other children in the "Heavenly Angels" section of Oakridge Glen Oaks Cemetery in Hillside. A granite statue of a mother cradling an infant tells visitors they are in a special part of the cemetery.

2 A few hours before her little boy and girl died in a fire she set, Nimisha Tiwari, the mother, brought them to a store and bought the toys later found near their bodies: a Dora the Explorer doll and a Thomas the Tank Engine toy. Shortly before **that**, Nimisha took the children with her in the family minivan to buy the gasoline she used to ignite the fatal blaze. That is the picture sketched by police before the mother set her house ablaze, killing herself, her daughter and her son. All three were found on the same bed in the master bedroom of their locked Naperville home.

3 The police officers, who used footage from security cameras to piece together Nimisha's movements before the fire, are trying to determine a motive “for such a horrific incident,” as Naperville Police Chief David Dial described it at a news conference. “It is tragic. It is senseless,” Dial said, “I cannot explain why.” While court records suggest marital strife, “There is nothing to indicate that **this** is anything more than a double murder-suicide investigation,” Dial said.

4 Anand Tiwari, the father, returned briefly to the Naperville home where his wife, Nimisha, intentionally set fire to herself and their children over the weekend. He did not speak to reporters as a family friend drove him away from home. Naperville Police have said they do not know what made Nimisha set the fatal fire, but court documents depict a troubled, turbulent marriage in the months before she and her children died. Nimisha called her husband abusive and controlling according to court documents.

5 Few months before the fire, Nimisha went to court in DuPage County and obtained an emergency order of protection against her husband, contending that he had threatened her, had been abusive, had encouraged her to kill herself and had planted a recording device in their home. But the order of protection was vacated by the judge a week later after Anand Tiwari made a sworn statement assuring that his wife's mental condition might endanger their son and daughter.

6 Authorities believe Nimisha gathered her children Saturday afternoon in the second-floor master bedroom of their home, in the 1900 block of Nutmeg Lane, part of Naperville's Cinnamon Creek subdivision. Then she locked the front door, poured gasoline on the hallway floor outside the room, and doused the bedroom floor as well. She might have splashed her own body with gasoline before igniting the blaze, for a lighter was found on her body.

7 Police did not consider Nimisha's husband a suspect, saying they were able to confirm he was not home when the blaze began. “We used a lie detector instrument to check his testimony. There is no reason to disbelieve his story,” Dial said. The couple married in India in 1999 and moved to the United States the same year. “We do know it was a troubled marriage,” Dial said.

8 Police records show officers went to the Tiwari home in May for “something along the lines of a domestic dispute” between husband and wife, Ken Parcel, Naperville Police investigations commander, said. The call was about a “prior incident,” Parcel said. No arrests were made, and there were no signs of violence. Asked whether Nimisha had mental-health problems, Dial said, “Her husband has suggested there were problems in the past.”

9 Police said they have been able to piece together some of the hours leading to the fatal fire with the aid of video surveillance from two area businesses. About 1:40 p.m., Nimisha drove with her children to a service station, and she filled a can with gasoline, a tape shows. A gas can was found in the bedroom with the victims, investigators said.

10 Other video surveillance shows she went to a local toy store, where she bought Dora the Explorer doll and a Thomas the Tank Engine toy. The toys were found next to the children. “We know they were alive at the time of the fire,” Dial said, “but no suicide note was found.”

Questions

A. Answer each of the following in 1-4 sentences of your own.

1. Dial describes the incident as “tragic and senseless”. Pick one piece of evidence from the above selection that supports each description. (Score:01)
2. In reference to Paragraphs 3 and 7, what two main technological aids police used in Nimisha’s case? What was the advantage of each? (Score:01)
3. Infer from the police reports whether Nimisha had intentionally planned her crime or not. Support your answer with evidence. (Score: 01)
4. How would the judge have contributed in preventing Nimisha’s tragic case? Justify. (Score: 01)

B.

1. Identify the mood revealed in Paragraph 1. Explain. (Score: 01)
2. There is irony in Paragraph 2. Identify this irony, and show its purpose. (Score: 01)
3. What is the organizational pattern of Paragraph 6? Support your answer with evidence. (Score: 01)

C. It was evident that Nimisha set fire to her children and to herself. Pick pieces of evidence from Paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 that lawyers could gather **for** or **against** her. Copy the table in your booklet, and then, using phrases, fill it in with appropriate information. (Score: 02)

For	Against
1.	1.
2.	2.

