

Prose -1 A Hero

Multiple choice questions

- 1) Swami's father was a
a) teacher b) doctor **c) lawyer** d) police
- 2) The interesting news that Swami's father drew his attention was
a) five burglars were arrested b) a girl met with an accident
c) the bravery of a village lad fought with a tiger d) a burglar was caught by a little boy
- 3) The report said that the boy who fought with a tiger stayed on the tree for half –a –day. He did so because
a) He wanted to watch the tiger from the top of a tree. b) He was coward
c) He wanted someone to kill the tiger. d) he wanted to take rest for some time.
- 4) The important thing according to Swami's father was
a) Courage b) strength c) age d) all of them
- 5) A frightful proposition according to Swami was
a) sleeping beside granny b) fighting with a tiger
c) sleeping in the office room alone d) challenging his father
- 6) Swami always slept beside
a) his mother **b) his granny** c) his brother d) his grand father
- 7) "From a challenge it had become a command". What does command refer to here?
a) killing the tiger **b) sleeping in the office room alone one night**
c) prove the news paper report wrong d) catching the burglar
- 8) The disgraceful thing according to Swami's father was
a) sleeping beside his granny like a baby b) arguing with his father
c) being coward d) sleeping alone in the office room
- 9) Swami's grandmother's practice before she went to bed was
a) telling stories to Swami b) singing songs for Swami to sleep
c) eating fruits singing lullaby to Swami d) writing her diary
- 10) When Swami's father pulled away Swami's blanket, he looked like
a) an apparition b) a brave man c) burglar d) a head master
- 11) Swami said that there were scorpions behind the law books. He said so because
a) He saw the scorpions behind the books before b) the room was dusty
c) he wanted to escape from his father's command d) he was afraid of scorpions
- 12) Swami was supported most by his
a) father b) granny c) head master **d) mother**
- 13) Swami thought the safe, compact and the reassuring place in the office room was
a) under the bench b) on the ground c) on the cot d) on the table
- 14) Swami saw a moving creature in the room. It was
a) his shadow b) a scorpion **c) a man** d) a devil
- 15) What did Swami use as a mortal weapon?
a) hands b) legs **c) teeth** d) stick
- 16) Congratulations were showered on Swami because
a) he had caught a notorious burglar b) he slept in the office room alone
c) he found out that courage was important d) he fought with a tiger
- 17) Swami was appreciated as a true scout by his
a) class teacher b) friends c) father **d) head master**
- 18) Swami did not want to be a
a) bus conductor b) engine driver **c) police** d) railway guard
- 19) Swami became a hero when he caught the
a) snake b) ghost c) tiger **d) burglar**
- 20) Swami's father wanted him to sleep alone in the office room to
a) be brave **b) test him if he was courageous**
c) he disliked him d) develop good habit

Answer the following in two or three sentences (2 marks questions)

1) Swami's father drew his attention to a report in the newspaper. What was the report about?

Ans: The newspaper report was about the bravery of a village lad who while returning home fought with a tiger. He stayed half a day on the tree till some people came and killed the tiger.

2) What was Swami's comment on the newspaper report? How did his view differ from that of his father?

Ans; Swami commented that the boy cannot kill the tiger and he must be a grown-up person. But Swami's father commented that anyone who has courage can do anything if he has courage and strength and age are not important.

3) What desperate attempts did Swami make to escape from his father?

Ans: Swami made the following desperate attempts to escape from his father.

1. He tried to change the subject by asking his father to join the cricket club.
2. He requested his father to allow him to sleep in the office room from the next month.
3. He went silently and pretended like sleeping beside his granny.
4. He told his father that there were scorpions behind the law books in the office room

4) Why do you think Swami looked at his granny and his mother while following his father to the office room?

Ans: Swami looked at his granny and his mother while following his father to the office room because he thought they would stop his father taking him to the office room and support him. He did not like to sleep on the office room alone.

5) As silence deepened in the room, what was Swami reminded of?

Ans: As silence deepened in the room Swami reminded the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life. For example His Chum Mani had seen the devil in the banyan tree at his street end and the poor Muniswami's father spat out blood when the devil slapped him near the river.

6) Why did Swami feel that his father's proposition was frightful?

Ans: Swami thought his proposition was frightful. Because he always slept beside his granny in the passage, and any change in this arrangement kept him awake all the night.

7) There was absolute silence in the room. In spite of it, some noises reached Swami's ears. What were they?

Ans: In silence in the office room Swami heard some noises –the tickling of the clock, rustle of trees, snoring sounds, and some night insects humming.

8) As night advanced, Swami felt that something terrible would happen to him. What would it be? How would it happen?

Ans: As night advanced, Swami felt that something terrible would happen to him. He thought that the devils would come up to him and carry him away

9) How was Swami honoured by his classmates, teacher and the headmaster?

Ans: His classmates looked at him with respect, and his teacher patted his back. The headmaster said that he was a true scout.

10) Why were congratulations showered on Swami the next day?

Ans: Congratulations were showered on Swami the next day because he had bitten deep into the notorious house breaker of the district and helped the police.

11) Why did father want Swami to sleep alone in the office room?

Ans: Father wanted Swami to sleep alone in the office room because he wanted Swami to sleep alone in the office room and show his courage. He also wanted Swami to leave sleeping beside his granny like a baby and develop good habit.

12) Why did Swami feel relieved at the end?

Ans: Swami felt relieved at the end because his father gave up the idea of making him sleep alone in the office room thereafter.

13) Do you think Swami really wanted to join the police? If not, what did he want to be?

Ans: Swami did not want to join the police. He wanted to be an engine driver, a railway guard, or a bus conductor later in life.

14) Who do you think was wiser, Swami or his father? Justify your preference.

