

Respect is a positive feeling or action shown towards someone or something considered important, or held in high regard. It conveys a sense of admiration for good or valuable qualities. It is also the process of honoring someone by showing care, concern, or consideration for their needs or feelings.

Some people may earn the respect of individuals by helping others or by playing important social roles. In many cultures, people are considered to be worthy of respect until they prove otherwise. Acts that show respect may include simple words and phrases like “Thank you” in the West or “Namaste” in the Indian subcontinent, or simple physical signs like a slight bow, a smile, direct eye contact, or a simple handshake; however, those acts may have very different interpretations, depending on the cultural context.

In Islamic cultures, there are many ways to show respect to people. For example, it is recommended to kiss the hands of parents, grandparents and teachers. Also, it is narrated in the sayings of Prophet Muhammad that if people look at the faces of their parents with a smile, they will definitely be rewarded by Allah with success and happiness. Of course showing respect is not limited to the Islamic religion.

1. It can be understood from the passage that -----.

- 1) all cultures use the same acts to show respect
- 2) people respect others no matter how important or valuable they are
- 3) we care about the needs and feelings of those who we respect
- 4) it's difficult to earn the respect of individuals in some cultures

2. The underlined word “interpretations” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ----.

- 1) meanings
- 2) combinations
- 3) processes
- 4) principles

3. According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE?

- 1) You consider others worthy of respect until they show they don't deserve it
- 2) People always use words and phrases to show their respect for each other
- 3) You respect only important individuals whom you know well
- 4) People only use simple physical signs like a simple handshake to show respect

4. The passage would most probably continue with a discussion of -----.

- 1) other sayings of prophet Muhammad about parents
- 2) how to earn the respect of people by playing important social roles
- 3) the steps to take to make people respect each other
- 4) ways to show respect in some other religions

