

Quick Recap

- A.**
1. The narrator and his brother lived in a hostel. The narrator was nine and his brother was fourteen years old.
 2. The elder brother often repeated the year in a particular class, therefore, he was only three grades ahead, though he was five years older than his brother.
 3. The elder brother reminded his brother about the futility of pride citing the example of Ravan. The younger brother had topped his class and the elder brother cautioned him against being arrogant about it.
 4. The elder brother said that British history was filled with names of kings, who had been named alike, causing much confusion among students. Also, a slight error of alphabet in geometry could cost a student the entire sum.
 5. The elder brother put in a lot of effort, studying till ten at night, and then starting again at four in the morning till nine thirty in the morning.
 6. Both the brothers were very upset because now there was only one grade separating the two brothers.
 7. The younger brother was probably much more intelligent than his older brother, and required much less effort than his brother in his studies.
- B.**
1.
 - a. The narrator was guilty of not studying and going out to play. He was silent because he could not reply that he had been playing outside.
 - b. His brother reminded him of the tremendous effort he had to put in to pass the examinations. This made the younger brother feel guilty.
 - c. The brother used to remind him of the money being spent on his education by their father.
 2.
 - a. The narrator drew a strict schedule for himself. It involved getting up at sunrise, freshening up at six, eating a snack and sitting down to study. The first two hours were to be spent on English, the next hour on Mathematics, half an hour for History, then meal time and

school. The afternoon would see him studying Geography from four to five, followed by half an hour's walk, then practising English Composition from six-thirty to seven, dinner, translation for another hour, Hindi from nine to ten, then a variety of subjects from ten to eleven, before going to bed.

This was done after the elder brother rebuked him for wasting his time in useless activities like playing and roaming about.

b. The narrator had set an unrealistic schedule for himself. He had provided no scope for play in that schedule. The playground, breeze and noise of children playing were the main distractions.

c. The narrator was determined to make his brother happy and satisfied.

d. No, the narrator was not able to follow it. This was because the narrator gave into the temptation of going out to play.

3. a. The younger brother was caught playing again by the elder brother who did not lose the opportunity to taunt him regarding his results and being just one grade away from his brother.

b. Wisdom does not come from bookish knowledge is what the line intends to convey.

Their parents may not have studied important books or know many facts, but they were still wiser and more experienced than their children. They were people whom one could turn to in times of distress.

c. The elder brother considered himself as the protector of his brother. He would make sure that his younger brother would never go off track.

d. The younger brother felt ashamed at the words of his brother. He realised that he was wrong and acquired a new respect for his brother.