

## The Future is Your

### Comprehension I : The Future is Your

#### Question 1.

How does Rajaji teach a lesson in 'discipline' to his young ADC?

#### Answer:

Rajaji taught a lesson in discipline to his young ADC in a humorous and indirect way. When the ADC came to breakfast without shaving, Rajaji pretended to be concerned about his health. He told the young man that he looked very sick and should see a doctor immediately, also suggesting he skip breakfast. The ADC, confused, went back to his room and looked in the mirror, realizing he had forgotten to shave.

At lunch, after shaving, Rajaji commented that he looked much better and said the doctor's medicine had worked. Through this subtle and witty approach, Rajaji effectively taught the importance of personal discipline.

#### Question 2.

Why does Minoo Masani draw the attention of the young man towards the words of Abraham Lincoln?

#### Answer:

Minoo Masani refers to Abraham Lincoln's words to highlight the importance of values such as self-discipline, independence, and personal responsibility. He wants young Indians to understand that real progress and national development come from individual effort and moral strength.

By quoting Lincoln, Masani emphasizes that helping people doesn't mean doing everything for them—it means encouraging them to do things for themselves. This is a lesson he wants the

youth of India to learn and practice to ensure a better future for the nation.

### **Additional Question: The Future is Your**

#### **Question 3.**

According to the author, what two things are Indians deprived of in their own country, and how does this affect them?

#### **Answer:**

According to the author, Indians are deprived of **encouragement** and **discipline** in their own country. This lack of support and structure prevents them from reaching their full potential. However, when Indians go abroad, where they receive both encouragement and are subjected to discipline, they often excel and achieve great things. The author believes that if the same environment were created in India, Indians could succeed just as well at home.

### **The Future is Your Summary**



In this inspirational essay, **Minoo Masani** addresses the youth of India, emphasizing that the future of the country lies in their hands. He begins by admitting that the older generation has made mistakes and failed to guide the nation properly, so they should not preach to the young. However, he believes self-reflection is important for everyone.

He shares an amusing story about **C. Rajagopalachari (Rajaji)** to show how discipline can be taught subtly. Rajaji once taught a young ADC a lesson in discipline when the man appeared at breakfast without shaving. Instead of scolding him, Rajaji cleverly made the ADC realize his mistake through humor.

Masani argues that **Indians are talented and capable**, but they often fail to succeed in India because of two main reasons: **lack of encouragement** and **lack of discipline**. These are the very factors that help Indians excel when they move abroad.

To support his message, he quotes powerful lines from **Abraham Lincoln**, which emphasize values like thrift, independence, responsibility, and hard work. Masani urges Indian youth not to wait for elders to lead the way. Instead, they must take initiative and build a better future with courage, discipline, and vision.

