



# NCERT

## Exercises

(Questions-Solutions)

### THE STORY OF CRICKET

#### Textual Exercises

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#### MARK THE RIGHT ANSWER

1. Cricket is originally a/an

(a) Indian game

(b) British game

(c) International game.

Sol. (b) British game.

2. 'There is a historical reason behind both these oddities.' In the preceding two paragraphs, find two words/phrases that mean the same as 'additives.'

Sol. (i) peculiarities (ii) curious characteristic.

3. How is a cricket bat different from a hockey stick?

Sol. A cricket bat is straight while a hockey stick is curved outwards at the bottom.

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#### COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Write True or false against each of the following sentences:

(a) India joined the world of Test cricket before independence.

(b) The colonisers did nothing to encourage the Parsis in playing cricket.

(c) Palwankar Baloo was India's First Test Captain-

(d) Australia played its first Test against England as a sovereign nation.

Sol. a. True, b. True, c. False, d. False.

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#### COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. A 'professional' cricket player is one who makes a living by playing cricket. Find the opposite of 'professional' in the last paragraph.

Sol. Amateur.

2. In 'the triumph of the one-day game', 'triumph' means

(i) Superiority to Test cricket

(iii) inferiority to Test cricket

(iii) achievement and success over test cricket

(iv) Popularity among viewers

**Make the right answer**

**Sol.** (iii) achievement and success over Test cricket.

**3. .... the men for whom the world is a stage'.**

**(i) It refers to the famous cricket fields in the world.**

**(ii) It means there are many cricket palying countries in the world**

**(iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like the stage on which the drama of a cricket match is enacted the world over.**

**Mark the right answer.**

**Sol.** (iii) It implies that cricketers are like actors and every cricket ground is like the stage on which the drama of a cricket match is enacted the world over.

**WORKING WITH TEXT**

**4. Name some stick and ball games that you have witnessed or heard of.**

**Sol.** Golf, hockey, baseball, cricket.

**5. The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket. Why?**

**Sol.** The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket because they were in close contact with the British due to their interest in trade.

**6. The rivalry between the Parsis and the Bombay Gymkhana had a happy ending for the former. What does 'a happy ending' refer to?**

**Sol.** 'A happy ending' refer to the following— The Parsis built their own gymkhana to play cricket in. A Parsis team beat the Bombay Gymkhana at cricket in 1889.

**7. Do you Think cricket owes its present popularity to television? Justify your answer.**

**Sol.** Yes, I think television has popularised the game of cricket to a large extent. It has expanded the audience for the game by beaming cricket into small towns and villages. It has also broadened cricket's social base. Now people can watch cricket match on their television screen at their home. Children, who dreams to become cricketers in future, can learn much by emitating their heroes.

**8. Why has cricket a large viewership in India, not in China or Russia?**

**Sol.** Cricket has a large viewership in India because it (cricket) is a very popular game here.

**9. What do you understand by the game's (cricket) 'equipment'?**

**Sol.** The technological development has influenced the game of cricket to a large extent. Many protective equipments have been introduced, such as pads, gloves, helmets, etc.

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**1. How is Test cricket a unique game in many ways?**

**Sol.** A Test cricket match can go on for five days and still end in a draw. No other modem team sport takes even half as much time to complete.

**2. How is cricket different from other team games?**

**Sol.** Cricket is different from other team games in many ways. A Test match can go on for five days and still end in a draw. No other modem team sport takes even half as much time to complete. The length of the pitch is

specified-22 yards-but the size or shape of the ground is not. Most other team sports such as hockey and football lay down the dimension of the playing area. But cricket does not.

**3. How have advances in technology affected the game of cricket?**

**Sol.** Advances in technology have affected the game of cricket to a great extent. The technology of satellite television and the world-wide reach of multi—national television companies have created a global market for cricket.

**4. Explain how cricket changed with changing times and yet remained unchanged in some ways?**

**Sol.** It is true that cricket changed with changing times and yet fundamentally remained unchanged in some ways. Many protective equipments have been introduced in this game, like-pads, gloves, helmets, etc. The advent of television has increased the popularity of the game. But there are something's which have not been changed even today. Both bat and ball are handmade, not industrially manufactured. The material of the bat changed slightly over time.

