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**C. Answer the following questions in not more than 30-40 words each :**

**Q. 1. What did the paragraph of the newspaper describe about?**

समाचार-पत्र के पैराग्राफ में क्या वर्णन दिया गया था?

**Ans.** The paragraph of the newspaper described a boy who had fought with a tiger. Saving himself from the tiger, he had climbed up a tree where he stayed till some people came that way and killed the tiger.

**Q. 2. Did Swami agree with the theory of courage given by the father?**

क्या स्वामी अपने पिता द्वारा दिये गये साहस के सिद्धान्त से सहमत था?

**Ans.** Swami did not agree with the theory of courage given by his father.

**Q. 3. What did Swami think of the boy who was reported in the newspaper to have fought with the tiger?**

स्वामी ने उस बालक के बारे में क्या सोचा जिसके लिए समाचार पत्र में बाघ से लड़ने के बारे में सूचित किया गया था?

**Ans.** Swami thought of the boy that he was not a boy at all. How could a boy fight a tiger? He must have been a very strong and grown up person.

**Q. 4. Why did Swami's father want him to sleep alone?**

स्वामी के पिता उसे अकेला सुलाना क्यों चाहते थे?

**Ans.** Swami's father wanted him to sleep alone because he was frightful of sleeping alone. He wanted to develop courage in him. He always slept beside his granny in the passage.

**Q. 5. What did Swami do to avoid sleeping in his father's office room?**

स्वामी ने अपने पिता के ऑफिस कक्ष में सोने से बचने के लिए क्या किया?

**Ans.** Swami tiptoed away to his bed, curled and snored under the blanket, pleaded his father to let him sleep in the hall as his office room was very dusty and might have scorpions.

**Q. 6. How did Swami's mother try to protect him from his father's anger?**

स्वामी की माँ ने स्वामी को उसके पिता के क्रोध से बचाने का प्रयास कैसे किया?

**Ans.** Swami's mother asked Swami's father not to look at her. She didn't spoil Swami's habits. Swami's granny did so. In this way Swami's mother tried to protect him from his father's anger.

**Q. 7. What did Swami say to his father when he was taken to the office room for sleep?**

स्वामी ने अपने पिता से तब क्या कहा जब उसे सुलाने के लिए कार्यालय कक्ष में ले जाया गया था?

**Ans.** When Swami was taken to the office room for sleep, Swami pleaded his father to let him sleep in the hall. His office room was dusty. There might have been scorpions.

**Q. 8. What did Swami feel in the office room in the night?**

रात में कार्यालय कक्ष में स्वामी ने कैसा महसूस किया?

**Ans.** Swami felt himself cut off from the humanity. He was pained and angry at his father's cruelty. He hated the newspaper that had printed the news of the tiger.

**Q. 9. What thoughts came into the mind of Swami when he was sleeping alone in the office room?**

जब स्वामी कार्यालय कक्ष में अकेला सो रहा था तब क्या विचार उसके दिमाग में आये?

**Ans.** Swami remembered all the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life—the story of his friend, Mani, the story of Munisami's father and so on. His old friend carried off by a ghost.

**Q. 10. Why did Swami sleep under the bench?**

स्वामी, बेंच के नीचे क्यों सोया?

**Ans.** Swami slept under the bench because it seemed to be a much safer place, more compact and reassuring. He shut his eyes and encased himself in his blanket once again.

**Q. 11. What dream did Swami see in his sleep?**

नींद में स्वामी ने क्या सपना देखा?

**Ans.** A tiger was chasing him. His feet stuck to the ground. He desperately tried to escape but his feet would not move. He could hear tiger's claws scratch the ground.

**Q. 12. Why did Swami attack the burglar?**

स्वामी ने चोर पर आक्रमण क्यों किया?

**Ans.** Swami attacked the burglar because he thought that he was a devil. And he would tear Swami to shreds. His end had come. Why should he wait for the devil?

**Q. 13. How did Swami's classmates and other people react to the news of his fighting with the burglar?**

स्वामी के सहपाठियों तथा अन्य लोगों ने इस समाचार पर कि वह चोर से लड़ा, क्या प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त की थी?

**Ans.** His classmates looked at him with respect. His teacher patted his back. The headmaster said he was a true scout. The Police Inspector suggested to him to join the police.

**Q. 14. Do you think Swami's efforts made him fearless or courageous?**

क्या आपके विचार से स्वामी के प्रयासों ने उसे भयरहित अथवा साहसी बनाया?

**Ans.** I do not think that Swami's efforts made him fearless or courageous. Even after the burglar episode he again slept beside his granny. He felt relieved that his father was giving him up.

**Q. 15. What indicates Swami's sleeping beside granny again?**

स्वामी का पुनः अपनी दादी के बगल में सोना क्या इंगित करता है?

**Ans.** Swami's sleeping beside granny again indicates that he still fears from sleeping alone or sleeping in darkness. Burglar episode was a coincidence. He has not become a courageous boy yet.

**D. Answer the following questions in about 60 words each :**

**Q. 1. What kind of a person Swami was and what the people took him to be? Do you agree with the theory?**

स्वामी किस प्रकार का लड़का था और लोगों ने उसे क्या समझ लिया था? क्या आप इस सिद्धान्त/विचार से सहमत हैं?

**Ans.** Swami was a timid boy. He was afraid of darkness. He believed in ghosts and devils. He could not sleep alone. He used to sleep beside the grandmother at night although he was a boy of second form. But after the incident of catching and biting the burglar, people took him to be brave. His classmates respected him. His teachers praised him. Even the police inspector encouraged him.

**Q. 2. Describe Swami's character on the basis of the story : 'A Hero'.**

कहानी 'A Hero' के आधार पर स्वामी के चरित्र का वर्णन कीजिए।

**Ans.** Swami has a logical mind. He argues against his father's theory of courage. He is a coward boy. He is afraid of sleeping alone and in darkness. He is frightened of ghosts and evil spirits. He sleeps beside his granny. He is clever. He diverts the point of sleeping alone in the office room. He is a bit courageous. He catches the burglar.

**Q. 3. What impressions do you get of Swami's father?**

आप स्वामी के पिता के विषय में क्या विचार रखते हैं?

**Ans.** Swami's father is a broad-minded man. He loves his son. He is a wise man. He wants to teach discipline to Swami. Swami sleeps beside his granny. His father does not like it. He persuades and prepares him to sleep alone in darkness. He does not believe in ghosts and devils. He tries to remove the fright of ghosts and devils from Swami's mind.

**Q. 4. Do you think the title 'A Hero' is appropriate in the light of Swami's character? Discuss.**

स्वामी के चरित्र के सन्दर्भ में कहानी का शीर्षक 'A Hero' क्या उचित है? चर्चा करें।

**Ans.** In the light of Swami's character, the title of the story 'A Hero' is quite relevant. Here, it is a satirical title. Swami was a timid boy. He was afraid of sleeping alone in

darkness. He was frightened of ghosts and evil spirits. He was mistaken to be a hero whose one desperate act leads to the imprisonment of the most notorious house-breaker of the district.

**Q. 5. What have you come to know about the character of Swami's mother?**

स्वामी की माँ के व्यक्तित्व के विषय में आप क्या जानते हैं?

**Ans.** Swami's mother is not a caring mother. She does not know anything about the boy. Swami always sleeps with his granny. She loses her temper. When father pressurises Swami again to sleep alone and in darkness, she loses her temper. She says to him, 'You needn't risk Swami's life again. You let him sleep where he likes'. Overall, she is good.