

Prose-2 Bharat is My Home

1. What did Dr Radhakrishnan bring to the Presidency?

Ans- Dr Radhakrishnan brought to the presidency mental equipment, a degree of learning and wealth of experience rarely to be found anywhere.

2. What oath did Dr. Zakir Hussain take of?

Ans- Dr. Zakir Husain took the oath of loyalty of the constitution as President.

3. What is the business of education?

Ans- The Business of education should be the growth of national culture and national character.

4. What does he feel while assuming the charge of presidency?

Ans- He feels greatly obliged to the people of the country and enters this office in a spirit of prayerful humility and total dedication.

5. What did Dr. Zakir Hussain pledge himself to?

Ans- Zakir Hussain pledged himself to the loyalty of our past culture. He pledged himself to service of totality to our country's culture. He pledged his loyalty to his country irrespective of religion or language. **The whole Bharat is his home.** So, he pledged to work for the welfare of the people of the country.

6. What does 'work' on one's self mean? What is its end-product?

Ans- Work on one's self means to follow the urge towards moral development as a free person under self imposed discipline.

7. What shall we dedicate ourselves to?

Ans- We shall dedicate ourselves to work for the peace of the strong. According to Mahatma Gandhi, **power should be used only for moral purposes.**

8. How long did Dr Zakir Hussain live?

Ans- Dr Zakir Hussain died on 3 May, 1969 (New Delhi). He lived for 72 years.

9. On what occasion did Dr Zakir Husain deliver this speech?

Ans- Dr Zakir Hussain delivered that speech in 1967 after taking an oath as president of India.

10. Why does Dr Zakir Hussain call India "the young state of an ancient people"?

Ans- India is an ancient civilization. The history of her people goes back to thousands of peoples goes back to thousands of years but it is new state that was born after India won freedom in August, 1947 and become a republic on 26th January, 1950.

11. Why is Zakir Hussain overwhelmed?

Ans- He is overwhelmed by the trust his people have placed in him by elected him to the highest office in the country.

12. What does 'work on one's self mean?

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13. In what context does Dr. Zakir Hussain say "Bharat is my Home"?

Ans- Dr. Zakir Hussain understands that India is made up of a variety of people, races, castes and languages but since he is elected president of India, he is expected to represent this multiplicity of ethnic elements. That is why, asserts that the whole of Bharat is my Home.