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**Std 7 Chapter-5 'If '
Questions and Answers
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A. Answer these questions:-

Q1. According to the advice given by the speaker; enumerate the qualities that make a man.

A1. According to the advice given by the speaker, the qualities that make a man are self-control & confidence, faith, belief, loyalty , patience, trust ,love and respect for others.

Q2. Why is it important to trust oneself ?

A2. It is important to trust oneself so as to make sure that one doesn't get demoralized or disheartened, to retain self-confidence when all men doubt , to accept some failures and losses and to face uncertainty and disagreement .

Q3. What according to the speaker is the correct way to pursue one's goal?

A3 One should dream but not be guided by unrealistic dreams , as it can detach one from reality and bring downfall . One should dream to reach ones goals in life . One should be able to think over a matter but not to make thoughts one's aim as one might lose way and get deviated from the main goal .

Q4. What are 'worn-out-tools'? Elaborate how the road to success is not easy .

A4. 'Worn out tools' are one's feeble and fading faculties. The road to success is not easy as we often meet the two imposters i.e Triumph and Disaster ' whom we fail to treat in a similar way . We always come across dishonest people who misinterpret and even deliberately distort our words to use it in their favour. Life is not always smooth but filled with challenges and risks . One is always at the risk of losing in a game of pitch-and-toss which represents life.

Q5. What does the speaker say about success and failure ?

A5. Success and failure are passing moments . They should not make any difference to the righteous man . One should accept both and treat both the extreme situations with moderate emotions. One should neither become conceited in success nor disheartened by failures . Both are two sides of a coin .

B) Answer these questions with reference to the context.

**1. If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you...**

Q a) Whom is the speaker talking to?

A a) Father is speaking to his son .

Q b) What is meant by ' keep your head '?

A b) ' Keep your head ' means to remain calm ,cool and control your temper against all odds .

Q c) Explain the second line .

A c) When people around you can't remain calm & blame you for their faults then you control your temper and stay calm and cool .

**2. If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same**

Q a) Explain 'Triumph ' and ' Disaster' .

A a) 'Triumph 'and ' Disaster ' refer to success and failure or victory and misfortune faced by a person in his life .

Q b) Why are they called ' impostors'?

A b) They are called 'imposters' because they are unreal and deceptive therefore the father wants his son to be detached and disinterested and should treat success and failures alike . If he can be unmoved by both then he can lead a happy and successful life .

Q c) Identify and explain the figures of speech in these lines.

A c) Personification . It means an inanimate object or an abstract noun are given a human figure so here 'Triumph and Disaster ' are compared to imposters i.e cheaters or deceivers .

**3. If you can fill the unforgiving minutes
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run....
Yours in the Earth and everything that's in it,
And-which is more-you'll be a Man, my son!**

Q a) Explain 'unforgiving minutes '.

A a) Time is not merciful as it does not wait or slow itself to give a person more time . 'Unforgiving minute ' refers to the fact that it will not forgive you if you waste your time or not utilize it properly. Every single minute is sixty seconds no more no less . So when a minute is up , it is gone forever . You can't call it back to spend it differently.

Q b) Explain the third line.

A b) The earth with all that it has will belong to such a perfect man and if you have all the qualities which go into making him a man ,a perfect man then you are a successful man.

Q c) What is the tone of the speaker ?

A c) The tone of the speaker is of an advice . An authority figure of a father instructing his son to live a virtuous and honourable life .
