

CHAPTER-6 | My Childhood

QUIZ
PART-03

1. Why did a new teacher ask Kalam to sit on the back bench?
- Because he was late to class
 - Because he was a Muslim sitting with a Hindu priest's son
 - Because he did not complete the homework
 - Because he was mischievous (B)

Explanation: The teacher could not tolerate a Muslim boy sitting beside a Hindu priest's son and made Kalam sit at the back.

2. How did Ramanadha Sastry react when Kalam was sent to the back bench?
- He felt relieved
 - He felt proud
 - He looked utterly downcast and wept
 - He ignored it (C)

Explanation: Ramanadha Sastry felt very sad and wept when Kalam was separated from him.

3. What action did Lakshmana Sastry, Ramanadha's father, take against the teacher?
- He expelled him from school
 - He summoned him and asked him to apologise or leave the island
 - He reported him to the district office
 - He punished him physically (B)

Explanation: Lakshmana Sastry summoned the teacher and told him to either apologise or quit the school and the island.

4. Who was Sivasubramania Iyer?
- Kalam's mathematics teacher
 - Kalam's headmaster
 - Kalam's science teacher
 - Kalam's neighbour (C)

Explanation: Sivasubramania Iyer was Kalam's science teacher who encouraged him to grow and break social barriers.

5. How did Sivasubramania Iyer react when his wife refused to serve food to Kalam?
- He shouted at her
 - He asked Kalam to leave
 - He calmly served Kalam with his own hands
 - He cancelled the meal (C)

Explanation: He was not perturbed; instead, he served Kalam himself and ate with him.

6. What change occurred in Iyer's wife during Kalam's second visit?
- She still refused to serve him
 - She left the house
 - She served him food with her own hands
 - She scolded him (C)

Explanation: On his second visit, Iyer's wife overcame her prejudice and personally served Kalam food.

7. What lesson did Sivasubramania Iyer teach Kalam about changing society?
- Change happens naturally
 - Problems must be confronted when one decides to change the system
 - Society never changes
 - Only education can change society (B)

Explanation: Iyer told Kalam that problems must be faced boldly if one decides to change the system.

8. Why was India filled with unprecedented optimism after World War II?
- Because India became free immediately
 - Because Gandhi became Prime Minister
 - Because India's freedom was imminent
 - Because the British left suddenly (C)

Explanation: The nation was filled with hope as India's freedom was near after the war.

9. What did Kalam's father say when Kalam wanted to study in Ramanathapuram?
- He refused and asked him to stay
 - He encouraged him to go away and grow
 - He told him to study only in Rameswaram
 - He scolded him for being ambitious (B)

Explanation: His father encouraged him, saying he must go away to grow, just like a seagull flies across the sun.

10. Which philosopher's words did Kalam's father quote to his mother?
- Aristotle
 - Khalil Gibran
 - Swami Vivekananda
 - Socrates (B)

Explanation: Kalam's father quoted Khalil Gibran, reminding that children are not possessions of their parents but have their own thoughts.