

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

Class 6

English Literature

Answers

1. What made the writer's mother a remarkable woman?

Answer 1) the writer's mother was a remarkable woman. She was industrious and intelligent and extremely knowledgeable at the same time. She was an excellent sports person, adept in both indoor and outdoor games. Apart from playing tennis, badminton and golf she was also a locally unbeaten chess champion. She played a good game of cards (bridge) and carom as well. She practiced numerous hobbies and tried out a wide range of recipes. All this however, did not keep her away from books. In spite of not receiving any formal education she read a lot of Tamil and Sanskrit books including English translations. The author was always awestruck by her story telling abilities. She knew several myths and legends and narrated stories from the Ramayana and Mahabharata. He recalls all the chats, jokes and stories that they shared with her and says that those were some very special moments that always make him feel happy.

2. What things did she do at home?

Answer 2) the writer's mother kept herself busy throughout the day. Despite having a cook and many servants at home, she took a lot of interest in household activities. She cooked at times, baked short cakes and butter biscuits and also prepared a toothpowder following a home recipe. She had made a new kind of fuel for the boiler and in summer she would roll out papads and let them dry on the terrace.

3. What were her hobbies?

Answer 3) the author's mother had several hobbies. One of them was to buy colour pictures of Gods and human beings. She would dress them up with bits of cloth, mirrors, beads and sequins.

Their mother was good at both tennis and badminton. She also played golf. She was the unbeaten local chess champion. She played a good game of bridge as well. At home she also joined her children for carom and card games.

She also read a lot. There was nothing she did not know about books in Sanskrit and Tamil. She learnt about what was happening in English books by reading translations. We boys would read to her and tell her everything we found in books and magazines.

4. What kind of sports did she enjoy?

Answer 4) the writer's mother was a very skilled sports person. She was equally adept in both indoor and outdoor sports. She was good at tennis and badminton and also played golf. She was the unbeaten local chess champion. She played a good game of bridge and also joined the children for carom and card games at times. She thoroughly enjoyed sports and games of all kinds.

5. Was she a good story teller? How do we know that?

Answer 5) the narrator's mother was indeed a very good story teller. Whatever the author knew he says, he learnt from her. She was an avid reader who knew all about the books in Tamil and Sanskrit. She knew innumerable myths and legends and often told her children stories from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

6. Was she fond of reading? How do we know that?

Answer 6) the writer's mother was very fond of reading. There was nothing she did not know about books in Sanskrit and Tamil. She learnt about what was happening in English books through translations. Her children would also read to her and tell her everything they found in books and magazines.

7. What was her source of entertainment?

Answer 7) the author's mother engaged herself in a variety of activities which kept her busy throughout the day and also served as a source of entertainment to her. Apart from practicing her hobbies, playing both indoor and outdoor games, reading, she also narrated stories to her children from the epics. At night, during bedtime she would entertain herself by chatting, cracking jokes and advising her children on various subjects as they would gather around her.

8. " Whatever I know I learnt from her."

(i) Was mother literate or illiterate?

Answer 8)

Ans (i) the author's mother was not only literate but also a very knowledgeable lady. Although she never received a formal education from any school or college, she read on her own extensively. There was almost nothing she did not know about Tamil and Sanskrit books.

(ii) What could she read?

Ans (ii) although the writer's mother had never stepped into a school or a college she could read both Tamil and Sanskrit very well. She knew all about Tamil and Sanskrit books and legends.

(iii) How was she helped by her sons?

Ans (iii) the author's mother learnt what was happening in English books by reading translations. Her sons would help her by reading out to her and telling her everything they came across in English books and magazines.

(iv) What stories did she relate?

Ans (IV) The writer's mother knew a whole lot of myths and legends. She told her children about those and also narrated stories from epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata.

(v) How does the writer feel about his mother?

Ans (v) the writer is fascinated by his mother. Her skills, knowledge and pleasant disposition always makes him feel how remarkable a woman she is. Whatever he knew, he learnt from her. Reminiscing the moments he spent with his wonderful mother never fails to make him happy.

1. A) Make sentences:

Recipe: My grandmother has a special recipe for pecan pie that she refuses to share with anyone but me.

Terrace: Raghu climbed up to the terrace in order to get a clear view of the rainbow that formed in the sky after the rain.

Ugly: The nanny used to scare my younger brother by telling him stories about an ugly and dangerous looking ogre whenever he refused to sleep.

Vessel: The copper vessel shone brightly after being scrubbed with tamarind paste.

Unbeaten: Rita is the unbeaten topper of our class.

Chat: Youngsters should not intervene when adults chat among themselves.

1. B) Match the following:

1. Tennis - A game in which a ball is hit with.      Rackets across a net.

2. Badminton- A game played with rackets and a shuttle cock.
3. Chess - A game played on a board with black and white squares.
4. Golf - A game in which a ball is hit hard with a stick.
5. Bridge - A card game for four players
6. Carom - A game played on a board with a striker.

1. C) Explain these expressions used in the text.

1. Dress up - To put on clothes and accessories to improve the look
2. in fashion - In trend with the times.
3. Step into - To enter
4. Come up to - To climb up

2. A) Fill in the blanks with words from the passage.

1. My mother was a remarkable women. We had many servants.
2. We would often try to help her.
3. She was good at many games.
4. She would dress up pictures of Gods and human beings.
5. I learnt many things from her.
6. She could read books in Sanskrit and Tamil.
7. She told us stories from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

2. B)

Complete the following sentences.

1. Mother would bake shortcakes and butter biscuits for us.
2. She let us do what we liked.
3. One of her hobbies was to buy colour pictures of Gods and human beings.
4. She was the unbeaten local chess champion.
5. She would chat and play with us at night.

6. Whatever I know, I learnt from her.

7. How many myths and legends she knew!