D. In reference to Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 find an antonym for each of the following words.

(Score: 01)

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| 1. extinguish | 3. randomly |
| 2. mislead | 4. peaceful |

E. What does each pronoun in boldface refer to?

(Score: 01)

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| 1. they (Paragraph 1) | 3. this (Paragraph 3) |
| 2. that (Paragraph 2) | 4. We (Paragraph 10) |

Part Two: Writing

(Score: 09/20)

Relationships between parents based on respect and understanding ensure a healthy atmosphere for the children’s upbringing, while abusive relationships of the parents may have negative and tragic impacts on their children. Describe a case of a child or children who have been affected positively by the parents’ relationships, and another in which a child or children have been affected negatively. Develop your answer in a 250-300- word essay. Make sure of writing unified, coherent, and properly sequenced paragraphs. See that, in your introduction, you put your reader in the general atmosphere of your topic and clearly provide a thesis statement, and that each of your body paragraphs starts with a topic sentence which you back up with relevant supporting details. Your writing will be assessed for both ideas and form. (Score: 05 for ideas and organization, 03 for language and style, and 01 for tidiness and legible handwriting)

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Part of the Q	Answer Key	Mark						
	Competencies: - Utilize reading strategies - Develop literal and interpretive comprehension of written discourse - Produce transactional writing							
I-A-1	The incident is tragic because according to Dial it is more than a double murder-suicide where the mother and her kids were burned alive. He considers the crime senseless because there is no real explanation or justification for it. (0.5 each)	01						
I-A-2	The first aid was security cameras that helped the police trace the movements and steps that had been taken by Nimisha few hours before she started the fire. The second aid was the lie detector instrument that helped the police make sure of whether Anand told the truth in his testimony or not. (0.5 each)	01						
I-A-3	Nimisha was fully aware of what she was doing simply because the videotapes show the steps she had taken and the places she had visited before the incident. She even bought the gasoline she had used to ignite the fire with and closed the front door in order not to be rescued.	01						
I-A-4	The father had already under oath assessed to the judge that his wife had mental problems that could endanger the safety of his children.	01						
I-B-1	There is a mood of melancholy, sadness and horror. The choice of words reveals such mood: “white coffins”, “faded pinwheels”, “buried”, “Heavenly Angels”, and “Cemetery”. In addition, the image of the mother’s statue cradling an infant adds to the mentioned mood. (0.5 for the identification of mood and 0.5 for the words)	01						
I-B-2	There is an irony of situation. Instead of taking her children to play at home with the dolls she bought them, Nimisha started the fire and killed the little ones near their toys. This striking contrast between her actions and her intentions shows that she could have had psychological problems or mental disorder. (0.5 each)	01						
I-B-3	The organizational pattern used is chronological order. The writer lists the steps taken by Nimisha to set the fire in time sequence: gathering the children, locking the door, pouring gasoline, and using a lighter to ignite the fire. The transitions/words that show this pattern: “Saturday afternoon”, “Then”, and “before”. (0.5 for the type and 0.5 for explanation)	01						
I-C	<table><tr><th>For</th><th>Against</th></tr><tr><td>1. Having an abusive and controlling husband</td><td>1. Having mental problems</td></tr><tr><td>2. Obtaining an emergency order of protection against her husband</td><td>2. Showing no signs of violence when examined by the police</td></tr></table> N.B. 0.5 for each	For	Against	1. Having an abusive and controlling husband	1. Having mental problems	2. Obtaining an emergency order of protection against her husband	2. Showing no signs of violence when examined by the police	02
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I-D-1	ignite	0.25						
I-D-2	indicate	0.25						
I-D-3	intentionally	0.25						

I-D-4	turbulent; abusive	0.25
I-E-1	“they” refers Vardaan and Ananya (or the two children/kids)	0.25
I-E-2	“that” refers to the act of buying dolls from a store	0.25
I-E-3	“this” refers to the incident	0.25
I-E-4	“We” refers to Dial and other policemen	0.25
II-A	Ideas and organization	05
II-B	Language and style	03
II-C	Tidiness and legible handwriting	01