

## Chapter 10 The Story of Cricket

### WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Answer the following questions.

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

A. Hockey and Polo.

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

A. The Parsis had much interest in trade. This brought them in close contact with the British. Thus they showed interest also in their game, that is cricket.

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

A. The 'happy ending' here refers to the winning of Parsis cricket team against the Bombay Gymkhana in 1889.

**4. Do you think cricket owes its present popularity to television? Justify your answer.**

A. To a great extent, cricket owes its present popularity to television. The game became very popular since the people are able to watch it at their home.

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

A. In India, cricket is the most popular game. So, it has a large viewership in India, whereas, cricket is not a popular game in China and Russia. Therefore, they don't show interest in watching the game.

**6. What do you understand by the game's equipment?**

A. Cricket equipment changed with changing times and yet fundamentally remained true to its origin in rural England. Unlike golf and tennis, cricket has refused to remake its tools with industrial or man-made materials. But in the matter of protective equipment, cricket has been influenced by technological change.

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

A. One of the uniqueness of Test cricket is it can go on for five days and still end in a draw. Another feature is its ground. Its size and shape is not specified.

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

- A. Cricket has variety in itself, like Test cricket, One day game and Twenty 20. Test cricket is the only game that can be played for five days. The ground for cricket match is not specified.

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

- A. Technology has affected the game of cricket. Protective pads and helmets made up of synthetic and light weight material are new to the game of cricket.

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

- A. The equipments of cricket have changed with the changing of times. However, even today both bat and balls are handmade. A New version of cricket called Twenty 20 is introduced recently.