

**Prose: A Hero**

**A. II**. **Answer the following with reference to the context.**

**1. There might be scorpions behind your law books.**

a] Who said these words to whom?

b] Had he seen them earlier or were there scorpions really?

c] Was it a trick to escape from his father?

**III. Answer the following questions**

1.What desperate attempts did Swami make to escape from his father?

2. Narrate Swami's dreadful experience when he was lying under the bench.

3. What was the Swami's fathers idea of courage? Why did swami not agree with his idea?

4. Do you think Swami deserved the applause? Why?

**B. I**. **Answer the following with reference to the context.**

**1.“Get up, Swami,” said Father a second time. “Why do you disturb him?” Granny pleaded.**

a. Who was trying to disturb Swami?

b. What did Granny want Swami’s father to do?

c. Why was Swami’s father insisting that he get up?

d. How does this line show the difference between Father and Granny’s attitudes?

**2. “A man may have the strength of an elephant and yet be a coward.”**

a. Who said this line in the story?

b. What was the context of this statement?

c. What did Swami’s father mean by this statement?

d. How does this line relate to Swami’s situation in the story?

**3. “He starred snoring but soon found his blanket pulled away.”**

a. Who pulled Swami’s blanket away?

b. Where was Swami when this happened?

c. Why did Swami’s father pull the blanket away?

d. How did this action affect Swami’s feelings?

**4. “From a challenge it had become a command.”**

a. What does the “command” refer to in this line?

b. Who issued this command?

c. Why did the challenge turn into a command?

d. How did Swami react to this command?

**5. “At once he clutched its leg and dug his teeth in.”**

a. Who is “he” in this line?

b. What did Swami think he was attacking?

c. Why did Swami clutch the leg and bite it?

d. What was the outcome of Swami’s action in this line?

**6. “His classmates looked at him with respect.”**

a. Why did Swami’s classmates respect him?

b. Where did this respect come from?

c. How did Swami’s act change his classmates’ view of him?

d. Why was this change in perception significant for Swami?

**Il Answer the following questions**

1. Why did Swami’s father insist that he sleep alone in the office room?

2. How did Swami feel when his father asked him to sleep in the office room?

3. What did Swami imagine hearing in the office room at night?

4. How did Swami’s grandmother react to his father’s decision?

5. Why did Swami want a lamp in the office room?

6. What action did Swami take when he heard the burglar approaching?

7. Why did Swami’s classmates look at him with respect?

8. How did Swami’s teacher respond to his act of bravery?

9. Why were the police grateful to Swami?

10. What lesson did Swami’s father want him to learn by sleeping alone?

11.Do you think Swami’s act of capturing the burglar makes him a true hero? Justify your answer.

12. Compare and contrast the attitudes of Swami’s father and grandmother toward his fear of sleeping alone.

13. How does the lesson \*A Hero\* explore the theme of courage versus fear?

14.If you were Swami, how would you have reacted to the challenge of sleeping alone? Explain your approach.

15.Analyze how Swami’s perception of heroism changes by the end of the story.

16. What role does the setting of the office room play in Swami’s experience in the story?

17.Discuss whether Swami’s father’s approach to teaching courage was effective. Support your answer with evidence from the text.