

# Colours of Silence

## Multiple choice questions

1. Satish could hear Surrender only after he repeated the question three times, because\_.  
A. he was busy in drawing    B. he was watching T.V    C . he did not notice him    D. **he could not hear him**
- 2.Satish asked Surrender to why he was speaking so softly because  
A. he was busy in drawing    B. he was watching T.V    C . he did not notice him    D. **he could not hear him**
- 3.Satish suffered terrible headaches and feeling as if dark and silent since\_.  
A. he went to Kashmir    B. met with an accident    C. last operation on his leg D.  
suffered from fever
- 4.Surrender gave a strange look at Satish because\_\_\_\_  
A. he was busy in drawing    B. he was watching T.V    C . he did not notice him    D.    he could not hear him
5. Satish met with an accident when he was crossing a \_  
A. the road at his school    **B. rickety bridge over some rapids**  
C. the mountain path    D. snow covered Himalaya in Kashmir
- 6.Satish suffered frequently from bouts of fever and infections, especially of the  
A. **ears**    B. head    C. eyes    D. legs
7. Everything seemed to Satish like scenes from some pantomime show because  
A. he was suffering from bouts of fever    B. he was operated on his legs  
C. **he had lost his hearing**    D. he had lost his sight
- 8.The doctors didn't know the cause for Satish ill health except that\_  
A. he was suffering from bouts of fever    B. he was operated on his legs  
C. ear infection    D. **effect of medicines to treat his legs**
- 9.Satish did not want to go to another school because  
A. he was suffering from bouts of fever    B. he was operated on his legs  
C. **hearing problem**    D. frequent absence to school
10. Satish could not talk freely with anyone because  
A. he was suffering from bouts of fever    B. he was operated on his legs  
C. his neighboring children teased him    D. **he was unable to hear a single sound**
11. Who supported Satish in teaching words and pronunciation? It was his\_  
A. father    B. **brother**    C. mother    D. teacher
- 12.Satish's father inspired him to learn a great deal by-  
A. painting pictures    B. singing songs    C. reading books    D. **studying words and their pronunciation**
13. Satish became a voracious reader because of his\_.  
A. **father**    B. brother    C. mother    D. teacher
14. The books depressed and left a deep impression on Satish's sensitive mind  
A. he was not interested in reading books    B. he wanted to become an artist  
c. **they were the serious books meant for older children or adults**    D. he was depressed by his plight
15. The turning point in Satish's life was  
A. **he watched a bird and drew its sketch**    B. his leg was operated  
C. he was admitted to a new school    D. he recovered his hearing
16. Sketching came naturally to Satish because he was good at  
A. drawing\_    B. painting    C. observing    D. **Urdu calligraphy**
17. Satish's father took away all note books he had drawn because  
A. He hated his son    B. he was not good at drawing  
C. **He did not want his son to make a living by drawing**    D. that was not his field of interest

18. Who was optimistic of Satish's recovery of hearing? It was his\_

A. **father** B. brother C. mother D. teacher

19. The only solace for Satish was

A. reading books B. **painting** C. observing birds D. Urdu calligraphy

20. Satish's father found the best school of arts for Satish so that he wants to .

A. forget his suffering by going to school B. enjoy his life

C. **make life in his chosen field** D. make great name as an artist

21. Satish's eyes filled with tears and his father did an uncharacteristic thing. The 'uncharacteristic thing.'- here is that his father did was\_.

A. **his father sat beside him and encouraged his art of drawing** B. He brought him armful of books

C. His father found him the best school of arts for him

D. supported him in becoming a voracious reader

**1. Why was Satish confined to bed? What was the worst thing for him? Why was it so?**

Ans.: After the accident, Satish's legs became very weak, requiring several operations. He frequently suffered from bouts of fever and infections of the ear. So he was confined to bed. He was becoming deaf and he could not bear the silence.

**2. How did Satish meet with an accident?**

Ans. : On a holiday in Kashmir, Satish went hiking with his father and brother while crossing rickety bridge over some rapids, his foot slipped and he fell into the rapids.

**3. Satish didn't want to go to a new school. What was the reason?**

Ans.: Satish didn't want to go to a new school where he couldn't talk to the other children, where everyone would make fun of his deafness.