Ans: I think Swami was wiser. Because

1. He tried to change the subject by asking his father to join the cricket club.
2. He requested his father to allow him to sleep in the office room from the next month.
3. He went silently and pretended like sleeping beside his granny.
4. He told his father that there were scorpions behind the law books in the office room.

15) Why did Swami say that there were scorpions behind the law books?

Ans: Swami said that there were scorpions behind the law books because he did not like to sleep in the office room and it was just a trick to escape from his father.

Extracts(3 marks)

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow

1) "Courage is everything, strength and age are not important"

a) Who is the speaker?

Ans: Swami's father

b) When did the speaker say so?

Ans: When Swami commented that he must have been a grown-up person and not a boy at all.

c) What does the speaker intend to say?

Ans: The speaker intends to say that courage is important and age or strength are not important.

2) "How can it be father? Suppose I have all the courage what could I do if a tiger should attack me?"

a) Who is the speaker?

Ans: Swami

b) Why did the speaker say so?

Ans: The speaker means that he believes that strength and age are important.

c) How did the response affect him?

Ans: His father challenged him to sleep alone in the office room to show his courage

3) "Leave alone strength, can you prove that you have courage?"

a) Who posed this challenge?

Ans: Swami's father

b) Did he accept the challenge? If not why?

Ans: No, He did not accept the challenge. It was a frightful proposition for him.

c) Why did the speaker pose this challenge?

Ans: Because Swami commented that Strength and age are important not the courage.

4) "From the first of the next month, I'll sleep alone father."

a) Who wanted to sleep alone?

Ans: Swami wanted to sleep alone.

b) Why did he request his father to allow him sleep alone from the first of next month?

Ans: He requested his father to allow him to sleep from the first of next month only to escape from his father.

c) Where he used to sleep?

Ans: Swami used to sleep with his granny.

5) "No, you must do it now, It is disgraceful sleeping beside his granny or mother like a baby."

a) Who commanded like this?

Ans: Swami's father commanded Swami like this.

b) What does 'it' refer to here?

Ans: 'It' refers to Swami sleeping alone in the office room.

c) What is shameful here?

Ans: Swami slept beside his granny or mother like a baby. It was disgraceful.

6) "Your office room is very dusty and there may be scorpions behind your law books"

a) Who said these words?

Ans: Swami said these words.

b) Why did the speaker complain that there were scorpions in the office room?

Ans: No, There were no scorpions actually. It was just a trick to escape from his father.

c) where did he want to sleep instead?

Ans: He wanted to sleep in the hall.

7) "I'll make you the laughing stock of your school."

a) Who does 'you' refer to?

Ans: swami

b) Who wanted to make him the laughing stock of his school?

Ans: Swami's father wanted to make Swami the laughing stock of his school.

c) Why did he say so?

Ans : Because Swami used to sleep beside his granny like a baby.

8) "Aiyo! Something has bitten me,"

a) Who cried "Aiyo! Something has bitten me?"

Ans : The burglar cried.

b) Why did he make an agonized cry?

Ans: He made an agonized cry as Swami had bitten him.

c) What was the result of the tumbling?

Ans: The burglar fell amidst the furniture with a bleeding ankle.

d) What happened next?

Ans: Swami's father,

9) "Congratulations were showered on him the next day."

a) Who was congratulated? Why?

Ans: Swami was congratulated. Because, he bitten the notorious house breaker of the district.

b) What was the act of bravery done by him the previous day?

Ans: He had bitten deep into the flesh of the notorious house breaker.

c) Why was he considered as the true scout?

Ans: Because he had bitten deep into the flesh of the notorious house breaker of the district and helped the police.

Long answer type questions (4 marks)

1) Narrate Swami's dreadful experience when he was lying in the office room?

Ans: Swami remembered the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life. For example His friend Mani had seen the devil in the banyan tree and Muniswami's father spat out blood when he saw the devil near the river edge. In fear his heart beat faster. He was faint with fear. He covered himself completely so that he could not breathe. He expected the devils would come and carry him away. Swami hurriedly got up and spread his bed under the bench as he thought it was the safe and secure place. He shut his eyes tight and encased himself in his blanket once again fell asleep unknowingly. In sleep he was racked with nightmares. A tiger was chasing him. His feet stuck to the ground. He desperately tried to escape but his feet would not move; the tiger was at his back and he could hear its claws scratch the ground and then a loud thud. Swami tried to open his eyes but his eyelids would not open and the nightmare continued. Swami groaned in despair.

2) Narrate how a newspaper report led Swami to a commanding challenge?

Ans: In the newspaper Swami's father was reading, the news of bravery of a village lad fought with a tiger drew his father's attention. He also told about it to swami .But Swami argued that a boy cannot fight a tiger and he must be a grown up person. But swami's father argued that courage can do anything and age or

strength are not important. Again Swami disputed the theory that strength and age are important and not the courage. This led to father's challenge that he must sleep in the office room alone that night to show that he has courage. Thus a challenge on the newspaper report made Swami to face a commanding challenge.

3) Narrate how a coward boy Swami became a hero overnight?

Ans: Swami inevitably had to sleep in the office room. He spent that night with the fear of the devils and the nightmares. Then He saw something moving in darkness. He thought that his end had come and the devil had come to carry him away. Finally as an attempt for survival he hugged it with all his might, and used his teeth as mortal weapon on it. It was not the devil but the burglar who cried with agony and fell amidst the furniture with a bleeding ankle. The notorious house breaker of the district was arrested by the police. The police were grateful to him. His classmates looked upon him with respect, his teacher patted him and his headmaster appreciated that he was a true scout. Thus unknowingly Swami Became a 'hero' overnight.