

# CLASS NOTES

Class: VII

Topic: Q & A of 'The People's President'

Subject: English

C. Answer these questions in 80-100 words each-

1. What kind of a person was Dr. Abdul Kalam? Give examples from the passage.

Ans- Dr Kalam believed in simple living and high thinking. He was a true patriot, a man who believed in the empowerment of students and made missiles but talked of peace. He firmly believed that educational opportunities should be provided to all children as that was the only way to remove poverty. He interacted with the students across the country, sharing his experiences, teaching team to dream and imagine, learn, question and work towards fulfilling their goals in life. He was a great learner who had an insatiable curiosity, a zest for life and an optimism which made him reach out for the impossible. He had a child like enthusiasm and a modesty despite all the accolades he received for his work. No other public figure endeared himself to all sections of the country as he did. He used technology to improve the lot of the common man, the disabled and the disadvantaged. His thoughts found expression in his books: *Wings of Fire, Ignited Minds: Unleashing the Power within India, My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions, Mission of India, Inspiring Thoughts and Indomitable Spirit.*

2. Why do you think Dr Kalam placed so much faith in technology? Do you think he was right to do so? Give examples from the text and from your own experience.

Ans-Dr Kalam placed great faith in technology and I think he was absolutely right to do so. He wanted to use technology to develop the country so that it could be at par with the other developed nations of the world. He was involved in the development of ballistic missiles and launch vehicle technology and was known as the 'Missile Man of India.' He wanted to use technology to help the common man, the disadvantaged and the disabled. When he realized that a coronary stent cost over Rs 60,000, he made a safe, biocompatible and long lasting stent from the alloys used in missile technology. He collaborated with Dr. Somaraju and the two scientists developed the Kalam- Raju stent, a low priced, safe and effective device that has been used successfully to help many patients. He brought in the digitalization of the library and made a tactile garden for the visually challenged in the President's Estate in New Delhi. Technology has helped us to make unbelievable strides in the field of medicine, information and travel, research and education and I think Dr Kalam was right in placing so much faith in technology.

D. Read these sentences and answer the questions that follow.

1. 'Students should be provide with 'wings to fly'.

a. Who should give the students 'wings to fly'?

Ans- Teachers should give students the wings to fly.

b. Explain the meaning of these words.

Ans-The above written words mean that students should be given means to dream, to imagine, to explore and shape their own destiny. No shackles should be imposed on their imagination. They should be free to explore, to learn, to dream and achieve the impossible and not surrender to fate.

2. 'The most important aspect of his personality was his simplicity'.

**a. What do you think his statement means?**

**Ans- This statement means that the most important aspect of Dr Kalam's character is his simple nature which was completely devoid of any pride.**

**b. Why do you think such a characteristic is important or useful?**

**Ans- Such a characteristic is important as well as useful because it helps you to keep learning and acquire knowledge. It makes you interact with all sections of society so that you are able to perceive their problems and empathize with them. This is what makes you endear yourself to everyone you come across.**

**c. Give an example from the text where he provide a simple solution to a problem.**

**Ans- Dr Kalam collaborated with Dr Somaraju and the two scientists developed the Kalam- Raju stent, a low-priced, safe and effective device which could be used in place of the expensive coronary stent costing over 60,000 rupees.**

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