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NOTES

Class – VII

Subject - English

Topic – A Hero

Q1. RTC-

1.
 - a) Swami's father said this to Swami.
 - b) The speaker (Swami's father) said these words because he wanted Swami to overcome his fear of sleeping alone.
2.
 - a) A burglar said this.
 - b) That night, one of the most notorious house-breakers of that district had broken into Swami's home, harbouring designs to rob their house.
3.
 - a) Swami's father said this.
 - b) He said this because he found Swami's habit of sleeping beside his grandmother disgraceful.
 - c) He was feeling very angry and cross.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly -

1. Swami's father read the story of a brave village lad who had fought a tiger and saved himself by climbing a tree, as reported in the newspaper. The tiger was later killed by the people.
2. Swami came up with excuses that his father's office room was very dusty, and that there could be scorpions hiding behind the law books, to avoid sleeping alone.
3. Swami asked to have a lamp burning and the door to be left open in the office room.
4. Swami was faint with fear during the night.
5. When Swami saw something moving in the dark, he crawled out from under the bench, held the unknown thing firmly, and bit it hard.

Q3. Answer these questions in detail –

1. Swami did not want to sleep alone because he was afraid of the dark and imaginary dangers. He feared burglars, scorpions, devils and ghosts, and other unknown things. He was used to sleeping beside his grandmother and felt safe with her. Sleeping alone in the

office room made him very anxious, as he thought something bad might happen during the night.

2. After being left alone in the office room, Swami felt terrified and helpless. Every small noise scared him. Sounds like the ticking clock and rustling leaves made him imagine that someone was coming to get him. He shut his eyes as he forced himself to sleep, wrapping himself tightly with the blanket as he lay trembling with fear under the bench, feeling completely alone and helpless.

3. When Swami felt someone near him in the dark, he thought his end had come and devil had appeared to drag him out and tear him apart. Sweating with great fear, he somehow mustered all the courage he could find and bit the intruder's leg hard. He held on tightly and used his teeth on it like a mortal weapon. The entity turned out to be a burglar, and Swami's brave action frightened him as he lay incapacitated and wounded.

4. The next day, congratulations were showered on Swami as everyone praised him for his bravery and treated him like a hero. The police congratulated him, and people admired him for stopping one of the most notorious house- breakers of the district. His classmates looked at him with admiration, his teacher patted his back, and the neighbours respected him. Swami, thus, became famous, even though his action was done out of fear.

5. By the end of the story, we learn that Swami's father is strict and believes in discipline and courage. He wanted his son to become brave and independent, so he made Swami sleep alone, away from the secure comfort of sleeping beside his grandmother. However, after seeing Swami's courageous act, he understood his son better. This shows that he is strict but also caring and practical.