

6. Babar Ali

I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each :

1. Who is the youngest headmaster in the world? (K)
2. Babar Ali initially started his afternoon school at the age of _____. (K)
3. What was the name of Babar Ali's little afternoon venture (school)? (K)
4. Babar Ali hails from the village of _____ in West Bengal. (K)
5. Where did Babar Ali teach hundreds of students? (K)
6. Who was the first privileged member in Babar Ali's family to get a proper education? (K)
7. How many students in total, learn in Babar Ali's school? (K)
8. What do the underprivileged children learn free of cost at Babar Ali's school? (K)
9. Who is described as a fortunate soul in his district of Murshidabad? (K)
10. The extent of Babar Ali's home is described as the size of an average _____. (K)
11. The name of Babar Ali's father is _____. (K)
12. Nasiruddin Sheikh was a _____ by profession. (K)
13. What is man's true religion, according to Nasiruddin Sheikh? (K)
14. Who believed that education is man's true religion? (K)
15. How many subjects do the students at Babar Ali's school study? (K)
16. Who initially supported Babar Ali's venture with his own income? (K)
17. Many families could not afford to send their children to school in spite of free education because they still had to pay for _____. (K)
18. The School 'Anand Shiksha Niketan' started as a _____. (K)
19. The children enjoy playing the game 'school-school' because they _____. (K)
a. learnt arithmetic b. had never seen the inside of a school c. Both a and b
20. Babar Ali gets the children to listen to him because _____. (C)
21. According to Babar Ali, what works to their advantage? (C)
22. When was Babar Ali's school institutionalized? (C)
23. Who initially provided the rice for the mid-day meals at Babar Ali's school? (K)
24. How many students are on roll-call in Babar Ali's School? (K)
25. Babar Ali's afternoon school is now registered and recognized by the Government of _____. (K)
26. Who is described as an 'illiterate fishmonger' by morning and a 'crusading educationalist' by afternoon? (K)
27. What does Tulu Rani Hazra do when she ventures on her fish selling rounds of nearby villages? (K)
28. How many children has Tulu Rani Hazra recruited? (K)
29. The teaching staff of nine at Babar Ali's school comprises of _____. (K)
30. Who is the most educated of the high school student volunteers at Babar Ali's school? (K)
31. In Babar Ali's school, _____ are given free for classes I to V. (K)
32. _____ is spared in Babar Ali's school. (K)

II. Answer the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words each.

1. Why did Babar Ali want to educate the poor and underprivileged children of his neighbourhood? (C)
2. What was Babar Ali's daily routine? (C)
3. Why were many families unable to send their children to school though it was free?(E)
4. How did Babar Ali's afternoon school grow out of a game of 'school-school'? (C)
5. What was the role of various people in the development of Babar Ali's school? (C)
6. How does Babar Ali get the children to listen to him? (C)
7. How is Babar Ali's school different from other schools? (E)

III. Answer the following questions in about 200 words each:

1. Is Babar Ali's initiative of starting a school a runaway success? Comment.(E)
2. How is Babar Ali an ideal role model to other students? (E)
3. Does Babar Ali's initiative prove his concern for the underprivileged children? (A)

OR

In spite of being a privileged member of his family , how is Babar Ali's concern for the underprivileged children revealed? (A)

4. Babar Ali's venture to start an afternoon school is a tale of remarkable grit and determination. Elaborate. (A)
5. What are the various stages of growth of Babar Ali's afternoon school ? (E)
6. How is the success of Babar Ali's school reflective of the change in the society's attitude towards education? (A)
7. 'Education is man's true religion' as believed by Babar Ali's father. How did Babar Ali put this into practice? (A)
8. What were the difficulties that Babar Ali initially faced in his efforts to teach the poor/ underprivileged children of his neighborhood? How was it overcome? (A)