

A Hero lesson notes for SSLC

Important questions and answers from A Hero prose

Q.I Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences each.

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

Answer: Swami's father drew his attention to a report in the newspaper which referred to the bravery of a village boy who had fought with a tiger.

2. Why did Swami's father want Swami to sleep alone in his office room?

Answer: Swami was sleeping beside his mother or granny like a baby. He was afraid of darkness and it was disgraceful. So his father challenged him to sleep alone in his office room to prove courage.

3. What was swami's comment on the newspaper report? How did his view differ from that of his father?

Answer: 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.

Q.II Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each.

4. How did Swami react when his father challenged him to sleep alone in the office room?

Answer: Swami tried to change the subject about the cricket club & captain. Then he said from next month onwards he- can sleep alone. Father didn't accept. Swami went quietly and secretly to his bed, covered the blanket completely. He pretended asleep until his father came and insisted to sleep in the office room. Swami gave many excuses that the office-room was dusty, the scorpions may live there, the room was dark etc.

5. How did Swami become a hero?

Answer: One-day Father read the newspaper report. It was about a village boy who fought with a tiger. His father challenged him to sleep alone in his office room that night. While he was sleeping there, he saw a moving figure. He thought it was a devil. He bit into its ankle. It was a burglar. His cry led to his arrest and Swami became a hero.

6. Narrate Swami's dreadful experience when he was lying in the office room?

Answer: Swami remembered the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life. 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 sleep he was racked with nightmares. A tiger was chasing him. His feet stuck to the ground. Swami tried to open his eyes but his eyelids would not open and the nightmare continued. Swami groaned in despair.

Q.III Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

7. "Aiyo, something has bitten me".

a) Who is the speaker?

Answer: The burglar.

b) Why had he been bitten?

Answer: Swami thought that it was the devil that had come to attack him. So, he bit him to save himself.

c) How did the speaker suffer as a result of being bitten?

Answer: The speaker, a burglar, shouted in pain. This brought the people of the house there leading to his arrest.

8. "Why don't you join the police when you are grown-up?"

a) Who does 'you' refer to?

Answer: Swami

b) What made the speaker say so?

Answer: Swami had bitten the burglar and helped to catch him.

c) What did Swami want to become later in his life?

Answer: A railway guard, a bus conductor or an engine driver.

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

a) Who was congratulated? Why?

Answer: Swami was congratulated. Because, he caught burgler.

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

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

c) Why was he considered as the true scout?

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

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

a) Who made this remark?

Answer: Swami

b) Why did he make this remark?

Answer: To escape from his father.

c) What does it show about his character?

Answer: He was cowardice and afraid to sleep alone.