



**Questions and answers of
YOUTH AND THE TASKS AHEAD
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Q1. why does the author say that people who belong to the post-independence generation should not take independence for granted?

Ans: The author says that the people who belong to the post-independence generation should not take the independence of their country, India, for granted because the maintenance and strengthening of freedom is more difficult than its attainment. The youth should also know that the freedom was won with great struggle and sacrifice after centuries of slavery to Britishers. Tens and thousands of freedom fighters lost their properties, homes, as well as honour of their female folk. Many a villages were razed to the ground. Thousands of people were jailed ; thousands were hanged and thousands were shot dead. In short, the youth should never forget the martyrdom of freedom fighters and they should work harder to strengthen their nation.

Q. No. 2 The writer feels that the youth can be a great source of power to the nation . Why ? Do you agree with him ? Give reasons ?

Ans: The writer feels that the youth can be a great source of power to the nation because they constitute an immense reservoir of strength and energy.

yes, I fully agree with the author. The future of our country completely depends on her youth. It is the youth of our county who will soon be called upon to provide leadership in all walks of life. They are the future scientists, Ministers, Professors, soldiers and what not. Therefore, they must train themselves to fulfil their future responsibilities with distinction.

Q3... a mere desire to be of service is not enough; it must be accompanied by the ability to do so effectively. what are the abilities the writer feels the youth should be equipped with to be able to serve the nation?

Ans: The abilities that the writer feels the youth should be equipped with to be able to serve the nation are physical fitness, intellectual strength, patriotic fervour and spiritual energy. Discipline and teamsmanship are also very essential for those who intend to join the proud ranks of our defence forces.

Q4. Having 'muscles of iron and nerves of steel' means?

Ans: It means to be physically fit and mentally strong.

Q5. Besides physical endurance, the author talks about three other qualities that are essential for the defence personnel. which are they?

Ans: Besides physical endurance, the three other qualities that are essential for the defence personnel are discipline, teamsmanship and the spirit of corporate progress.

Q6. We live in a highly competitive age of science and technology and can no longer afford the luxury of mediocrity if we are to forge ahead. By this sentence the author means that?

Ans: we must be intellectually superior to make progress in science and technology

Q7. Acc to the writer, those undergoing higher education constitute the privileged elite. why does he think so? And what does he expect them to do for the nation?

Ans: The author thinks that those undergoing higher education constitute the privileged elite because they are fortunate enough to reach colleges and universities whereas a large number of Indian population is too poor to have even primary education. Not to talk of primary education, they have nothing to eat, nothing to wear and nothing to take shelter in. That is why, the author wants the privileged elite of India to shun party politics and other disrutive pursuits. He wants them to serve India selflessly so that it becomes a developed nation where there is no hunger, no illiteracy, no unemployment, no hatred and no communal riots.

Q8. The writer warns that the educated youth must keep themselves away from some 'futile pursuits'. what are the futile pursuits he is hinting at?

Answer : The futile pursuits the author is hinting at are party politics, intrigues, communal disharmony, discrimination on the bases of creed, colour, race, region, religion, language etc. The author wants that the youth should strain every nerve to become able and efficient in their respective fields of study, so that, they can serve India with greater efficiency.

Q9. what according to the writer is crucial to the success of democracy?

Ans: Patriotism devoid of narrow-mindedness and exclusivism ; Eradication of corruption and nepotism and fast economic development are very crucial to the success of our democracy.

Q. 10. All is contained in that one single advice. which advice of sri Aurobindo is the author referring to?

Ans; The author is referring to the advice given by Sri Aurobindo Gosh to the students of Bengal National College. Gosh told the students to train yourselves body, mind and soul for your country's service. work that she may prosper. suffer that she may rejoice.

Q11. Why does the writer say that it is important to accept that all human beings are inherently divine?

Ans; According to the writer, it is important to accept that all human beings are inherently divine because it raises the dignity of the individual and cuts across all narrow barriers and distinctions. it also unites the people claiming to be superior to one another on the grounds of colour, creed religion etc and gives them courage to fight for their freedom and rights co-operatively .

Q12. 'These may not be such to hit the newspaper headlines but it is solid and devoted activity.. '

(a) What is the author referring to in this line?

Ans: In this line, the author is referring to the patriots who sacrifice their lives for the nation but are not glorified in newspapers. They die unknown and obscure.

(B) What according to the writer will be the result of such an activity?

Ans: The result of such an activity will obviously be praiseworthy. If every individual serves the nation according to his level and ability without worrying about fame or reputation, then nothing can stop the nation from becoming the strongest nation on the planet earth.

Q13. The writer lists out a number of tasks that the youth can take up for the progress of the nation. How does he suggest these tasks could be accomplished?

Ans: The tasks that the youth can take up for the progress of the nation are Civil defence, Nursing, giving first aid, maintaining communal harmony, working for social welfare etc. The author suggests that these tasks could be accomplished by organising a vast national youth movement which rises above all political, communal, regional and linguistic diversities. The movement should unite all the youngsters for the noble task of defending and developing free India.

Q14. Do you agree with the statement made by the writer that the younger generation today faces challenges graver than any with which their forefathers were confronted? Give reasons for your answer with the help of the points discussed by the writer ?

Ans: Yes, it is a fact that the younger generation today faces challenges graver than those faced by our forefathers. The one and the only tough challenge before our fore-father was to kick the tyrant Britishers out of our country. As far we are concerned, we have to maintain and strengthen the freedom. At the same time, we have to fight numerous evils like corruption, nepotism, over-population, illiteracy, poverty, unemployment etc. we have to maintain the communal harmony as India is the land of various religions and castes. certainly, the challenges before the youth today are graver and more in number than those of our forefathers.

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