

A New Home

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. —Author Unknown

1- I am Mary Smith and this is my account of the dramatic event that has most affected me and my daughter lately and that I want to share with everyone.

2- After *fighting* COVID-19 for almost two weeks, my brother had taken a turn for the worse on Easter Sunday evening. My mom was getting reports almost hourly on his deteriorating condition. She sent updates throughout the evening to my sisters and his children.

3- With every update, I prayed harder, asking God to heal my brother, but he passed away shortly after midnight. I was in a state of shock I held my daughters as they wailed in my arms.

4- I stayed in bed the entire day. Unable to fully process my grief, sleep brought me temporary relief. My husband responded to the countless calls and texts sent to my phone as the news spread on social media.

5- After a couple of days, my youngest daughter Kassadi came into my room, lay next to me on my bed, and asked, "Why did God have to take Uncle Ty?" I was still struggling with this question. How was I supposed to explain it to a twelve-year-old?

6- As I worked to process the enormous loss I was experiencing, I kept reminding myself that Tyrone was in heaven, the most amazing place that he could ever be. I knew whatever he was experiencing there was a thousand times better than the life he left behind. Although I loved and missed him very much, I would never want to selfishly bring him back from the utopian paradise where he now lived. But how could I explain this in a way that my daughter would understand?

7- While we both lay there staring at the ceiling, I thought more about her question and decided to give my interpretation of a eulogy I had heard six years earlier when my brother-in-law, Robert had passed away unexpectedly. My husband and I were devastated as we tried to make sense of the tragedy. I remembered how the words the minister shared at his memorial service had managed to ease my pain a bit. I wanted to say it in a way that would help lessen her heartache as well.

8_ I explained to my daughter that life on Earth is just temporary, like a pregnancy. And when someone dies on Earth, it is their birthdate in heaven. I told her that once we get to heaven, we start a new life there forever.

Mary Smith.

Reading Comprehension 15 marks

1. Circle the correct alternative. The text is about : 1 marks
 - A. someone who lost a close relative to COVID.
 - B. how to fight COVID.
 - C. a 12 year old who lost her mother.

2. Focus on paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 and find and write the words meaning nearly the same as the ones in the table below. 5 marks

Every hour (1 word)	Died (2 words)	Cried (1 word)	Sorrow/sadness (2 words)	Ease/relaxation (1 word)

3. Answer the following questions 5 marks
 - A. Who was the patient (sick person) ?
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 - B. What was his/her disease?
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 - C. Who was following the latest news of the patient?
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 - D. What did Mary Smith do to comfort her crying daughters?
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 - E. What was **the enormous loss** Mary Smithh was experiencing?
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4. What do the underlined words refer to ? 2 marks
 - A. We (paragraph 7)
 - B. Her (paragraph 8)

5. Pick out one detail showing that the following statements are false. 2marks
 - A. Mary and her husband knew well that Robert was going to die.
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 - B. Mary explained to her daughter that whjen people die, it’s over and there is not another life after death.
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