

**ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT
CLASS VII**

TOPICS COVERED:

CH- 3 'A Hero', Ch- 5 'I Dream a world', Informal letter

Q.1 Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

A. "You think you are wiser than the newspaper? Father sneered. 'A man may have the strength of an elephant and yet be a coward whereas another may have the strength of a straw, but if he has courage, he can do anything. Courage is everything, age and strength are not important.

Q 1 Why did the father pass the condemning remark and to whom?

Q 2 How did Swami react to the village boy's story?

Q 3 Did Swami agree with the views of his father? Why/why not?

Q 4 Write the meaning of 'sneer'. _____

Q 5 What do you mean by 'strength of a straw'?

B. "Swami hurriedly got up and spread his bed under the bench and crouched there. It seemed to be a much safer place, more compact and reassuring. He shut his eyes tight and encased himself in his blanket once again and unknown to himself fell asleep, and in sleep was racked with nightmares."

Q 1 Where was Swami sleeping? Why?

Q 2 Where did Swami put his bed? Why?

Q 3 What type of noises and nightmares racked Swami in his sleep?

Q 4 What was Swami thinking about?

Q 5 If you had been in Swami's place, what would you have done differently?

C. " I dream a world where all, will know sweet freedom's way

Where greed no longer saps the soul, nor avarice blights our day”

Q 1 Who does ‘all’ refer to?

Q 2 Why is freedom considered to be sweet?

Q 3 What do you mean by ‘sap the soul’?

Q 4 List a few things that won’t be a part of the poet’s dream world.

D. “ A world I dream where black and white, whatever race you may be

Will share the bounties of the earth, and every man is free”

Q 1 What does the ‘black and white’ refer to?

Q 2 What do you mean by the ‘bounties of the earth’?

Q 3 What does the poet wish for all the races of the world?

Q 4 According to the poet, what kind of a world is this?

Q.2 Value based questions

a. Write a character sketch of Swami. Do you appreciate his act of courage? Why/why not?

b. What values have you imbibed after reading the lesson ‘A Hero’?

c. ‘The world will become a better place to live, we just need to modify ourselves and change our outlook’. Explain this statement in the context of the poem ‘I dream a world’.

Q.3 INFORMAL LETTER

You share an emotional relationship with your grandparents. They bring warmth and affection to your family. They share their wisdom and experience with you. They are not only your companions but cheerleaders in life. Write a letter to your friend describing him the special relationship you have with your grandparents. You are Raj/ Ritu, a resident of H.No.24, Arthur Road, Mumbai.

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Short Answer Questions

Q1 What did the father want to prove by making Swami sleep alone?

Q2. What did Swami do to escape his father's decision? Did he succeed?

Q3. What was the father's attitude towards his son? Was it justified? Why/ Why not?

Q4. Write a character sketch of the Swami?

Q5. Bring out a contrast between the modern world and the poet's dream world?

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