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NOTES

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Topic - MY ELDER BROTHER

Q1. Answer the following questions briefly-

1. The main characters in this story are Munna and his elder brother, Bhaiya.
2. The elder brother is fourteen years old.
3. The younger brother enjoyed playing marbles, flying kites and meeting with friends.
4. Bhaiya advised Munna to not let his academic performances get to his head, and that true success in life can only be achieved through discipline and experience.
5. The elder brother failed in his exams because despite his meticulous studying, he was a slow learner and struggled academically. However, he was endowed with wisdom and real world knowledge.

Q2. RTC-

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 - (a) Bhaiya said this to Munna.
 - (b) He said this because Munna had started taking his classes lightly after securing first rank in class and was no longer serious about his work.
2. (a) The speaker is Bhaiya.
 - (b) These lines show that the speaker is wise beyond his years. Though he acknowledges Munna's intelligence, he emphasises the importance of humility and experience.
3. (a) These words were said by Bhaiya.
 - (b) 'Ragamuffins' means street urchins.

Q3. Answer the following questions in detail-

1. The older brother is a diligent and studious boy who struggles academically. A deeply mature and rational teenager, he feels responsible for his younger brother, Munna, who is entrusted in his care. He is meticulous in all of his endeavours, and immensely hardworking. Wise beyond his years, he values experience and real-world knowledge over cramming lessons from books and report cards.

2. The narrator felt ashamed whenever his older brother lectured him. Munna's spirits would sink, his courage would disappear, and he would feel gloomy and demoralised. Because of his guilt and despair, he would feel too embarrassed to take part in activities that he enjoyed, at least for sometime.

3. The elder brother scolded the narrator for his irresponsible and careless attitude, and his negligent regard towards his studies. The older brother, who was serious and had a strong sense of responsibility, adopted a reprimand approach towards his younger brother to instil into him some values of discipline. Believing himself to be responsible for his younger brother's well-being, as Munna was entrusted into his care, Bhaiya emphasised that while the gap between their classes could be bridged, the gap in their experience could not be.

4. The narrator learnt the lesson that wisdom and real-world experience, gained through responsibility, are the true markers of success in this life, rather than academic merit. While academic merit is important, it is the values and learning we imbibe that prepare us for life in the real-world, not mere grades. Munna's pride in his academic success transforms into a deeper understanding as he finally realises the wisdom and foresight of his elder brother.

5. The story emphasises the importance of discipline and experience, as these values form the foundation of responsibility, maturity, and focus on studies rather than childish impulsiveness. Bhaiya's strict discipline reinforces the idea that while play and enjoyment are important parts of life, it is discipline that ultimately leads to success.