

# My Childhood

## Short Answer Questions

1. Who is the author of the lesson "My Childhood"?
2. Where was A.P.J. Abdul Kalam born? Describe his birthplace.
3. What was the name of Abdul Kalam's father and what was his occupation?
4. Who were Abdul Kalam's close friends during his childhood?
5. Describe Abdul Kalam's family background.
6. How did Abdul Kalam's parents influence his upbringing?
7. What values did Abdul Kalam learn from his parents?
8. How did the people of Rameswaram respond to the conservative outlook of Kalam's mother and grandmother?
9. What role did the science teacher, Sivasubramania Iyer, play in Kalam's life?
10. Describe an incident that shows Abdul Kalam's father's wisdom and secular outlook.

## Long Answer Questions

1. Discuss the influence of Abdul Kalam's family on his early education and values.
2. Describe the incident involving the science teacher Sivasubramania Iyer and how it impacted Abdul Kalam.
3. How did Abdul Kalam's friends and teachers shape his childhood experiences?
4. What lessons did Abdul Kalam learn from his father? Provide examples from the text.
5. Discuss the significance of the boat and the ferry in Abdul Kalam's early life.
6. How did Abdul Kalam's childhood environment contribute to his later achievements?
7. Describe Abdul Kalam's interaction with his friends from different religious backgrounds and its impact on his worldview.
8. Explain the role of secularism in Abdul Kalam's upbringing, citing incidents from the lesson.
9. How did Abdul Kalam's parents support his education despite financial constraints?
10. Discuss the importance of the lesson "My Childhood" in understanding the formative years of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

## Analytical and Higher Order Thinking Questions

1. Critically analyze the role of Abdul Kalam's family in shaping his character and ambitions.
2. Examine the impact of Abdul Kalam's early education on his later life and career.
3. Discuss how Abdul Kalam's childhood experiences reflect the cultural and religious diversity of India.
4. Analyze the significance of Sivasubramania Iyer's encouragement and support in Abdul Kalam's academic journey.
5. Evaluate the role of community and social environment in the development of Abdul Kalam's personality.
6. Discuss the theme of secularism in "My Childhood" and how it influenced Abdul Kalam's outlook on life.
7. Examine how the values of honesty, discipline, and humility were instilled in Abdul Kalam during his childhood.
8. Analyze the influence of Abdul Kalam's friends from different religious backgrounds on his perception of unity and diversity.

9. Discuss the relevance of the lesson "My Childhood" in the context of modern Indian society.
10. Evaluate the importance of parental guidance and teacher's encouragement in the context of Abdul Kalam's life, providing examples from the text.

### **Discussion and Essay Topics**

1. Debate the importance of a supportive family environment in a child's educational and personal development, using Abdul Kalam's childhood as an example.
2. Discuss how "My Childhood" portrays the values of secularism and unity in diversity.
3. Write an essay on the role of teachers in shaping the future of their students, with reference to Sivasubramania Iyer's influence on Abdul Kalam.
4. Reflect on the lessons one can learn from Abdul Kalam's early life and how they can be applied in today's context.
5. Analyze how Abdul Kalam's childhood experiences and values contributed to his vision for India.