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Discuss the following topics in small groups.

1. Is fighting the only way of resolving differences of opinion? What else can be done to reach a mutually acceptable settlement?

Answer: Fighting is not the only way to resolve a dispute. The best course is to start a dialogue with a cool head. In case they fail to agree on any point, they can appoint an arbiter or middleman acceptable to both.

2. Have you ever been in a serious fight only to realise later that it was unnecessary and futile? Share your experience/views with others frankly and honestly.

Answer: People usually quarrel over minor issues which can be resolved over a cup of tea. Such violent quarrels harm both the parties. In a war, no party actually wins. Both suffer equally and feel sorry later on. Every person can recall one or two occasions of this type.

3. Why do some of us find it necessary to prove that we are better than others? Will you be amused or annoyed to read the following sign at the back of the car in front of you? I May be going slow but I am ahead of you.

Answer: It is our common weakness to do better than others or to pull somebody down. Some pretend to be superior to others and try to hurt them. This is, in fact, a symptom of their inferiority complex. We should avoid ego clash.

MORE QUESTIONS SOLVED

I. SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. How has Rajpur's summer been described in the lesson 'The Fight'?

Answer: The earth was parched, the grass brown, the trees listless, hardly stirring, waiting for a cool wind or a refreshing shower of rain.

2. Why did the pool not dry even in the extreme summer?

Answer: The pool didn't dry up like the pools in the plains because the rocks held the water in it.

3. How did Suraj try to scare away Ranji? Did he get success in his mission?

Answer: Suraj tried to scare away Ranji by his strong built and gruff voice. But his effort proved in vain. Ranji, though weaker than Suraj, didn't feel scared. He came forward bravely and became ready to fight with Suraj.

4. Where was the second fight occurred. What was its result?

Answer: The second fight occurred across waters of the pool. But the two adversaries couldn't fight for long there. Soon, they became friends because both were tired and needed each other's help. Ranji promised to teach Suraj the art of swimming and Suraj offered to make Ranji a good wrestler.

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