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About the Author

R.K. Narayan, given name Rasipuram Krishnaswami Narayanswami, was born on October 10th, 1906 in Madras, India. India was at the time a British colony. Alongside Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao, Narayan was one of the leading authors in early Indian Literature in English. He has often been compared to American author William Faulkner for the way he explores the everyday lives of characters within a social context and for the use of his fictional town in South India, Malgudi. R.K. Narayan's Malgudi Schooldays combines both these pleasures. It is the story of a schoolboy Swami living in a small town, Malgudi, which is somewhere in South India. Swami and his friends are not so different after all, from the schoolboys of today. Like so many children, swami has problems with disciplining father and is petted by his mother and grandmother. In school Swami has friends, best friends, and enemies.

R.K. Narayan, the author of this book, was one of the early Indian writers writing in English. He lived almost all his life in Mysore, which, in his writing became Malgudi, a little town through which a river flows. By the end of his life, he had readers throughout the world. One wonders whether Narayan recreated his childhood in his stories of Swami and his friends. He certainly knew that the world of children is not always happy and carefree. Swami has his share of problems and troubles, both at home and in school.

A1. Answer these questions.

1. What was Swaminathan doing when Rajam arrived?
Ans: When Rajam arrived, Swaminathan was sitting in a dark corner of the house trying to make a camera with a cardboard box and a spectacle lens.
2. Who was better at coming up with names for the team?
Ans: Swaminathan was better at coming up with names for the team.
3. What was Swaminathan's opinion about selecting MCC as the name?
Ans: Swaminathan did not want MCC to be the name of their team as Hobb's team had the same name. Because of this, they could land up in court.
4. Which conditions, according to Swaminathan, might lead to the government not recognising their cricket team or its name?
Ans: According to Swaminathan, having two names for their team as well as not paying taxes for the same might lead to the government not recognising their team.

5. Why did Rajam want to buy three bats? Who objected to it and why?

Ans: Rajam wanted to buy three bats so that if in case one of them broke, they would not have to stop playing. Mani objected to it as he did not want to waste money.

6. What were Mani's objections to the letter?

Ans: Mani's objection to the letter was the salutation, he was doubtful if they should address the letter as 'Dear' when they are writing to complete strangers and thought 'Sir' would be more appropriate.

A2. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. "We can challenge a lot of teams, including our School Eleven."

a) Who said these words and to whom?

Swaminathan said these words to Rajam.

b) Which school does the 'School Eleven' team belong to?

School Eleven team belongs to the Board School.

c) Why does the speaker want to challenge the 'School Eleven'?

The speaker wanted to challenge School Eleven because this team thinks that they can't be beaten easily.

2. "But suppose one breaks in the middle of a match?"

a) What is the speaker talking about?

Ans: The speaker is talking about the bats in the line mentioned.

b) Why does the speaker consider this possibility?

Ans: The speaker considers this possibility because they were ordering bats and he wanted to have enough so that they would not have to stop playing.

c) What personality trait does the speaker exhibit by considering this possibility?

Ans: He exhibits responsibility and critical thinking by considering this.

3. 'It is a beauty, I think,' he cried, moved by the vision.

a) Who is the speaker here?

Ans: Rajam is the speaker here.

b) What does he call 'a beauty'?

Ans: He calls the name of the team 'Jumping Star' a beauty.

c) What vision is referred to here?

Ans: The Newspaper report: Jumping Stars soundly thrash the Board High School Eleven.

4. "They may drag us before the court if we take their name."

a) Who is the speaker here?

Ans: Swaminathan is the speaker here.

b) Who are 'they'?

Ans: 'They' are Hobbs team (MCC).

c) Why would they take them to the court?

Ans: They would take them to the court if they use their name.
