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Comprehension Check

1. Cricket is originally a/an

- (i) Indian game.
- (ii) British game.
- (iii) international game.

Mark the right answer.

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

2. "There is a historical reason behind both these oddities." In the preceding two paragraphs, find two words/phrases that mean the same as 'oddities'.

Answer:

- peculiarities
- curious characteristic.

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

Answer: 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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Write True or False against each of the following sentences.

- (i) India joined the world of Test cricket before Independence.
- (ii) The colonisers did nothing to encourage the Parsis 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
- (iv) False

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

Answer:

Amateur

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

- (i) superiority to Test cricket.

- (ii) inferiority to Test cricket.
 - (iii) achievement and success over Test cricket.
 - (iv) popularity among viewers.
- Mark the right Answer..

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 a stage on which the drama of cricket is enacted the world over. Mark the right Answer.

Answer:

(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

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

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

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

Answer: 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 westernise.

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

Answer: 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.

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

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

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

Answer: 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.

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

Answer: 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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