

Unit 5B

Questions And Answers:

1. Why couldn't Hafeez join either the police or the army?

Answer: Hafeez couldn't join either the police or the army because his mother didn't allow him to join, rather asked him to do his graduation.

2. What made Hafeez become an architect?

Answer: Hafeez became an architect quite by chance. Once he saw somebody in the architect's office drawing a window details which he drew in a wrong way. He then drew it himself in a correct way. He was asked to draw few specific things by his cousin's husband who was an architect which he did immediately. He was asked to design a house and he did that too. After that, Hafeez was suggested to drop everything and join architecture. This is how he became an architect.

3. Why did Hafeez's teacher think that he could become an architect?

Answer: Hafeez along with his friend Behram Divecha used to have competitions for designing forts, guns and ammunitions. Each one of them would design something in an effort to be different. That's why, his teacher Mrs. Gupta used to tell him that he was useless in everything but one day he would become an architect.

4. Why do you think Hafeez was not interested in studies?

Answer: Hafeez was very bad at languages. He used to particularly not like maths. He used to study just for the sake of studying. He believed that what he can learn more by doing on his own was more than what academics would have taught him. He believed learning by self, broadens one's thinking which limited academics cannot provide.

5. Comment on the statement "giftedness and learning disabilities go hand in hand." How do Hafeez's experiences support this statement?

Answer: Hafeez is an ace architect. He without any formal training in his second or third standard used to sketch exceptionally well. Hafeez from the very beginning had a

wonderful aptitude for sketches and designs. He used to design buttons out of chalk for his friends. His knowledge and perceptions of design and his calculative mind was a gift of God but on the contrary he used to lag behind in matters of studies. He used to hate maths and was least interested in any academic affairs. This proves that “giftedness and learning disabilities go hand in hand.”

6. What according to Hafeez, is ‘mathematics’? Do you agree with his view of mathematics?

Answer: According to Hafeez, “ Putting design, construction, psychology and sociology together and making a sketch from all that is ‘mathematics’.”

Yes, I agree with him because making a perfect calculation between different aspects and coming out with a solution of substance is what makes a perfect analysis.

