

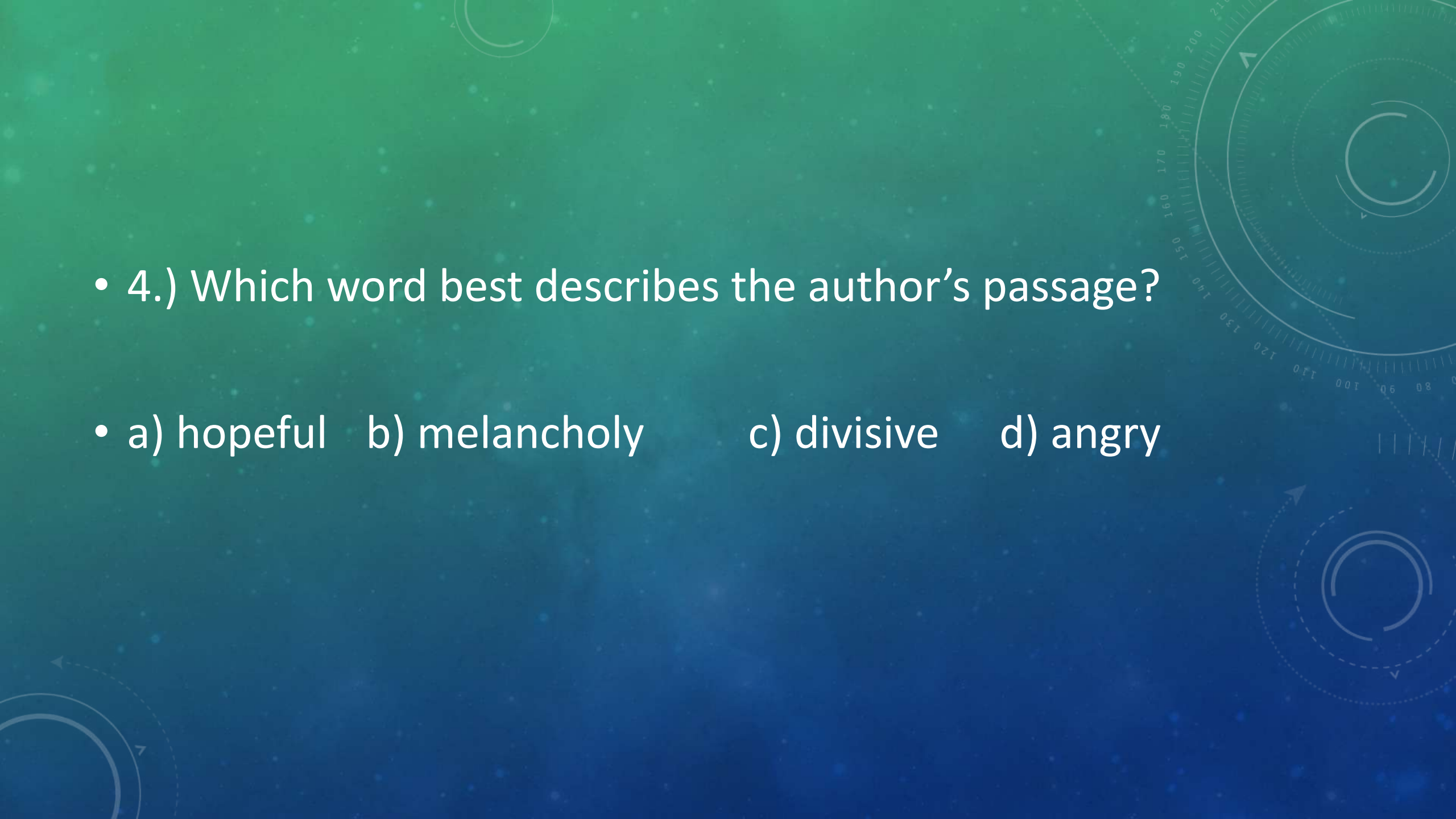


CASTE SYSTEM KEYSTONE READING

- 1.) The author's purpose of this passage is to:
 - a) inform people that Dalits are more likely to have higher mortality rates.
 - b) describe the transformation of the Dalits from impoverished to rich.
 - c) share information about how the life of a Dalit has improved with more opportunities and laws.
 - d) attack the age-old caste system.

- 2.) What additional information could be added to further the author's purpose?
- a) The amount of Dalits has been decreasing in recent years.
- b) Very few people in India follow the caste system anymore.
- c) Less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of Dalits can read and write.
- d) Self-educated Dalits have been increasing in number and are contributing to the thriving middle class.

- 3.) Hari Kishan Pippal states, “I am more than Brahmin.” He is referring to:
 - a) his accumulated wealth which is more than the wealth of most Brahmins.
 - b) his social standing makes him more godlike.
 - c) his own desire to move within the Hindu caste system.
 - d) the Brahmins who mocked and made slurs against him earlier in his life.

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- 4.) Which word best describes the author's passage?
 - a) hopeful b) melancholy c) divisive d) angry

- 5.) The purpose of mentioning the violence against the Dalits in the article was to:
 - a) inform the reader how violent India is today for Dalits.
 - b) inform the reader that despite progress, traditional caste supporters are still opposed to Dalits.
 - c) invoke jealous feelings towards the upper castes.
 - d) bring about change in India.

- 6.) The author used statistics when describing the life of the Dalits in order to:
 - a) give the reader a more optimistic outlook of the life of Dalit.
 - b) compliment the current change in Dalit social status.
 - c) provide the reader with negative statistics and hardships faced by the Dalits, even today.
 - d) to push his argument to overthrow the traditional caste system.

- 7.) How did Pippal start to amass such a large degree of wealth?
- a) He bought hospitals.
- b) He sold high quality shoes.
- c) He bartered frequently.
- d) He went to school.