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## **Confessions of a Born Spectator – Reference to Context**

–Ogden Nash

1. Answer the following questions;

a. Why does the poet feel glad that he does not play any game?

The poet feels glad that he does not play any game as he feels ego during a match or a game may ruin his good sense. Moreover he does not want to get injured/ hurt during his play.

b. Do you think the narrator is heroic? Why?

No, I don't think that the narrator is heroic, as he had not participated in the game or sports. Only he served as a spectator.

c. The poet is satisfied just watching the heroic deeds of others. What could be the reason?

The poet is satisfied watching the heroic deeds of others as he is afraid to face the rough and twisted way, the players play to win the match and the wisdom he needs to win the ego if he wins the game.

d. The poet does not wish to exchange positions the runners. Why?

The poet does not wish to exchange position with the runners as he thinks good sense and caution win over ego.

e. Are the athletes conscious of the feelings of others? Why do you say so?

No, the athletes are not conscious of the feelings of others as they play rough games without caring for the feelings of their sporting rivals.

f. **Why would the referee ask whether there was a doctor in the stands? What stands is he referring to?**

Yes, the presence of a doctor is essential in the stands because the players while playing the game in a rough and twisted way may hurt themselves.

g. **Why does the poet prefer to buy tickets worth their weight in radium? Bring out the significance of the metal referred to here.**

I] The poet prefers to buy tickets worth their radium because he entertains himself on their heroic deeds.

II] Radium is a metal which is found in less quantity in the earth crust and so he compares their play with the radium.

3.] **Answer the following paragraph:**

- The poem is about the spirit of a spectator.
- He wants to enjoy the game from his seat.
  - He doesn't like to take part in the game because the players play a rough game– they hurt each other–they didn't care about others.
- He likes to share a drink or buy food for them
- He admires the spirit and strength
- But he is never ready to exchange places with them

4.] **Read the given lines and answer the questions;**

· **a] With all my heart I do admire  
athletes who sweat for fun or hire**

**1] Whom does the poet admire?**

The poet admires the athletes.

**2] For what reasons do the athletes sweat?**

The athletes sweat for fun or hire

· **2] b] "Well, ego it might be pleased enough  
But zealous athletes play so rough....."**

**1] What pleases the ego?**

Caution and good sense pleases the ego.

**2] Why are athletes often rough during play?**

The athletes are often rough during play because of ego to win the game

“ When officialdom demands

Is there a doctor in the stands?”

1] Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?

The doctors are called from stands by the sponsors as the athletes injure themselves while playing rough games.

2] Why does the poet make such an observation?

The poet makes such an observation as he is interested in watching the games.

4] When snaps the knee and cracks the wrist.....

**Identify and explain the use of the literary device in this line**

Hyperbole: It tells about the injury like snapping the knee it makes us think about the dangerous things that will happen when a person is injured.

1.5] A] Explain the following with reference to the context;

i] I am just glad as glad can be

That I am not them, that they are not me.....

**REFERENCE:**

**POEM:** Confession of a Born Spectator

**POET:** Ogden Nash

**CONTEXT:** In this line, the poet says that he is happy that he is not one of the players

**EXPLANATION:** The poet is satisfied in watching the game but does not wish to exchange With them as he feels good sense wins over ego.

2] “They do not ever in their dealings

Considers one another’s feelings.....”

1. **REFERENCE:**

**POEM :** Confession of a Born Spectator

**POET:** Ogden Nash

**CONTEXT:** In this line, the poet says that he is happy that he is not one of the players

**EXPLANATION:** The poet sometimes regrets that zealous athletes play rough games without Caring for the feelings of their sporting rivals.

3] Athletes, I'll drink to you,

Or eat with you,

Or anything expert compete with you....

#### **REFERENCE**

**POEM:** Confession of a Born Spectator

**POET:** Ogden Nash

**CONTEXT:** In this line, the poet says that he is happy that he is not one of the players

**EXPLANATION:** The poet says he is ready for a meal and drink with the players but he does not wish to compete with them. He says that he is afraid of injuries and wishes to be only a spectator.