

The Narayanpur Incident

A. Answer the following questions.

1. How did the procession take place?

Answer: The college students went on a procession from their college to the collector's office. The people started lining the roads. Many rushed out on the road. Policemen appeared all along the road. Some of them walked in front of the students, some by their sides but the students marched as if the police didn't exist. They walked in complete silence. There were no slogans, no shouts, just the shuffle of feet and a low murmur from the watching crowd.

2. What did the students carry? What was their slogan?

Answer. They carried the picture of Mahatma. The slogan they shouted was, "Mahatma Gandhi ki jai."

3. What was Mohan's reply when asked if he were scared?

Answer: Mohan seemed immensely pleased with himself. He said that they had planned it that way. They knew that the British expected the students to protest and be violent. In fact they wanted them to do that so that they could beat the students up and haul them away to jail.

4. What was the paper given to the policeman?

Answer: The paper was a notice they served on the Collector, as a representative of His Majesty's government, asking them to quit India or face the consequences.

5. Why did they choose the puja room?

Answer: They were planning to work late in the night and a light in the puja room will look normal.

B. Complete the following statements.

1. Suman and another boy turned up after

2. Babu and Manju stared curiously over their shoulders at the

3. Babu suddenly tensed while sitting awake in the night because

4. When Babe heard a knock he rushed to his room and

5. Babu coming out of his room, making a show of

Answers:

1 they had finished their dinner that night.

2. mysterious parcel which turned out to be a cyclostyling machine.

3. A man riding a bike stopped right outside their gate.

4. unrolled his bed roll and threw himself on it.

5. having woken out of a deep sleep

C. Who said this to whom and why?

1. "Please Patil sahib. Tell me why you are here."
2. "It seems you people are making copies of the Mahatma's speech."
3. "Give it to me. I'll get it out of the way."
4. "How can you trust a policeman?"
5. "Open the door."

Answers:

1. Amma said this to the inspector who knocked the door at night. She was worried if he had come to arrest them.
2. Patil, the inspector warned the family about the search operation of the house.
3. Patil referred to the cyclostyling machine and wanted to remove it to save the family.
4. Mohan asked Amma when she agreed to give the machine to the policeman.
5. A strange voice ordered the family in the middle of the night.