Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Question Bank: The Wall**

1. **What would it mean by ‘The wall’ in Germany, China and India respectively?**

**Ans.** In Germany ‘The wall’ would mean the Berlin Wall and in China ‘The wall’ would mean the Great Wall. But, in India it would not be a place or a thing, it would be a person.

1. **What is Rahul Sharad Dravid also called as? Why?**

**Ans:** Rahul Sharad Dravid is also called as ‘The wall’ due to his ability to stay grittily at the crease. He is also called as Jammy, because his father worked for Kissan Jams.

1. **At what age did Rahul Dravid start playing cricket?**

**Ans:** He started playing cricket at the age of twelve.

1. **What did he lack in? How did he make up for it?**

**Ans:** He lacked in natural athleticism but he made up for it by working hard.

1. **Why did Rahul Dravid become a wicket that bowlers prized?**

**Ans:** As he lacked in athleticism, he quickly became a wicket that bowlers prized.

1. **When did Dravid taste success in ODI format? What was required for him to succeed in**

**ODI cricket?**

**Ans:** His success in ODI format was slower to come. It required reinventing his playing style while still maintaining his ability to build an impregnable defence.

1. **What did Dravid’s intense concentration help him achieve?**

**Ans:** Dravid’s intense concentration helped him to make a name for himself as a wicketkeeper and one of the greatest slip fielders the game has known.

1. **How many catches did Dravid take in international cricket?**

**Ans:** He took 406 catches in International cricket.

1. **Mention the years in which Dravid represented India. How are his innings described?**

**Ans:** Dravid represented India from 1996-2012. His innings are described to be understated yet powerful.

1. **To whom was he an anchor during his active years? Which club did he become a part of?**

**Ans:** During his active years from 1996-2012, Rahul Dravid was an anchor of a new, defiant Indian side that remade into a force to be reckoned with. Rahul Dravid became a part of the elite club of cricketers to have scored more than 10,000 runs in both ODIs and Test matches.

1. **When did Dravid announce his retirement from all forms of first-class cricket?**

**Ans:** Dravid announced his decision to retire from all forms of first class cricket on 9th March

2012.

1. **What is Dravid called? Whom does he coach and mentor?**

**Ans:** Dravid is called the embodiment of the ‘gentleman’s game.’ He coaches young cricketers

and mentors aspiring professional sportsmen.

1. **When was the felicitation ceremony held?**

**Ans:** The felicitation ceremony was held on 27th March 2012 when Rahul Dravid gave a speech.

1. **What chance did the first three weeks of retirement give Rahul Dravid?**

**Ans:** The first three weeks of retirement gave him a chance to sort of sit back and take everything in, and look back on what, for him was a dream come true.

1. **What were the opportunities for playing for India that Rahul mentioned about in his**

**speech?**

**Ans:** Playing for India gave him the opportunity to travel the world, to play on some of the greatest grounds in the world, in cities and countries that he had heard of only on radio. He got the opportunity to play on the greatest grounds and to play against some of the greatest players.

1. **Mention the three players Rahul Dravid would search in the newspaper what they had**

**done.**

**Ans:** He would wake up and picking up the newspaper, he would see what Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev and G R Viswanath had done.

1. **How has cricket given a life of experiences to Rahul Dravid?**

**Ans:** Cricket gave different opportunities to play on the great grounds, to play against some of the greatest of players that he had grown up looking up to and the experiences were fantastic.

1. **What has he experienced as a first class cricketer?**

**Ans:** As a first class cricketer he has experienced some unbelievable victories and crushing defeats in his career.

1. **What did Rahul Dravid realize?**

**Ans:** Rahul Dravid realized that everything does pass and that we can endure, we can survive. Playing for India humbled him. It made him appreciate how lucky he was to be able to do what he did for so long.

1. **Who are the people behind the scenes, Rahul mentioned in his speech.**

**Ans.** Rahul Dravid put on record and recognised the people behind the scenes like the groundsmen, scorers, umpires and people who would organise a game. He also added it had not been the culmination of his efforts but the efforts of these people has made his dream possible.

1. **Without whom would the game not be possible?**

**Ans:** People who selflessly do honorary jobs to make the game possible, to set the stage for them are the ones who make the hundreds possible. They are the ones who make the memories of a fantastic game possible

1. **Who all does he thank in his speech?**

**Ans:** Rahul Dravid in his speech says that he is thankful to each of his coaches who have helped him become a better cricketer, and a better person. He also thanked all his senior cricketers, his heroes, and all his role models who inspired him.

1. **Why does he thank everybody?**

**Ans:** He was thankful to his coaches, senior cricketers, heroes and his role models for leaving behind a legacy, a legacy that he tried to take forward.

1. **What did Rahul Dravid say about the people who are not considered great in the book of**

**Indian history?**

**Ans:** He said that the people who are not considered great, at least statistically in the book of Indian history, in his eyes even they, everyone who played with him and with an intention to win, with a desire to win was a hero.

1. **How does he thank all his teammates?**

**Ans:** He says that he has learned so much from them and that it was inspiring to watch people work hard and struggle so much and yet not achieve what they wanted to, but still come back and do it again and again. He thanks all of them for the memories and the friendships.

1. **What does he say about Indian cricketers being treated poorly and how did it change**

**then?**

**Ans:** He says that he remembers how Indian cricketers were sometimes treated poorly when they went for tours in 1996. India was the team that was sent to some smaller grounds. But, he says that a lot changed because of the performance of the players, and also because of the work that has been done by various officials.

1. **At the end of his speech, what did he say to the Indian team at that time?**

**Ans:** Rahul Dravid tells the Indian team, present at that time, that though he might not be playing for India then, he will watch with great interest what he thinks is extremely exciting and really talented group of cricketers. He hopes that Indian cricket will always be a strong force, on the field as well as off the field. He says he will take a great pleasure in watching the team achieve great things.