

Class- 10 th.

Sub.-English

Chapter - 5 ( A Hero )

Write and learn the following.

Answer the following questions in about 60 words each :

Q. 1. "Courage is everything, strength and age are not important." Do you dispute the theory or believe in it ? Give your reasons for the stand you take.

Ans. I believe in this theory to a great extent because courage plays the most important role in getting success. A grown-up coward having enough physical strength is of no use whereas a brave boy of comparatively younger age can succeed well in difficult situations. Courage gives the strength to bear hardships, overcome obstacles and pursue goals. This is what brings success.

Q. 2. Why was Swami's father sitting gloomily, gazing at the newspaper ? Explain.

Ans. Swami's father was sitting gloomily gazing at the newspaper because :

(i) He was not satisfied with the way Swami was being brought up.

(ii) He was disappointed at such a sharp reaction from his wife. She asked him why he looked at her while scolding Swami. She further said angrily that she hardly knew anything about the boy (Swami). She meant that granny was fully responsible for spoiling the child.

Q. 3. Why was Swami not agreed to the idea of sleeping in the office room ? Explain.

Ans. Swami was not agreed to sleep in the office room because he used to sleep beside his granny in the passage everyday. Sleeping alone in the dark kept him trembling and awake all night. He was also in habit of listening to stories before going to sleep. Moreover, he was afraid of the ghosts, which he thought came out at night.

**Q. 4. Swami was quite upset in the office room at night. Why ?**

**Ans.** Swami was quite upset in the office room at night because he remembered all the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life. First he thought of his friend, Mani who had seen the devil in the banyan tree at his street end. Then he remembered another story about Munisami's father in which he spat out blood because the devil near the river's edge had slapped his cheek.

**Q. 5. "Swami's father had an adamant nature." Do you agree with the statement ? If yes, give reasons in support of your answer.**

**Ans.** Swami's father had an adamant nature. He forced Swami to sleep in the office room all alone despite being opposed by his granny and mother. Not only this, he threatened Swami against rolling up his bed to go to his granny's side at night. He did not allow him to have a lamp burning in the room. He told him that he (Swami) must learn not to be afraid of darkness.

**Q. 6. What was the actual fear in Swami's mind when he was made to sleep in the office room ?**

**Ans.** In fact, there was stillness in the room, but all kinds of noises reached his ears like - ticking of the clock, rustle of trees, snoring sounds etc. All these sounds were puzzling him. Besides this, he was much worried about the devil. Every moment he expected the devil to come up and clutch at his throat or carry him away. This was the actual fear in his mind.

**Q. 7. What happened when the burglar cried, "Aiyo! Something has bitten me."? Explain.**

**Ans.** When the burglar cried, "Aiyo! something has bitten me," at that moment the other members of the family ran towards the office room. With the lights on, father, cook and the servant came in and fell on the burglar who lay amidst the furniture with a bleeding ankle. Thus, one of the most notorious house-breakers of the district was at last in the hands of the police.

**Q. 8. Why did Swami's mother lose her temper ? Explain.**

**Ans.** When Swami's father returned home from the club late in the evening, he asked where the boy was. Mother replied casually that he was sleeping in his usual place beside his granny. Hearing this, his father started rebuking Swami. Her mother could not bear it and lost her temper and said that he need not risk his life again.

**Q. 9. What message does this story impart ?**

**Ans.** This story imparts so many messages, some of them can be:

- (i) Grandparents love their grandchildren too much but they should not spoil their grandchildren by their love.
- (ii) Parents should not compel their adolescent son or daughter to follow their command.
- (iii) Parents should give freedom to their children.
- (iv) There should be a respectable place for the grandparents in the family.



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