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ANSWER KEY	Topic: FATHER'S HELP (PROSE)	Note: To be written in notebook

A1. Answer these questions.

1. Did Swaminathan like going to school? Pick out examples from the story to support your answer.
A1. **Swaminathan hated going to school. His dislike for school was made apparent when he faked a headache to escape from going to school.**
2. What was the difference between Swaminathan's mother's and father's reactions towards his 'headache'?
A2. **Swaminathan's mother was sympathetic towards his condition and suggested that he can stay home. However, his father wouldn't hear any of his reasons and made him go to school regardless of his condition.**
3. Who was Samuel? How did Swami portray him?
A3. **Samuel was a teacher in Swaminathan's school. Swaminathan had portrayed him as a violent bloodthirsty man who enjoyed beating his students and making them bleed by caning and making them stand on their knees throughout the entire day.**
4. What did Swami's father give for the headmaster?
A4. **Swami's father gave him a letter that he wanted Swami to hand over to his headmaster. The letter was a complaint regarding the conduct of the teacher Samuel and how he should be fired from his job as a teacher and handed over to the police with a detailed account of his violent behavior as Swami had described.**
5. Was Samuel as ruthless as Swami had described him? Give examples in support of your answer.
A5. **Samuel was not as ruthless as Swami had described him. He was far more patient and did not punish Swami for arriving late in class nor did he cane him for not having done his homework. He gave him repeated warnings when Swami began disrupting the class but did not hit him until the very end.**
6. Why was Swami shouting in the class?
A6. **Swami was confused because he had made up stories about Samuel being a very violent teacher. Thus, he wanted the account of his violence as given by Swami to be justified so he kept shouting and disturbing the class to get a strong and angry reaction out of Samuel.**
7. Was Swami able to give the letter to the headmaster? Why?
A7. **Swami wasn't able to give the letter to the headmaster since the headmaster had taken the day off that afternoon.**
8. What eventually happened to the letter?

A8. The letter was ultimately brought back home by Swami and then ended up in the waste paper basket after being torn up by his father.

A2. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. *I have a headache.*

a. Who said these words and to whom?

These words were said by Swami to his mother.

b. Did the person really have a headache? Why did he say he had a headache?

Swami didn't really have a headache. He was pretending to have one so he could get out of going to school.

c. What was the immediate outcome of these words?

The immediate outcome of this was that Swami's mother told him that he could stay home that day and not go to school.

2. *I am not shouting, Sir. This is my ordinary voice that God has given me.*

a. Who said this and to whom?

Swami said this to his teacher, Samuel.

b. What did the speaker expect would happen?

Swami expected that Samuel would react very angrily and violently at his disruption and cheekiness and would proceed to cane him and beat him up as punishment.

c. What happened as a result?

The teacher became angry as a result of his shouting and asked him to shut up and sit down.

3. *Don't lie in addition to being a coward...*

a. Who said this and to whom?

Swami's father said this to Swami.

b. Did someone really tell a lie?

Swami had lied about the conduct of his teacher in school and how he was a violent man which wasn't exactly the case.

c. Did the story end satisfactorily?

The story did have satisfactory ending for Swami since he no longer had to withstand the burden of causing harm to his teacher because of his lies and in turn was saved from a great deal of trouble.