

Chapter 10
The Story of Cricket

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Comprehension Check

1. Cricket is originally a/an

- (i) Indian game.**
- (ii) British game.**
- (iii) international game.**

Mark the right answer.

Ans: (ii) is correct. Cricket is originally a British game.

2. "There is a historical reason behind both these oddities." In the preceding two paragraphs, find two words/phrases that mean the same as 'oddities'.

Ans: Peculiarities and Curious characteristic mean the same as 'oddities'.

3. How is a cricket bat different from a hockey stick?

Ans: Earlier there was only a very slight difference between a cricket bat and a hockey stick. Now, a hockey stick is made of single piece of wood and curved at the bottom while a cricket bat is flat and straight and made up of two pieces, the blade and the handle.

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Write True or False against each of the following sentences.

- (i) India joined the world of Test cricket before Independence.**
- (ii) The colonizers did nothing to encourage the Parsis in playing cricket.**
- (iii) Palwankar Baloo was India's first Test captain.**
- (iv) Australia played its first Test against England as a sovereign nation.**

Ans: (i) True (ii) True

(iii) False (iv) False

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1. A 'professional' cricket player is one who makes a living by playing cricket. Find the opposite of 'professional' in the last paragraph.

Ans: Amateur

2. In "the triumph of the one-day game", 'triumph' means the one-day game's

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(i) superiority to Test cricket.

(ii) inferiority to Test cricket.

(iii) achievement and success over Test cricket.

(iv) popularity among viewers.

Mark the right answer.

Ans: (iv) popularity among viewers.

3. "...the men for whom the world is a stage".

(i) It refers to the famous cricket fields in the world.

(ii) It means that there are many cricket playing countries in the world.

(iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like a stage on which the drama of cricket is enacted the world over.

Mark the right answer.

Ans: (iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like a stage on which the drama of cricket is enacted the world over.

Working with the Text

1. Name some stick-and-ball games that you have witnessed or heard of.

Ans: Hockey, Cricket, Baseball, Polo, Billiards are a few games.

2. The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket. Why?

Ans: The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket as they were in close contact with the British because of their interest in trade and the first Indian community to westernize.

3. The rivalry between the Parsis and the Bombay Gymkhana had a happy ending for the former. What does 'a happy ending' refer to?

Ans: The 'happy ending' refers to the victory of the Parsi team over the Bombay Gymkhana in a game of cricket in 1889.

4. Do you think cricket owes its present popularity to television? Justify your answer.

Ans: Definitely, cricket owes its present popularity to television. Television allowed it to reach each and every home, widening its circle of spectators and spreading its popularity to different countries all over the world. Television also enabled it to reach far and wide even in small towns and villages through the local broadcasting services.

5. Why has cricket a large viewership in India, not in China or Russia?

Ans: Cricket is a British sport which gained popularity mostly in the colonial countries of British empire. India was a part of the British empire but China or Russia were not. Therefore, cricket has large viewership in India compared to China or Russia. Moreover, TV companies have created a global market for cricket in India.

6. What do you understand by the game's (cricket) 'equipment'?

Ans: The things which are necessary for playing the game are game's (cricket) 'equipment'. Like in cricket, ball, bat, wicket, helmets, gloves, pads are the required things to play the game.

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7. How is Test cricket a unique game in many ways?

Ans: Test Game is unique for its length of play(5-day long game) and still it can end in a draw. No other modern team sport takes even half as much time to complete. The other unique feature of the game is that the size and shape of the ground can vary, only the pitch-length is specifically fixed,

8. How is cricket different from other team games?

Ans: Cricket is different from other team games because it goes on for a longer time than any other games. It also has many different formats like Test Cricket, One-day International and T-20 match and each game takes different time to get completed. Another a strange feature of Cricket is the play ground that it can be of any size, only the length of the pitch is specified while in other games the dimensions of the playing area is specified.

9. How have advances in technology affected the game of cricket?

Ans: Influenced by the advances in technology, the players have started wearing more protective equipment. The invention of vulcanized rubber has introduced protective pads

and gloves. The synthetic light weight material, along with metals has helped the players to get better helmets. Satellites have helped in increasing the popularity and viewership of cricket matches far and wide. Technology has also helped in taking fair decisions during the game.

10. Explain how cricket changed with changing times and yet remained unchanged in some ways.

Ans: With time, technology has advanced and in terms of game equipment the game of cricket, too has seen a few changes. The players have started wearing protective equipment made up of synthetic light weight material. But still, both bat and ball are handmade, not industrially manufactured. Although now the bat, that was made out of one piece earlier, has a separate blade and handle. The modern cricket has many new formats, like the T 20, but the basic rules of the game are still the same. The popularity of the game has increased many folds. Decisions have become more fair with motion sensor cameras.

Working with Language

1. Wordsearch

- Twelve words associated with cricket are hidden in this grid.
- Six can be found horizontally and the remaining six vertically.
- Two words have been found for you.

Clues to the hidden words are given below.

Horizontal: six deliveries, four runs, attacked while out of arena, no result, stumps, fielder to the off side of the wicketkeeper

Vertical: stumps flying, back to the pavilion, a lofty one, mid-air mishap, not even one out of six, goes with bat

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Ans:

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2. Add -ly to the italicised word in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence using the new word. See the examples first.

• He runs between wickets as if his legs were *stiff*.

He runs between wickets *stiffly*.

• Why did the batsman swing the bat in such a *violent* manner?

Why did the batsman swing the bat so *violently*?

(i) It is obvious that the work has not been done in a *proper* way.

- It is obvious that the work has not been done *properly*.

(ii) He made the statement in a *firm* manner.

- He made the statement *firmly*.

(iii) The job can be completed within a week in an *easy* way.

- The job can be completed within a week *easily*.

(iv) You did not play in a *serious* manner, or else you would have won the match.

- You did not play *seriously*, or else you would have won the match.

(v) She recited the poem in a *cheerful* manner.

- She recited the poem *cheerfully*.

3. Use the following phrases appropriately in place of the italicised words in the sentences given below.

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see to it	by accident	as well

(i) Actually, I didn't intend to come to your place. I reached here without planning.

- Actually, I didn't intend to come to your place. I reached here by accident.

(ii) Sunil, there's a letter for you in today's post. There's one for me also.

- Sunil, there's a letter for you in today's post. There's one for me as well.

(iii) Everybody thought I had composed the poem. The truth is my younger sister did it.

- Everybody thought I had composed the poem. As a matter of fact, my younger sister did it.

(iv) The doctor told the patient to make sure that he took his pills on time.

- The doctor told the patient to see to it that he took his pills on time.

(v) It will be better for us to plan our trip before setting out.

- We had better plan our trip before setting out.