**4. What did Satish see at the far corner of the garden? why did it attract him?**

Ans. : Satish saw a bird at the far corner of the garden. Its restless energy attracted him.

**5. What effect did the books he read have on Satish?**

Ans.: The books that Satish read were meant for adults. That made him feel depressed and left a deep impression upon his sensitive mind. His own world is comfortable in comparison to the world outside.

**6. Describe the bird in the garden, which attracted Satish?**

Ans. : The bird had a long tail and black crest. It was restless and full of energy. Its eyes moved here and there and its whole body seemed ever ready to fly.

**7. How did the beautiful bird inspire Satish?**

Ans.: Satish stared at the bird for a long time. After it flew away he took out his note book and pencil and made a sketch of the bird. He soon began to spend a lot of time making different sketches

**8. Why was Satish's father against drawing?**

Ans.: Satish's father felt that artists do not make much money. He wanted a bright future for his son. He thought that it is possible only by studying hard. He thought drawing as waste of time.

**9. Satish's parents were both his well-wishers. But each cared for him in a different way. How?**

Ans.: Satish's father was optimistic and hoped that Satish's hearing would come back. Instead of wasting time on drawing, he wanted Satish to study. Satish's mother did not have the hope that he would recover. She was happy that her son had found good pass time in drawing and she did not want to stop him.

**10. Satish's father accepted that his son's destiny lay in canvas and paint. What did he promise to do? How did Satish express his gratitude?**

Ans.: Satish's father promised to find out the best school of arts so that Satish could make his life in the field of his choice. Satish's eyes filled with tears and he hugged his father tightly.

**11. Why was the school Satish going kept him out of the school?**

Ans: Due his frequent absence and his hearing problem, the school he was attending till then, kept him out of the school. They forced Avtar Narain to look for a new school.

**12. Why didn't Satish want to go to a new school?**

Ans: Satish didn't want to go to a new school because he couldn't talk to the other children, where everyone would make fun of his deafness.

**13. What made Avtar Narain angry?**

Ans: Avtar Narain had to look for different schools for his son Satish. But every school didn't want him to educate as he was not able to hear. They treated his son as dumb and asked Avtar Narain to look for other school. So he was angry.

**14. Why did Satish's father make expeditions to school? Was he successful? If not why?**

Ans: Satish was frequently absent from and he had hearing problem. So every school did not want him to admit. So Avtar Narain had to make expeditions to schools. But he was not successful. Because every school did the same thing for the same reason.

**15. How did Satish's brother Inder try to help him?**

Ans; Satish's brother Inder sat for hours with him and talked to hear him, teaching him words and pronunciation. He and his father spent time with him every day, talking to him trying to teach him things.

**16. what did satish see at the far corner of the garden? why did it attract him?**

Ans: Satish at the far corner of the garden saw a bird with a long tail and a black crest. Satish was attracted by its restless energy .Its eyes kept darting, its whole body was ready for flight any moment.

**17. How do you say that Satish's parents had difference of opinion about making his life?**

And: Satish's father always wanted him to study well and earn knowledge and become successful in life. But Satish was inclined towards painting .He opposed his son for that. But his mother felt drawing as a means of entertainment for her son.

**18. Which action of Satish changed his father's attitude?**

Ans: Satish was busy mixing the colours on his palette. Though he saw his father standing at the staring his painting, he continued with his mixing. This action of Satish changed his father's attitude.

**19.What was Satish unable to believe? Why?**

Ans: One day Satish's father sat beside him and put his hand on Satish's shoulder. Then Satish was unable to believe his father who was not angry with his painting.

**20.How did Satish express his gratitude to his father?**

Ans: Satish's eyes were filled with tears .he hugged his father tightly, his heart was full of love for his stem father who had atleast accepted that his destiny was in canvas and paint.

**21. Name the three fields in which Satish Gujral has made his name?**

Ans: Satish came to be popularly known as Satish Gujral. He is the famous artist from India. He is an accomplished artist with several forms of art like painting, sculpture and architecture. He is also a writer.

## Extracts

**1. "We will have to look for a neu school"**

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans -Satish's father

b. why did Satish's father have to look for a new school?

Ans.: Due to his frequent absence and hearing problem, the school Satish was attending, informed his father that they could not keep him.

c. What was the reason?

