

SAQs along with answers from the text 'Strong Roots'.

1. What is the name of the book from which the extract 'Strong Roots' has been taken ?

Ans: The extract 'Strong Roots' has been taken from the book 'Wings Of fire' by APJ Abdul Kalam .

2. What is Kalam's full name ?

Ans: Kalam's full name is Abul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam.

3. Where was Kalam born ?

Ans: Kalam was born in Rameswaram , an island town in the erstwhile state of Madras .

4.What is the name of Kalam' s father ?

Ans: Jainulabdeen is the name of Kalam's father .

5.What were the advantage and disadvantage in Kalam's father's character?

Ans: Kalam's father had not much formal education and much wealth ,but he had true generosity of spirit.

6. Who was Kalam's father's ideal helpmate?

Ans: Asiamma , Kalam's mother was an ideal helpmate of Kalam's father.

7. Who was Kalam's mother ?

Ans: Asiamma was Kalam's mother.

8. What were Kalam's parents widely regarded as ?

Ans: Kalam's parents were widely regarded as ideal couple .

9. How many people were fed in Kalam's house daily ?

Ans: People more than the family members were fed daily at Kalam's house .

10. Why was Kalam's mother's lineage more distinguished than his father's?

Ans: Kalam's mother's lineage was more distinguished than his father's because one of her forebears was bestowed with the title ' Bahadur ' by the British .

11. Where did Kalam live ?

Ans: Kalam lived on mosque street in Rameswaram .

12. When was Kalam's house built ?

Ans: Kalam's house was built in the middle of the 19 th century .

13. What was Kalam's house made of ?

Ans: Kalam's house was made of bricks and limestone.

14. What would Kalam's father avoid and provide ?

Ans: Kalam's father would avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries and the he was provided only food , clothes and medicine.

15. What type of childhood did Kalam experience?

Ans: Kalam experienced a very secure childhood materially and emotionally.

16. With whom Kalam normally eat ?

Ans : Kalam normally ate with his mother .

17. What was the regular menu of Kalam's meal ?

Ans : The regular menu of Kalam's meal included rice , aromatic sambre , coconut Chutney, and sharp homemade pickle .

18. Why is Rameswaram so famous to pilgrims ?

Ans: Rameswaram is so famous to pilgrims for the Shiva Temple .

19. How far was the Shiva Temple from Kalam's house?

Ans : The famous Shiva Temple was 10 minutes walk from Kalam's house.

20. What was Kalam's idea about prayers in childhood?

Ans: In childhood Kalam thought that by prayer one reached God.

21. Why did people of different religions wait for Kalam's father every evening outside the mosque ?

Ans : It's because they wanted Kalam's father to dip his fingertips in the water in their bowls which they would bring home for the invalids at home with the belief that the water would cure them .

22. When did people come to thank Kalam's father and what would Kalam's father say to them then ?

Ans : After the invalids got cured with the water sanctified by Kalam's father with prayer , people would come to thank Kalam's father and then he would ask all to thank Allah ,the merciful .

23. Who was Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry ?

Ans : Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry was the high priest of Rameswaram and one of the close friends of Kalam's father.

24. What type of discussions generally took place between the high priest and Kalam's father ?

Ans: Spiritual discussions took place between the high priest and Kalam's father.

25. What was one of Kalam's earliest memories ?

Ans : One of Kalam's earliest memories was that Kalam's father and Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry both in traditional attires would discuss about spiritual matters .