

Chapter – 10

The Story of Cricket

Comprehension Check I

1. Cricket is originally a/an
- A. Indian game
 - B. British game
 - C. International game.

Answer:

Cricket is originally a British game.

2. “There is a historical reason behind both these oddities.”
In the preceding two paragraphs, find two words/phrase that mean the same as ‘oddities’.

Answer:

The two words that mean the same as ‘oddities’ are:

- Peculiarities
- Curious characteristics

3. How is a cricket bat different from a hockey stick?

Answer:

A cricket bat is different from a hockey stick as the bat is flat and straight while the stick is curved and bent at the bottom.

Comprehension Check II

1. Write True or False against each of the following sentences.

(i) Indian joined the world of Test Cricket before independence.

- (ii) The colonisers did nothing to encourage the Paris in playing cricket.
- (iii) Palwankar Baloo was India's first Test captain.
- (iv) Australia played its first Test against England as a sovereign nation.

Answer:

- (i) True
- (ii) True
- (iii) False

C.K. Nayudu was India's first Test Captain.

- (iv) False

Australia played its first Test against England while it was still a white-settler's colony.

Comprehension Check III

1. A 'professional' cricket player is one who makes a living by playing cricket. Find the opposite of professional in the last paragraph.

Answer:

The opposite of professional in the last paragraph is Amateur.

2. In 'the' triumph of the one-day 'game', 'triumph' means :

- (i) superiority of test cricket
- (ii) inferiority of test cricket
- (iii) achievement and success over test cricket
- (iv) popularity among viewers.

Answer:

(iv) popularity among viewers.

3. “-----the men for whom the world is a stage.”

(i) It refers to the famous cricket fields in the world.

(ii) It means that there are many cricket playing countries in the world.

(iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like the stage on which drama of a cricket match is enacted the world over.

Answer:

(iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like the stage on which drama of a cricket match is enacted the world over.

Working with the Text

1. Name some stick-and-ball games that you have witnessed or heard of.

Answer:

Some popular stick-and-ball games are Hockey, Golf, Polo and Snooker.

2. The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket. Why?

Answer:

The Parsis were a community of rich business men who were in close contact with the white settlers. They were one of the first people in India to adopt western ways of life and played cricket as a leisure sport.

3. The rivalry between the Paris and the Bombay Gymkhana had happy ending for the former. What does 'a happy ending' refer to?

Answer:

Here, the phrase 'Happy ending' refers to a definite victory. The Bombay Gymkhana was a colonisers' club that played cricket in Bombay. The Paris club and Bombay Gymkhana people often tussled over the common park for playing cricket. In 1889 the Paris club defeated the Bombay Gymkhana in a cricket match, thus ending the rivalry.

4. Do you think cricket owes its present popularity to television? Justify your answer.

Answer:

Yes, cricket owes its present popularity to television. It is the most wide broadcasted sports in the country and people spend hours glued to the television screen on days on important matches.

5. Why has cricket a large viewership in India, not in China or Russia?

Answer:

China and Russia are both communist country and do not play cricket. India, a former colony of the British Empire, has been playing cricket since pre-independence. It gained popularity as a colonial sport played against the colonisers and then the whites.

6. What do you understand by the game's (cricket) 'equipment'?

Answer:

The main equipment in cricket consists of bat, ball, stumps and bails. The players too put on protective equipment's like helmet, pads and gloves while playing the game.

7. How is test cricket a unique game in many ways?

Answer:

Test cricket is unique in itself since it can go on for five days without any conclusive victory and the match ending up as a draw between the teams, while no other game takes half as much time to finish. A football match, for examples, ends in 90 minutes.

8. How is cricket different from other team games?

Answer:

Cricket is different from other team games since it was the first game to be codified. The length of the pitch is specified as 22 yards, however there are no specific measurements for the shape or size of the ground. Cricket is played in various formats like five day test matches, one day internationals and now, even twenty twenty matches while other team games usually follow only one format. Also, unlike other team sport a cricket match could go draw without either of the team winning the match.

9. How have advance in technology affected the game of cricket?

Answer:

The advancement in technology has improved the manufacturing standards of protective equipment's. Vulcanised rubber is used to make pads and gloves, and helmets are made from lightweight

synthetic material. However, the basic equipment's (the ball & the bat) are still handmade.

10. Explain how cricket changed with changing times and yet remained unchanged in some ways.

Answer:

Cricket has changed with changing times and yet remained unchanged in some ways. The shape of the bat evolved over the time to its current flat and straight form. Earlier, it was made from one single piece of wood but now it has two components, the blade and the handle made of two different kinds of woods. Now, the players use protective equipment's made with technologically advanced material. However, the basic playing equipment's are still handmade.