Ans.: Satish did not want to go to a school where he couldn't talk to other children and where they would make fun of his deafness.

**2. "You can learn a great deal of things just by reading"**

a. Why do you think Satish's father encouraged him to read?

Ans.: To get on in life, Satish's father wanted Satish to read.

b. How did reading influence Satish?

Ans.: As Satish began to read, it was as if a whole world opened out to him. He realized that there were others who had suffered more than him.

c. Was Satish successful in reading?

Ans- yes

**3. "This is an idle pass time. You would do better to read and get some knowledge".**

a. who was spending ideal time?

Ans : Satish was spending

b. What is an idle pass time according to the above statement?

Ans.: Drawing is an idle pass time according to the above statement.

c. Why does Satish's father give more importance to reading?

Ans.: Satish's father thinks that by reading Satish can make something out of his life, To get on in life, one has to read a lot.

**4. "You made do this very badly, don't you?"**

a. who is the speaker?

Ans- Satish's father

b. What do you think made Satish's father say this?

Ans.: Though his father was against it, Satish continued to draw and paint. His father realized that his son had a great love and talent for art.

c. What did he do soon after leaving the room?

Ans.: He bought paints, brushes of all shapes and sizes and several rolls of drawing sheets for Satish.

**5. "You will learn arts and make your life in your chosen field"**

a. Why did you think made Satish's father take this decision?

Ans. : Though his father was against it, Satish continued to draw and paint. His father realized that his son had a great love and talent for art.

b. How did Satish react to his father's decision?

Ans.: Satish's eyes filled with tears. He hugged his father tightly and his heart filled with love for his father

c. did Satish make his mark in life?

Ans : Yes he was successful as artist.

**6."It has been more than three years since he became ill, how do you possibly think that he can recover his hearing?"**

a. Who asked this question to whom?

Ans : Satish's mother asked this to his father.(her husband)

b. Are these words of pessimism?

Ans: yes, these are the words of pessimism. She lost her hope Satish could not recover his hearing.

c. Who was optimistic of recovery of his hearing?

Ans : Satish's father was optimistic of recovery of his hearing.

**7."Why do you take away his source of entertainment?"**

a. What was the source of entertainment? Who got that entertainment?

Ans: Drawing was the source of entertainment. Satish got that entertainment

b. Who took away his source of entertainment?

Ans: Satish took away his source of entertainment.

c. Why did speaker make this statement?

Ans : he did not want his son to make his life by drawing.

**1. "Satish Gujral became a great artist", support this statement mentioning a few of his achievements.**

**OR**

**"Physical disability is no barrier to success to Satish". Justify.**

Ans : Satish met with an accident at the early age of eight so he lost his hearing power. Due to frequent absence and hearing problem, the school he was attending informed his father that they could keep Satish. Other school also refused admission. His father and his brother spent much time with him and

provided many books. He developed his interest in painting. In the beginning his father discouraged him but later he accepted that his son's destiny lay in canvas and painting. He admitted his son to the best school of art and made his 'life in the chosen field. Satish Gujral is among the foremost artists of India and accomplished in several art forms like painting, sculpture and architecture.

**2 Narrate the circumstances of Satish's staying at home.**

**Or everything seemed like scenes from some pantomime show to Satish? Why?**

One holiday Satish was hiking with his father and brother. They were crossing a rickety bridge over some rapids. Satish looked down at swirling water below him. His foot slipped. He lost his balance and fell in the rapids. As a result of this his legs and ear were injured. His legs became weak. He suffered frequently from bouts of fever and infectious. He could never hear properly. The teacher did not allow him to come to school because he was weak in hearing and frequently absented for the class. His father tried to get admission to him in some other school but in vain. When he went outside to play with children they teased him. Therefore he was compelled to stay at home

**3. Describe the incident that changed the lonely and despairful life of Satish?**

One day he was looking gloomy in to the far corner of the garden, he saw a bird that was unlike any he had ever seen before it had a longish tail and black crest. But most interesting thing of a bird was its restless energy. For a long moment he stared at the bird. When it flew away he jumped down from his bed and took out his notebook and pencil he sketched the bird from his memory with a few deft strokes . he liked the picture and set against the stack of books on his bedside table. His father did not like painting initially but later supported well.