

Chapter : 8 My Childhood

Comprehension

A. Answer the following questions. (page : 96)

1. Kalam earned money during the second world war in two ways. Kalam collected tamarind seeds and sell them in a provision shop on Mosque Street. A day's collection would fetch him one anna. Kalam was also a newspaper boy by distributing newspapers he earned some money also. Kalam had a positive views about his jobs.

2. Kalam inherited the qualities of honesty and self-discipline from his father and from his mother he inherited faith in goodness and deep kindness.

3. Kalam had three close friends in childhood --- Ramanadha Sastry, Aravindan, Sivaprakasan. Ramanadha Sastry was the son of Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry, the high priest of the Rameswaram temple. Later he took over the priesthood of the Rameswaram temple from his father. Aravindan went into the business of arranging transport for Visiting pilgrims, and Sivaprakasan became a catering contractor for the Southern Railways.

4. When Kalam was in fifth standard a new teacher had come to the Rameswaram Elementary School. Kalam

used to sit in the front row next to Ramanadha Sastry. He did not like the idea of Kalam sitting with a Hindu priest's son. In accordance with social ranking, Kalam was asked to sit on the backbench. This behaviour was referred to as spreading poison. The young teacher was spreading the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance in the minds of innocent children.

5. Sivasubramania Iyer was the science teacher at Kalam's school. He did his best to break social barriers. He used to spend hours with Kalam. In this way he influenced young Kalam.

B. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

1.

a Kalam was a short boy so he says he has undistinguished looks. Kalam's parents were tall and handsome but he was short.

(b) Kalam used to live in his ancestral house. It was a large pucca house made of limestone and brick. It was situated in the Mosque Street in Rameswaram.

(c) Kalam's father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries. So, we can say that Kalam's father was austere.

2. (a) Sivasubramania Iyer was the science teacher at Kalam's school.

(b) One day Sivasubramania invited Kalam to his home for a meal. His wife was horrified at the idea of a Muslim boy being invited to dine in her ritually pure kitchen. She refused to serve him in the kitchen. Seeing this behaviour, Kalam was reluctant to join him for dinner again the next weekend.

(c) When Kalam visited Sivasubramania's house the next week, his wife took Kalam inside her kitchen and served him food with her own hands.

Word web (page : 97)

A. Complete the following sentences with take or make.

1. take

2. makes / made

3. make

4. take

5. make

B. Now choose the word from the given options that collocate. (Page 97)

1. serial

2. opportunity

3. mind

4. slightly

5. check

Grammar (page : 98)

Fill in the blanks with will / going to.

1. Will

2. Will

3. am going to

4. going to

5. will

6. going to

7. will

8. am going to

Study skills (page :99)

Choose from the brackets the correct spelling of the missing word in each of the following sentences.

1. Advised
2. Invoice
3. Sliced
4. Cowardice
5. Device
6. Edifice
7. Jaundice
8. licence