

CHAPTER-5 | The Adventure

QUIZ-01

1. Where did Professor Gaitonde plan to go immediately upon reaching Bombay?
A. The East India House B. Victoria Terminus
C. A big library D. A museum (C)

Explanation: Gaitonde planned to visit a big library to browse history books and understand the altered state of affairs.

2. What shocked Professor Gaitonde upon seeing the East India House?
A. Its architectural style
B. Presence of Indian officers
C. Its modern technology
D. That the East India Company was still functioning (D)

Explanation: He was surprised that the East India Company was still active, which contradicted his knowledge of history.

3. What did GBMR stand for on the suburban railway carriages?
A. Greater Bombay Metro Rail
B. Government Bombay Mail Route
C. Greater Bombay Metropolitan Railway
D. General Bombay Military Regiment (C)

Explanation: GBMR stood for Greater Bombay Metropolitan Railway, indicating British governance.

4. What was the crucial historical change discovered by Gaitonde in volume five of his history book?
A. Aurangzeb won all battles
B. British left India early
C. Marathas won the Battle of Panipat
D. Mughal empire lasted till 2000 (C)

Explanation: The turning point was that the Marathas had defeated Abdali at Panipat, altering India's future.

5. What symbol was painted on the carriages of the trains?
A. Ashoka Chakra B. Tricolour flag
C. Union Jack D. Lotus emblem (C)

Explanation: The Union Jack indicated British rule in the alternate reality.

6. What did the page from the Bakhar mention about Vishwasrao?
A. He was crowned king after victory
B. He was hit by a bullet and died
C. He narrowly escaped a bullet
D. He surrendered to Abdali (C)

Explanation: The alternate account described how Vishwasrao narrowly missed being shot, changing the battle's outcome.

7. Why did people in the pandal object to Gaitonde taking the chair?
A. They didn't know him
B. The chair was broken
C. The lecture series had no chairperson
D. Gaitonde interrupted a speech (C)

Explanation: The audience rejected traditional protocols and had abolished the role of a chairperson.

8. What is Rajendra's scientific explanation for Gaitonde's experience?
A. Time travel B. Mind control
C. Quantum teleportation
D. Transition between alternate worlds (D)

Explanation: Rajendra suggested that Gaitonde experienced a shift between two worlds through a transition in reality.

9. What theory suggests small changes can lead to dramatic shifts in outcome?
A. Evolution theory B. Catastrophe theory
C. Relativity theory D. Quantum theory (B)

Explanation: The catastrophe theory explains how minor changes can result in significant and sudden effects.

10. What was the condition in the original Bakhar that led to the Maratha defeat?
A. Vishwasrao surrendered
B. Bhausaheb betrayed them
C. Vishwasrao was killed
D. Abdali used advanced weapons (C)

Explanation: In the original timeline, Vishwasrao was hit by a bullet, leading to demoralization and defeat.