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Chapter-10 The Story of Cricket

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Comprehension Check

Ans1: Cricket is originally a (ii) British game.

Ans2:

(i) peculiarities

(ii) curious characteristic.

Ans3: In early days, cricket bat and hockey stick had very slight difference. Now, hockey stick is made of single piece of wood and curved at bottom while cricket bat is flat and straight and made up of two pieces, the blade and the handle.

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Answer:

(i) True

(ii) True

(iii) False

(iv) False

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Ans1: Amateur

Ans2: (iv) popularity among viewers.

Ans3: (iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like a stage on which the drama of cricket is enacted the world over.

Working with the Text

Ans1: Hockey, Cricket, Baseball, Polo, Billiards are the few games.

Ans2: The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket as they were in close contact with the British because of their interest in trade and the first Indian community to westernize.

Ans3: The 'happy ending' refers to the victory of a Parsis team over the Bombay Gymkhana in a game of cricket in 1889, just four years after the foundation of the Indian National Congress in 1885.

Ans4: Definitely, cricket owes its present popularity to television. It helps in expansion of its audience as well as popularity to different countries and even in small towns and villages

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by broadcasting services. Matches played at one place can be viewed worldwide which resulted in its popularity as well as finance.

Ans5: Cricket is popular mostly in the colonial countries of British empire not the sovereign countries. India was only the part of the British empire not the China or Russia. Therefore, Cricket has large viewership in India, not in China or Russia. Moreover, TV companies have created a global market for cricket in India.

Ans6: The things which are necessary for playing the game are game's (cricket) 'equipment'. Like in cricket, ball, bat, wicket, helmets, gloves, pads are the requires things to play the match.

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Ans7: Test Game is Unique in the sense that even though it is played for five days, it ends in a draw. No other modern team sport takes even half as much time to complete.

Ans8: Cricket is different from other team games because it goes on for a longer time than any other games. It also has different formats like Test Cricket, One-day International and T-20 match and each game takes different time to get completed. Another a strange feature of Cricket is the playground that it can be of any size, only the length of the pitch is specified while in other games the dimensions of the playing area is specified.

Ans9: After the advancement of technology, players started wearing more protective equipment. The invention of vulcanized rubber made possible the use of pads. Satellites helped in increasing the popularity and audience of cricket. One can now watch live matches while sitting at home. Technology also helped in taking fair decisions while playing the game.

Ans10: With the change of time, technology get more advanced and players started wearing protective equipment. Earlier the bat was made of one piece, today it has a separate blade and handle. Decisions became more fair with motion sensor cameras. But still, both bat and ball are handmade, not industrially manufactured.

Working with Language

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

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Ans2:

- (i): It is obvious that the work has not been done *properly*.
- (ii): He made the statement *firmly*.
- (iii): The job can be completed within a week *easily*.
- (iv): You did not play *seriously*, or else you would have won the match.
- (v): She recited the poem *cheerfully*.

Ans3:

- (i): Actually, I didn't intend 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 *as well*.
 - (iii): Everybody thought I had composed the poem. *As a matter of fact*, my younger sister did it.
 - (iv): The doctor told the patient to *see to it* that he took his pills on time.
 - (v): *We had better* plan our trip before setting out.
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