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THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT (PAGE 74)

I. Answer these questions in one or two sentences each.

QUESTION 1. Where was Abdul Kalam's house?

ANSWER: Abdul Kalam's house was on the Mosque Street in Rameswaram.



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QUESTION 2. What do you think Dinamani is the name of? Give a reason for your answer.

ANSWER: Dinamani is the name of a newspaper. Abdul Kalam attempts to trace the Second World War's news from it.



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QUESTION 3. Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends? What did they later become?

ANSWER: Ramanadha Sastry, Aravindan and Sivaprakasan were his school friends. Ramanadha Sastry became a priest of the Rameswaram temple.



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Aravindan went into the business of arranging transport for visiting pilgrims.

Sivaprakasan became a catering contractor for the Southern Railways.

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QUESTION 4. How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?

ANSWER: Abdul Kalam earned his first wages by distributing newspapers.



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QUESTION 5. Had he earned any money before that? In what way?

ANSWER: Yes, He used to collect the tamarind seeds and sell them to a provision shop on the Mosque Street. A day's collection would fetch him the princely sum of one anna.



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II. Answer each of these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words pg. 75).

QUESTION 1. How does the author describe:

1. HIS FATHER

ANSWER: The author describes his father as a wise and generous person. he used to helped others. He did not have much formal education and riches. He was a man of confidence and great wisdom. He avoided inessential comforts and luxuries.

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2. HIS MOTHER

ANSWER: His mother was a noble and kind-hearted woman. She used to feed a large number of people. She had all the attributes of a typical Indian mother.



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3. HIMSELF

ANSWER: I was born into a middle-class Tamil family. I was a short boy with rather not too good looks, born to tall and handsome parents. I studied physics and aerospace engineering and became a scientist.



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QUESTION 2. What characteristics does he say he inherited from his parents?

ANSWER: The author inherited humanity and benevolence from his parents. He learnt lessons in honesty and integrity from his parents. He was self-disciplined because of his parents' exemplary life.



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QUESTION 2. Study the words in italics in the sentences below. They are formed by prefixing un- or in- to their antonyms (words opposite in meaning pg.76).

- adequate
- regular
- demanding
- true
- patriotic
- accessible
- logical



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- responsible
- acceptable
- tolerant
- active
- permanent
- disputed
- coherent
- legal
- possible

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■ ANSWERS:

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