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Ch 3

1. No, this text is not written in the form of a diary although it mentions two dates. The dates are mentioned because the events of the story take place on those two days. And the dates—at least the first one—are important because India won the 1983 cricket World Cup on that day.

2. Although Saccho, the boy in the story, plays cricket very well, he is treated like an ordinary boy. He is nervous when a ball he hits crashes through a window. He runs from the society's watchman when he crashes a lamp at the gate. His elder brother won't let him play with the big boys although he wants to, and he is given a chance only when the bigger boys are one player short. So he gets no special treatment.

3. No, Saccho was not equally excited about the 1983 match before, while and after it took place. At first, he was hardly aware of the final match; he heard about it from his elder brother when he asked why they wouldn't play longer. He began to watch it with others, but found it too slow and went away to follow his favourite tennis player instead. He came back to watch the match and finally, when India won it, he felt excited and took part in the celebrations.

4 a. This line means that when India won the World Cup in 1983, they were considered underdogs—no one really expected them to win. But they did win the World Cup and by doing that, they wrote a great—possibly the greatest—story in cricket of an underdog team making it big.

b. Yes, it is possible that people were even more delighted with the win because few people had really believed it could actually happen. They were thrilled because the win came as a great and very welcome surprise.

5. Ajit played cricket at the residential society with the bigger boys. He stopped his game to watch the World Cup final with his other neighbours. Unlike his younger brother, he was not discouraged by the slower pace of the game; rather, he commented excitedly on how the match was progressing. After India won the match, he and his friends kept recalling key moments from it well into the night. All these show Ajit's interest in cricket.

6 a. There were no deadlines that night because something very important—one can say historic—had happened: India had won the cricket World Cup. We know that there were no deadlines because Saccho, who was only a 10-year-old, was discussing the match at 2 a.m. with others after dancing and rejoicing on the streets.

b. No, we can guess that there were no deadlines for anyone that night—not just Saccho and his friends—because the text says that the atmosphere was like that of a carnival, with drums drumming, crackers cracking and so on. We can guess that it was not just Saccho and his gang who were out so late.

Ch 4

1. The astounding event was that Matilda had made a glass of water fall all over Miss Trunchbull without touching it, using the power of her mind. Matilda did not confide in her parents because they did not understand her very well. So Matilda did not think that they would believe her or understand her.

2 a. Miss Honey became alert when Matilda told her that something very peculiar had happened to her. She felt alert because she had already been thinking about Matilda and felt concerned about her. When she had discussed the girl with her parents and Miss Trunchbull, the meetings had been unsuccessful, and now Matilda was looking strange and asking to discuss something odd.

b. Once Miss Honey felt alerted by Matilda's words and her expression, she gave all her attention to the child. She listened to her calmly and carefully, and even when Matilda claimed something impossible to believe—that she had made the glass fall over without touching it—Miss Honey did not reject it straightaway but went on talking about it and gave Matilda a chance to prove herself.

3. The speaker, Miss Honey, wants Matilda to tip the glass over again, using her willpower, as Matilda claimed to have done. At this point, Miss Honey still could not believe what Matilda was saying. She thought Matilda had imagined that she had made the glass fall and wanted to show that to the child, but as gently and kindly as possible. That is why she was being very patient and gentle with the child.

4. a. In saying that Matilda “seemed so far away”, Miss Honey meant that Matilda had been so completely involved in performing the act of magic that it seemed to have transported her into another world altogether.

b. Yes, Matilda sounds like she had enjoyed the experience as she calls it wonderful. Also, the imagery of flying past stars on silver wings sounds beautiful. It sounds a little different from the description given in para 40 where it says ‘the hotness was coming into the eyeballs’ and ‘she kept shouting inside her head’. The description in para 40 sounds like hard work, whereas the description offered by Matilda in para 43 sounds smooth and easy.

5. The fact that Miss Honey gives Matilda the chance to prove herself even when she doesn't believe her tells us that she is patient and understanding. We also learn that she cares enough about Matilda to listen to her and help her. These qualities give us confidence that she is the right person for Matilda to confide in.

Poem 2

1. The speaker of the poem is someone who used to look at the banyan tree as a child. The poem is addressed to the banyan tree.

2. The speaker compares himself to the birds that used to live in the banyan tree because the birds lived and grew up in the branches of the banyan tree and then flew away. Similarly, the speaker grew up and perhaps left the place. He thinks that the tree has forgotten the birds and wonders if it has forgotten him too.

3. a, b and d

4 a. The tree's shadow would move in this manner when the women dipped their jars in the pond. That dipping would break up the stillness of the water and along with it, the tree's reflection on the water.

b. The shadow has been compared to sleep struggling to wake up. This comparison may have been made because the still water was disturbed and the black shadow wriggled. Sleep giving way to waking up means stillness changing into movement—slow and small movements, because sleep is ‘struggling’; it is not waking up at once.

5. The child wished to be the wind that blew through the tree’s branches; to be the tree’s shadow so that he would always be near it; to be a bird that sat on the treetop; and to float near the tree like the ducks, sheltered by the shade of the tree. No, he does not mention that he simply wanted to sit near the tree. He says he wished to be different elements in nature.

6. The poem also describes the pond by the tree. It says that the pond was right beside the tree. Women would come to fill their jars at the pond and that would shake up the reflection of the tree on the water of the pond. Sunlight danced on the ripples. Two ducks swam on the pond. The speaker, as a boy, wished to be the shadow of the tree on the water and float like the ducks on it.

EXTRA:-

Ch 3

1. Who was the most famous Tendulkar at that time? Why has the author referred to him?

Ans: The most famous Tendulkar at that time was Vijay Tendulkar, a writer. The author has referred to him as the most famous Tendulkar because Sachin was still a boy of ten then but who would grow up to be the most famous Tendulkar later

2. How is Saccho feeling after he was not able to play on Saturday? Why?

Ans. Saccho is feeling restless and impatient, because he wants to play a fast and energetic game for at least a few hours.

RTC

“ When I think you’re good enough, I’ll be the first one to let you in.”

i. Who is talking to whom in the above line?

Ans. Sachin’s elder brother is talking to him in this line.

ii. What were they talking about?

Ans. They were talking about cricket.

iii. What does this line tell us about the relationship between two brothers?

Ans. This line tells us that the two brothers understood each other quite well

Ch 4

1. Why do you think Miss Honey is ‘smiling a little’?

Ans. Miss Honey is ‘smiling a little’ because she is trying to be kind and helpful to Matilda, but she still can not believe what Matilda is saying.

2.What did Matilda share with Miss Honey?

Ans: Matilda confided in Miss Honey that it was she who was responsible for the glass toppling over Miss Trunchbull. Miss Honey refused to believe this as she said Matilda was nowhere near the glass. Matilda then explained how she did it just with her eyes as she was angry at being accused of something she had not done.

RTC

“Neither her mother nor her father would be of any use for they would not believe her, not realize what an astounding event had taken place in the classroom that afternoon.

i. Whose parents are mentioned in the above lines?

Ans. Matilda’s parents are mentioned in the above lines.

ii. Why would they not be of any use?

Ans. They were not the kind of parents who took interest in their child’s education or knowledge. They would ask her to watch TV rather than read books.

iii. Who did she want to confide in, if not her parents?

Ans. The one person who Matilda thought would listen to her was Miss Honey and Matilda wanted to confide in her.