

# EKalavya

## TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Word Meaning

Maim : অঙ্গক্ষত কৰা।

Slight : যৎসামান্য।

Started : জিকাৰ খাই উঠিল।

Archer : ধনুধৰ্ষ।

Glades : মুকলি ঠাই।

A lance : য়াঠিধাৰী।

Mace : গদা।

### Answer these questions

**Q.1. Why was Arjuna Drona's favourite pupil ?**

**Ans :-** Arjuna was Drona's favourite pupil because he was the best among the pupils and he could fight with a mace, a sword, a lance or any other weapon.

**Q.2. What happened when Drona took the Pandavas into the forest ?**

**Ans :-** When Drona took the Pandavas into the forest they saw arrows were stuck fast on the trees as if someone had been practising archery.

**Q.3. Why was Drona surprised by what had happened ? What did he do next ?**

**Ans :-** The sight surprised Drona greatly because he had always believed that there was no one as skilled in archery as his pupils. He surprised who the unknown archer could be such wonder operation. So, they set off in search the archer. They saw a young man in an open place of the forest who was deep in prayer beside him lay the arrows and bows. In Front of him was a clay image of their Dronacharya.

**Q.4. Why had Drona refused to accept Ekalavya as a pupil ? How did the boy still succeed in making Drona his teacher ?**

**Ans :-** Drona refused to accept Ekalavya as a pupil because he was not a Kshatriya. But his desire was so great that he made a clay image of Dronacharya whom he made his teacher and practised with bow and arrow sincerely and with great concentration. Thus the boy still succeed in making Drona his teacher.

**Q.5. “And who is your teacher ?” How did Drona react on hearing Ekalavya’s answer to this question ?**

**Ans :-** Drona reacted on hearing Ekalavya’s answer that Drona was Ekalavya’s teacher and he whispered ‘the clay image’ was his. Then Drona’s heart was full of envy and fear but no sign expressed on his face.

**Q.6. “Why did Ekalavya readily agree to Drona’s suggestion of a contest with his pupils ?**

**Ans :-** Ekalavya readily agreed to Drona’s suggestion of a contest with his pupils because of nothing could have made Ekalavya happier and he also wanted to abide by his teacher’s sentence.

**Q.7. How did Drona ensure that Arjuna remained the best archer in the world ?**

**Ans :-** Drona ensured that Arjuna remained the best archer in the world. To remind the custom of pay his teacher as Ekalavya said distinctly that Drona was the teacher of his skills he asked him the right thumb as Drona knew that Ekalavya will pay eagerly. By asking him right thumb, Drona made Ekalavya maim so he could not draw his bow as well as he did. Then Arjuna the favourite pupil of Drona remained as the best archer in the world.

**B.4 : Use the prompts to say what Rohit wanted to know ?**

He asked (me) if .....

He wondered if .....

He wanted to know if .....

He tried to find out if .....

He asked (me) way .....

He wanted to know when .....

Have you finished your assignment ?

He asked if I had finished my assignment.

**Ans :-** (i) He asked me if I had finished my assignments.

(ii) He wondered if my assignments were correct.

(iii) He wanted to know if I had done my assignments correctly.

(iv) He tried to find out if my assignments were proper.

(v) He asked me the way of my home.

(vi) He wanted to know when will I finish my examination.

**5. Imagine that you visited a friend who lives in another city. Report what your friend said. Use the prompts on the next appropriately.**

**1. How lovely to see you again !**

**Ans :-** The friend said that it was lovely to see me again.

**2. Was your train on time ?**

**Ans :-** The friend enquired me if my train was on time.

**3. Did you have a good trip ?**

**Ans :-** The friend wondered me if I had a good trip.

**4. Could you find my house easily ?**

**Ans :-** The friend asked me if I could locate her house easily.

**5. Why didn't you phone me ?**

**Ans :-** The friend asked me why I did not rang her up.

**6. Why didn't you bring your brother ?**

**Ans :-** The friend asked me why I didn't bring my brother along with me.

**7. Have you had lunch yet ?**

**Ans :-** The friend enquired if I had my lunch.

**8. Would you like to do a bit of sight seeing ?**

**Ans :-** The friend asked me if I would go out for a sightseeing.

**B.6 : Match these words with their dictionary meanings.**

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| 3.Strong minded  | (c) Adj willing to consider ideas and opinions that are new or different from your own.                 |
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### **Additional Questions and Answers**

Q.1. Where did Drona take pupils to teach them how to haunt ?

**Ans :-** Drona took pupils into the forest to teach them how to haunt.

Q.2. " Willingly, and with great pleasure". Who said this and to whom ?

**Ans :-** Karna said this to Drona.

### **3. Fill up the blanks from the text.**

(a) " Then, give me ..... from your right hand!" Commanded Drona.

**Ans :-** The thumb.

(b) Because of Ekalavya's sacrifice ..... remained the best archer in the world.

**Ans :-** Arjuna.