

1. What kind of student was Hafeez Contractor during his school days?

- A. Very studious and obedient
- B. Bright in academics but shy
- C. A very naughty student who never studied
- D. The best in class in all subjects (C)

**Explanation:** Hafeez admits in the interview that he was very naughty and didn't study until class eleven. He was more interested in pranks and games.

2. Which game did Hafeez play enthusiastically during school?

- A. Football
- B. Cricket
- C. Hockey
- D. Kabaddi (B)

**Explanation:** He mentions he was the "second-best in the school" at cricket and wanted to be a captain.

3. What turned Hafeez Contractor's attitude toward studies in class XI?

- A. A competition announcement
- B. A threat from the principal
- C. A caning incident by the teacher
- D. A serious talk from the principal (D)

**Explanation:** The principal told Hafeez that he had been a good sportsman and now he must study hard to repay the trust and effort of his parents and teachers. This talk changed his behavior.

4. What profession did Hafeez initially aspire to join?

- A. Lawyer
- B. Architect
- C. Engineer
- D. Sports coach (A)

**Explanation:** He was planning to join the army or police but eventually started working with an architect and then wanted to become one.

5. What special ability helped Hafeez in architecture?

- A. His writing skills
- B. His drawing abilities
- C. His photographic memory and ability to visualize things
- D. His mathematical skills (C)

**Explanation:** He said he could look at a building and tell exactly what materials were used and visualize structures perfectly.

6. Who advised Hafeez to pursue architecture as a career?

- A. His principal
- B. His mother
- C. His cousin's husband
- D. His teacher (C)

**Explanation:** He was asked by his cousin's husband, who was an architect, to draw a few things. Impressed, he asked Hafeez to work with him.

7. Why did Hafeez not take admission in a school of architecture directly?

- A. He did not qualify the entrance
- B. He was unsure of his career
- C. He didn't know about it
- D. He could not afford the fees (C)

**Explanation:** He himself admitted that he didn't know there was a school of architecture.

8. What kind of work did Hafeez do in the architect's office initially?

- A. Cleaning
- B. Making blueprints
- C. Supervision
- D. Drawing and designing (D)

**Explanation:** He drew a few things for the architect and got appreciation, which led him to enter the field.

9. What does Hafeez believe schools should stress more on?

- A. Reading and writing
- B. Discipline and obedience
- C. Finding a child's special ability
- D. Memorizing textbooks (C)

**Explanation:** He strongly believes schools should stress on a child's own capabilities rather than force standard academics.

10. What helped Hafeez eventually become successful?

- A. Rote learning
- B. Competitive spirit
- C. Structured education
- D. Realization of his inner potential and talent (D)

**Explanation:** The title "The Treasure Within" refers to how his talent and abilities were discovered and led to his success.