

A Day in the Ashram

Important questions and answers for class 8

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

1. How do the boys discover their natural tastes?

Answer: A variety of handicrafts are taught and practiced in the afternoon classes. The boys try their hand at each of them and discover the handiwork that they like.

2. Who do we call Guru Deva in a day in the Ashram?

We call Rabindranath Tagore as Gurudeva. He named Shantiniketan in his song 'The darling of our hearts.'

3. What kind of work do the boys practice in the afternoon?

Answer: The boys practice carpentry, spinning, weaving, drafting, painting music etc in the afternoon. They learn these types of handwork.

4. What are Shantiniketam boys famous for.?

Answer: The Shantiniketan boys are famous for sports and games everywhere.

5. How do the boys spend their evenings before they go to bed?

Answer: The boys spend their evening before they go to bed by telling fairy tales, recitation of short dramas, singing of Gurudeva's songs and gatherings of different schools.

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

6. 'The darling of our hearts.'

a) What is 'darling of heart' here?

Answer: Shantiniketan

b) Who is the speaker?

Answer: Rabindranath Tagore

c) What does it mean?

Answer: It means that Shantiniketan is the beloved of all.

7. "Their faces tell the story of their joy and their freedom."

a) Who said this statement?

Answer: C.F. Andrews

b) Who are the 'they' referred here?

Answer: The boys of Shantiniketan

c) What freedom do the boys enjoy?

Answer: The boys enjoy freedom of in education, sports, handiwork and recreation.

8. 'Such living education can never be dull.'

a) This sentence is taken from _____ lesson?

Answer: 'A Day in the Ashram'

b) How is education carried on in Shantiniketan?

Answer: The education is carried on through conversation.

c) Why is it called 'living education'?

Answer: In Shantiniketan, very few books are used. A greater part of the education is through conversation between the teacher and the students.

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

9. How are the classes held in the afternoon in Shantiniketan?

Answer: In Shantiniketan, afternoon classes begin at 2 o'clock. These sessions mainly focus on handiwork, allowing boys to pursue their interests. The various skills taught include carpentry, spinning, weaving, drafting, painting, music, and more.

10. How do the boys spend their evenings in Shantiniketan?

Answer: In the evening, the boys play in the field, engaging in a variety of games, with football being particularly popular. After their games, they return from the playfields and sit together to meditate in silence for a short time.

11. How does Shantiniketan prepare the boys for life?

Answer: Shantiniketan, founded by Rabindranath Tagore, is different from other schools. It gives boys the freedom to learn what interests them. Teachers help them discover their talents. This way, the boys enjoy learning and develop skills that will help them in the future.

12. How are the classes at Shantiniketan different from the classes in other schools?

Answer: In Shantiniketan, classes are held outside under the trees. Small groups of boys sit with their teacher and discuss different topics. The boys are free to study what interests them. In other schools, there are fixed schedules and textbooks. Students have to memorize information and repeat it in exams, with no freedom to choose what they want to study.