

**A HERO- R.K. NARAYAN
QUESTION BANK**

I] Four alternatives are given. Choose the best answer.

1] The boy who fought the tiger stayed on the tree for half-a-day because he

- a] wanted to watch the tiger from the top.
- b] wanted to rest for some time.
- c] was waiting for help.
- d] did not like the tiger

2] Swami's father asked him to sleep alone in the office room as he ..

- a] wanted him to catch burglar.
- b] wanted him to prove that he had courage.
- c] wanted him to look after the office.
- d] wanted him to prove that he had strength.

3] "Aiyo! Something has bitten me." The something was

- a] a scorpion b] a tiger
- c] a devil d] Swami

4] A burglar is a person who.....

- a] enters a house to steal b] kills a tiger
- c] writes for newspaper d] bites other people

5] Swami decided to sleep under the bench because.....

- a] he felt it was a safe place b] it was near the door
- c] it was not dust d] it was made of wood

6] For Swami events took an unexpected turn because

- a] his father was angry with him.
- b] his father read about a newspaper report.
- c] his home work was not done
- d] his exams were near

6] Swami thought that the boy in the report was not a boy but a grown-up person because

- a] he knew him
- b] he felt he was a coward
- c] he was sure no boy could fight with tiger
- d] he was sure he was a courageous person

7] 'A Hero' is the lesson written by.....

- a] R.K.Narayan b] K.R.Raja Rao
- c] T.P. Kailasam d] Kuvempu

8] R.K.Narayan is widely considered to be the great English language.....

a] writer b] poet c] Novelist d] short story writer

9] According to Swami's father, how should Swami show his courage

a] Sleep alone tonight in his office room.

b] Sleep besides his granny

c] Fight with the tiger d] Do brave acts

10] Swami disliked to sleep in his office room because.....

a] There may be scorpions

b] Room was dusty c] He had fear to sleep alone

d] He is not interested to prove his courage

11] The report said that the boy (who fought with the tiger) stayed on the tree for half-a-day. Why did he do so?

a] He wanted to watch the tiger from the top of a tree

b] He wanted someone to kill the tiger

c] He wanted to take rest for some time.

12] Swami saw a moving creature in the room. Was it.....

a] His shadow? b] A scorpion c] A man?

13] The place where Swami usually slept besides.....

a] Granny b] father c] friends d] police

II] Answer the following questions in 2 or 3 sentences each.

1] Swami's father drew his attention to a report in the news paper. What was the report about?

OR What was the special news about the bravery of village lad?

2] What comment did Swami make when he heard the newspaper report? How did his view differ from that of his father?

3] What challenge did Swami's father put to him?

4] In which part of the office did Swami decide to sleep. Why did he select this place?

5] As the night advanced Swami felt that something terrible would happen to him. What would it be? How would it happen?

6] What did Swami feel when he saw something moving in the darkness? What did he do?

7] Why were congratulations showered on Swami?

8] Why did Swami feel relieved at the end?

9] How was Swami honoured by his classmates, teacher and the headmaster?

10] Do you think Swami really wanted to join the police? If not, what did he want to be?

11] "You must sleep along hereafter," said Swami's father. By doing so, what was Swami supposed to prove?

12] What were the excuses given by Swami in order to escape from sleeping along?

13] How did Swami's father react when Swami did not agree that courage was more important than strength and age?

- 14] Who do think was wiser. Swami or his father? Justify your preference.
- 15] What habit of sleeping was disgraceful according to Swami's father?
- 16] "Can you prove you have courage?" Swami's father said
- Was he joking? Or, serious?
 - Was it a challenge? Or, command?
- 17] What do you think was the practice of granny before she went to bed?
- 18] Why do you think Swami looked at his granny and his mother while following his father to the room?
- 19] "There might be scorpions before your laws books,?" Said Swami.
- Had he seen them earlier Or were there scorpions really?
 - Was it a trick to escape from his father?
- 20] As silence deepened in the room, what was Swami reminded of?
- 21] Who did father, cook and a servant stumble upon?
- 22] Did Swami muster up courage to sleep alone after the burglar's incident?
- 23] Why did Swami conclude that his father's proposition was frightful?
- 24] There was absolute silence in the room. In spite of it, some noises reached Swami's ears. What were they?
- 25] Why did father want Swami to sleep alone in the office room?

III] Read each of the following extracts and answer the questions given below:

- 1] "Leave alone strength. Can you prove you have courage?"
- What was the view of Swami's father regarding courage?
 - How did he want his son to prove that he had courage?
 - When did the speaker say so?
- 2] "A frightful proposition, Swami thought"
- What was the frightful proposition?
 - Why did Swami regard it as frightful?
 - What does 'proposition' mean in this context?
- 3] "You must sleep alone hereafter!"
- Who did he usually sleep with?
 - Why did Swami's father want him to sleep alone?
 - Where was Swami asked to sleep?
- 4] "Your office room is very dusty and there may be scorpions behind your law books".
- Why did Swami make this remark?
 - What does it reveal about his character?
 - When did Swami make this remark?
- 5] "He wished that the tiger had not spared the boy"
- What do the underlined words imply?
 - Why did Swami have such thoughts?

C] How can you say that swami would have been happy if the tiger had not spared the boy?

6] "Aiyoo, something has bitten me"

a] Who is the 'me'?

b] Why had he been bitten?

c] How did the speaker suffer as a result of being bitten?"

7] The inspector said, "Why don't you join the police when you are grown up?"

a] Why do you think the inspector said this?

b] Do you feel Swami would be happy to do so?

c] What was Swami's reply?

8] "Congratulations were showered on Swami next day"

a] Why was Swami congratulated?

b] Do you feel Swami deserves the praise? Give reason.

c] What does congratulation mean in the context?

9] "No wonder he wanted to be asleep before I could return home. clever boy!"

a] Why do you think Swami had gone to sleep before his father's return?

b] Do you think his father was angry with him for this? Give a reason to support your answer.

c] Why do you think Swami had gone to sleep before his father's return?

10] "Why do you look at me when you are saying it".?

a] Who does 'me' refer to?

b] What did he say?

c] Who should he look at and why, according to the speaker?

IV] Answer each of the following questions in a paragraph of 8-10 sentences:

1] A report about a boy in the news paper was an unexpected event in Swami's life. Justify.

2] What desperate attempts did Swami make to escape from his father?

3] Narrate Swami's dreadful experience when he was lying under the bench.