

B. Read the passage and answer the questions. Tick the correct options.

Sarojini Naidu and Mahatma Gandhi shared a very affectionate relationship. She first met him in London, when Gopal Krishna Gokhale, who was away at the time, requested her to receive him.

Here is what she says about her first meeting with him, an unplanned but momentous one.

Curiously enough, my first meeting with Mahatma Gandhi took place in London on the eve of the Great European War of 1914. When he arrived fresh from his triumphs in South Africa, I had not been able to meet his ship on arrival. But the next afternoon, I went wandering around in search of his lodging in an obscure part of Kensington and climbed up the steep stairs of an old, unfashionable house to find an open door framing a living picture of a little man with a shaven head seated on the floor on a black prison blanket and eating a messy meal of squashed tomatoes and olive oil out of a wooden prison bowl. Around him were ranged some battered tins of parched groundnut and tasteless biscuits of dried plantain flour. I burst instinctively into happy laughter at the amusing and unexpected vision of a famous leader, whose name had already become a household word in our country.

He lifted his eyes and laughed back at me saying: "Ah, you must be Mrs Naidu! Who else dare be so irreverent?" Come in," he said, "and share my meal":

"No, thanks," I replied, sniffing, "what an abominable mess it is".

In this way and at that instant commenced our friendship, which flowered into real comradeship and bore fruit in a long, loyal discipleship, which never wavered for a single hour through more than thirty years of common service in the cause of India's freedom from foreign rule. And so, laughingly, we began a friendship that has lasted, grown, developed through all these many years.

Sarojini and Gandhiji exchanged several letters and even had endearing terms for each other. Sarojini has on several occasions referred to Gandhiji as Mickey Mouse, Spinner-Stay-At-Home, mystic spinner and My Beloved Little Man. Gandhiji has often addressed Sarojini as the Wandering Singer, Guardian of My Soul and Bulbul-e-Hind.

1.Sarojini Naidu first met Gandhiji in

- a. Europe.
- b. South Africa.
- c. London.
- d. India.

2. Instinctively' means

- a, naturally,
- b. suddenly.

- c. shamelessly.
- d. disrespectfully.

3. When Sarojini Naidu first met Gandhiji, he

- i. had just arrived in London.
- ii. had already been successful in South Africa.
- iii. was already well known in India.

- a. only ii
- b. i and ii
- c. ii and iii
- d. i, ii and iii

4. Sarojini Naidu burst out laughing because she had not expected Gandhiji to

- a. stay in an old house in an obscure part of London.
- b. look so messy.
- c. behave like a prisoner. d. sit on the floor and have a simple meal.
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5. By 'abominable mess, Sarojini Naidu was referring to

- a. the place Gandhiji was staying in.
- b. Gandhiji's shaven head.
- c. the meal Gandhiji was eating.
- d. Gandhiji sitting on the floor.

6. When Gandhiji met Sarojini Naidu in Kensington, he. _____ who she was

- a. guessed
- b. did not know
- c. was not sure
- d. knew exactly

7. Sarojini Naidu's reaction to Gandhiji's meal made him

- a laugh and tell her she was quite bold.
- b. feel ashamed and not share it with her.
- feel insulted and become very quiet.
- d. angry and insist that she eat it too.

8. Sarojini Naidu and Gandhiji's friendship began

- a. by sharing a meal. b. as an argument.
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- c. in their very first meeting.
- d. due to their common interests.

9. The friendship that Sarojini Naidu and Gandhiji enjoyed

- a. remained the same for thirty years.
- b. was ruined by an hour-long fight.
- c. became stronger through the years.
- d. lasted because of India's freedom fight.

10. The terms Sarojini and Gandhiji used for each other show that they

- a. shared an unequal friendship.
- b. had an affectionate relationship.
- c. used to make fun of each other.
- d. were very respectful of each other.