**WORKING WITH LANGUAGE**

**5. Wordsearch**

- Twelve words associated with cricket are hidden in this table.
- Six can be found horizontally and the remaining six vertically.
- Two words have been found for you.

Clues to the hidden words are given below.

**Horizontal:** six deliveries, four runs, attacked while out of arena, no result, stumps, fielder to the off side of the wicketkeeper.

**Vertical:** stumps flying, back to the pavilion, a lofty one, midair mishap, not even one out of six, goes with bat.

A	O	V	E	R	D	C	Q	A	M
Z	B	S	M	F	C	X	E	P	A
B	O	U	N	D	A	R	Y	N	I
A	W	O	S	T	U	M	P	E	D
L	L	U	I	P	G	L	J	R	E
L	E	T	X	L	H	K	A	Z	N
X	D	R	A	W	T	Y	P	F	D
W	I	C	K	E	T	S	L	I	P

**Horizontal:**

- |           |               |               |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| (i) Over  | (ii) Boundary | (iii) Stumped |
| (iv) Draw | (v) Wicket    | (vi) Slip     |

**Vertical:**

- |             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| (i) Bowled  | (ii) Out   | (iii) Six  |
| (iv) Caught | (v) Maiden | (vi) Ball. |

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**1. Add-ly to italicised word in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences using the new word. See the examples first.**

- He runs between wickets as if his legs were stiff. He runs between wickets stiffly.
- Why did the batsman swing the bat in such a violent manners? Why did the batsman swing the bat so violently?
- (i) It is obvious that the work has not been done in a proper way.

- (ii) He made the statement in a firm manner
- (iii) The job can be completed within a week in an easy way.
- (iv) You did not play in a serious manner, or else you would have won the match.
- (v) She recited the poem in a cheerful manner

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 (ii) He made the statement firmly.  
 (iii) The job can be completed within a week easily.  
 (iv) You did not play seriously, or else you would have won the match.  
 (v) She recited the poem cheerfully.

**2.** Use the following phrases appropriately in place of the italicized words in the sentences given below.  
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we had better

see to it

by accident as well

- (i) Actually, I didn't intend to come to your place, I reached here without planning.
- (ii) Sunil, there is a letter for you in today's post. There's one for me also.
- (iii) Everybody thought I had composed the poem. The truth is my younger sister did it.
- (iv) The doctor told the patient to make sure that he took his pills on time.
- (v) It will be better for us to plan our trip before setting out.

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## **SPEAKING AND WRITING**

**1.** Complete each of the following words using gh, ff, or f. Then say each word clearly after your teacher.

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| (i) e.....ort  | (vii) Siru....    |
| (ii) ... act   | (viii) rou.....   |
| (iii) con-.ess | (ix) sti.....ly   |
| (iv) lau.—ing  | (x) di.....erence |
| (v) enou.....  | (xi) sa ..... ety |
| (vi) hal.....  | (xii) .....lush   |

**Sol.** (i) effort (ii) fact (iii) confess  
 (iv) lauding (v) enough (vi) half  
 (vii) scruff (viii) rough (ix) stiffly  
 (x) difference (xi) safety (xii) flush

**2.** Write two paragraphs describing a bus ride to watch a cricket match in a village. Use the following point.  
 Add some of your own.

- two - hour journey by bus.
- an old and crowded bus
- friendly passengers
- visit to a village fair where the match is to be played.
- the match between two village teams.

- makeshift stumps, rough pitch and rubber ball
- the match was enjoyable, but the trip was tiring

**Sol.** Last Sunday there was a cricket match in the village of Pratapgarh. It is about hundred kilometres from my town. Early in the morning I started to go there. There was an old bus standing at the bus-stand for that village. Though it was very crowded, I could get a seat. The bus started at 6 am. Mostly the passengers were purely rural. They were talking in rustic manner. They were sweating. A fainting smell had spread all around. Still I was very comfortable. The passengers were cooperative. At about 8.30 am the bus reached the village. First I went to visit the temple of Lord Shiva. Then I visited the fair. At about 10 am I reached the cricket ground. A big crowd had assembled there. People were very excited. The match was really full of excitement though in a rural manner. It was a limited over match. It ended in a draw at about 4 pm. I got the same old rickety bus. I reached my home after the long journey. However I enjoyed the match—and the village people.