Working with Language

1. Word search

- Twelve words associated with cricket are hidden in this grid.
- Six can be found horizontally and the remaining six vertically.
- Clues to the hidden words are given below.

A	O	V	E	R	D	C	Q	A	M
Z	B	S	M	F	C	X	E	P	A
B	O	U	N	D	A	R	Y	N	I
A	W	O	S	T	U	M	P	E	D
L	L	U	I	P	G	L	J	R	E
L	E	T	X	L	H	K	A	Z	N
X	D	R	A	W	T	Y	P	F	D
W	I	C	K	E	T	S	L	I	P

Horizontal: Six deliveries, four runs, attacked while out of areas, no result, stumps, fielder to the off side of the wicketkeeper.

Vertical: Stumps flying, back to the pavilion, a lofty one, mid-air mishap, not even one out of six, goes with bat.

Answer:

A	O	V	E	R	D	C	Q	A	M
Z	B	S	M	F	C	X	E	P	A
B	O	U	N	D	A	R	Y	N	I
A	W	O	S	T	U	M	P	E	D
L	L	U	I	P	G	L	J	R	E
L	E	T	X	L	H	K	A	Z	N
X	D	R	A	W	T	Y	P	F	D
W	I	C	K	E	T	S	L	I	P

2. Add-ly to the italicised word in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence using the new words. See the examples first.

- He runs between wickets as if his legs were stiff.
 - Why did the batsman swing the bat in such a violet manner? Why did the batsman swing the bat so violently?
- (i) It is obvious that the work has not been done in a proper way.
- (ii) He made the statement in a firm manner.
- (iii) The job can be completed within a week in an easy way.
- (iv) You did not play in a serious manner, or else you would have won the match.
- (iv) She recited the poem in a cheerful manner.

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3. Use the following phrases appropriately in place of the italicised words in the sentences given below.

As a matter of fact

we had better

See to it

be accident

as well

(i) Actually, I didn't intent to come to your place. I reached here without planning.

(ii) Sunil, there's a letter for you in today's post. There's one for me also.

(iii) Everybody thought I had composed the poem. The truth is my younger sister did it.

(iv) The doctor told the patient to make sure that he took his pills on time.

(v) It will be better for us to plan out trip before setting out.

Answer:

(i) Actually, I didn't intent to come to your place. I reached here without planning.

Actually, I didn't intent to come to your place. I reached here by accident.

(ii) Sunil, there's a letter for you in today's post. There's one for me also.

Sunil, there's a letter for you in today's post. There's one for me as well.

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(iv) The doctor told the patient to make sure that he took his pills on time.

The doctor told the patient to see to it that he took his pills on time.

(v) It will be better for us to plan out trip before setting out.

We had better plan out trip before setting out.

Speaking and Writing

1. Complete each of the following words using gh, ff, or f Then say each word clearly after your teacher.

- (i) e_ort
- (ii) _act
- (iii) con_ess
- (iv) lau_ing
- (v) enou_
- (vi) Hal_
- (vii) scru_
- (viii) rou_
- (ix) sti_ly
- (x) di_erence
- (xi) sa_ety
- (xii) _lush

Answer:

- (i) effort

- (ii) fact
- (iii) confess
- (iv) laughing
- (v) enough
- (vi) Half
- (vii) scruff
- (viii) rough
- (ix) stiffly
- (x) difference
- (xi) safety
- (xii) flush

2. Write two paragraphs describing a bus ride to watch a cricket match in a village. Using the following points. Add some of your own.

- Two-hour journey by bus
- an old and crowded bus
- Friendly passengers
- Visit to a village fair where the match is to be played
- the match between two village teams
- makeshift stumps, rough pitch and a rubber ball
- the match was enjoyable, but the trip was tiring

Answer:

Last week, my brother and I decided to go to our neighbouring village to watch a cricket match organised by the Gram panchayat. We woke up early on the day of the match, had breakfast, packed some snacks and headed to the bus stop. It was a two-hour long journey and the bus was old and crowded. We had to sit close with our knees knocking against each other's. The passengers were friendly and did not mind someone's head against their shoulders.

We got done at the main road and walked to the village fair where the match was to be played. It was a pleasant day and everybody was excited for the match to begin. The match was held between our native village and the host village, voluntarily umpired by the block officer who also the chief guest of the match. The organising panchayat had used makeshift stumps and rubber ball on a rough pitch for the friendly match. There were no pads, gloves or helmets. It was an enjoyable day, with our village team winning the match in the last moment but the trip was exhausting.