

11. What is 'Strong Roots' all about ?

Ans. _____

12. To which family was Kalam born ?

Ans. _____

13. How was his father ?

Ans. _____

14. What is the name of his father ?

Ans. _____

15. Who was his father's ideal helpmate ?

Ans. _____

16. What is the name of his mother ?

Ans. _____

17. How many people were fed in Kalam's house every day ?

Ans. _____

18. What were his parents regarded as ?

Ans. _____

19. What was the dissimilarity between him and his parents ?

Ans. _____

20. Who had a more distinguished lineage among his parents ?

Ans. _____

21. What was bestowed on one of Kalam's mother's fore bears ?

Ans. _____

22. Where did Kalam live ?

Ans. _____

23. How old was his ancestral house ?

Ans. _____

24. What was Kalam's ancestral house made of ?

Ans. _____

25. Where was the house located ?

Ans. _____

26. What types of childhood did Kalam experience ?

Ans. _____

27. What type of life did his father lead ?

Ans.

28. With whom did Kalam normally eat ?

Ans.

29. What was the regular menu of Kalam's meal at home when he was a child ?

Ans.

30. Why is Rameswaram so famous to pilgrims ?

Ans.

31. Where was the old mosque ?

Ans.

32. Who took Kalam there for evening prayers ?

Ans.

33. What was Kalam's childhood belief about prayers ?

Ans.

34. Why did people of different religions wait for his father every evening outside the old mosque ?

Ans.

35. What did the people of different religions do ?

Ans.

36. Why did the people come with the bowls of water ?

Ans.

37. Why did the people carry the bowls to their houses ?

Ans.

38. When did people come to thank Kalam's father ?

Ans.

39. What was Kalam's father's response to all the thanks ?

Ans.

40. Who was Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry ?

Ans.

41. What type discussions generally took place between the high priest and Kalam's father ?

Ans.

42. What did Kalam ask to his father ?

Ans.

43. What is the function of a prayer, according to Kalam's father ?

Ans. _____

44. What happens when one prays ?

Ans. _____

45. How did Kalam's father convey complex spiritual concepts ?

Ans. _____

46. What is the relation of a human being to the divine Being ?

Ans. _____

47. How can one remove one's fear of difficulties, suffering and problems ?

Ans. _____

48. Why did Kalam's father look straight into his eyes before saying something about human nature ?

Ans. _____

49. What did Kalam ask his father about the people who come to him for seeking help and advice ?

Ans. _____

50. What effect did Kalam's father's answers have on Kalam ?

Ans. _____

51. What do human beings look for when alone ?

Ans. _____

52. What do they look for when in trouble ?

Ans. _____

53. What do people look for when they reach an impasse ?

Ans. _____

54. How did Kalam's father help people in distress ?

Ans. _____

55. What is the wrong approach for facing distress ?

Ans. _____

56. What must one understand to fight distress ?

Ans. _____

57. What was the first thing early morning that Kalam's father used to do ?

Ans. _____

58. What was his schedule after namaz ?

Ans. _____

59. When was the time for his breakfast ?

Ans. _____

60. How long did Kalam's father follow that routine ?

Ans. _____

61. What were the effects of the fundamental truths revealed to Kalam by his father ?

Ans. _____

62. What is the function of the divine power ?

Ans. _____

63. How can one individual be on the road to freedom, happiness and peace of mind ?

Ans. _____

64. What type of writing is 'Strong Roots' ?

Ans. _____

ELABORATE / DESCRIPTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

● Answer the following questions :

1. "Despite these disadvantages, he possessed..." Who is referred to as 'he'? What were his disadvantages? What did he possess inspite of these disadvantages? How does the speaker describe the person spoken about? 1+1+1+3

2. Where was Kalam born? What was his parentage? How does Kalam present his parents? 1+1+4

3. "I do not recall the exact number of people she fed everyday" — From where has the line been excerpted? Who is spoken about? What account of his mother does Kalam give? What aspect of her character is revealed here? 1+1+3+1

4. "I would say mine was a very secure childhood ..." — Whose childhood is referred to here? In what respect was his childhood secure? What picture of his childhood does Kalam give? 1+2+3

5. "We lived in our ancestral house.." — What description of his ancestral house does Kalam give? Where was it situated? When was it built? How does he recapitulate the memory of having lunch in his ancestral house? 2+1+1+2

6. How does Kalam depict the ethnic character of his locality? How does he recollect his experience of evening prayer with his father? 2+4

7. Who was Pakshi Lakshmana Sastri? What was one of Kalam's earliest memories regarding him? How did Jainulabdeen explain the relevance of prayer when Kalam grew up? 1+1+4

8. What was special about Jainulabdeen's skill in conveying complex spiritual concepts? How does Kalam exemplify this? 2+4
9. "Why be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems?" — Who says this and to whom? Why according to him should not one be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems? 1+1+4
10. "Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection" — Who is the speaker and who is the person spoken to? What is the significance of the remark? 1+1+4
11. "Why don't you say this to the people who come to you help and advice" — Who said this and to whom? In what context did he say this? How did the person spoken to react and reply? 1+1+4
12. "One must understand the difference between...." — What are the two kinds of vision that Jainulabdeen spoke about? Explain the difference between the two visions. 2+4
13. What was Jainulabdeen's routine every morning? How did he spend his evenings? 3+3
14. What did Kalam try throughout his life? What did he endeavour to understand? What realisation did dawn upon him as a result of this? 2+1+3
15. How did Kalam follow his father's spirituality in his own world of science and technology? Did spirituality ever stand in the way of his study of science? How did the spirituality influence him? 2+1+3
16. Give a brief account of Kalam's locality. 6
17. What was the relevance of prayer, according to Kalam's father? 6
18. What was the reason for not exposing the truth to the people who came to Kalam's father for help and advice? 6
19. Bring out the significance of the title 'Strong Roots'. 6

