

## **Virtually True Previous Year Questions (with model answers)**

**Q1. Willpower and determination bring success against all odds. Comment with reference to Virtually True.' [CBSE 2024]**

**Ans.** We learn the value of tenacity from the story "Virtually True." It demonstrates how a person's strength of character and tenacity enable him to realise his goals. Sebastian Shultz, who enjoys playing video games a lot, had an accident while doing so. He loses consciousness as his head hits against his seat, but his memory is instantly recorded in the game drive. Doctors inform his father that Sebastian has gone into a coma. Sebastian sells his games to Michael at the computer fair. Sebastian approaches Michael for assistance as his memory starts to function after Michael launches the game on his computer. In the video games Wild-West Guns, Dragon Quest, and Jail Break, Michael attempts to assist him, but he is unsuccessful. But eventually, he succeeds in the game War Zone and saves Sebastian Shultz. As a result, his determination aids him in accomplishing his goal.

**Q2. In what sense can we call Michael a true gentleman? [CBSE 2019]**

**Ans.** Michael was a sweet little guy who enjoyed adventures, war, chases, fights, confrontations, and violent games. He, like most kids his age, was a computer nerd who was enthralled by psycho-drive games that allowed him to forget about reality. He was mature above his years, despite being a little boy. As a result, when he received an email from one of the characters in the first game requesting assistance, he decided to finish the game and save the young child. Michael was unconcerned about himself, and he went into every game with zeal, fighting to the latter end to save Sebastian. Even though Michael had no idea who Sebastian was, he agreed to save him regardless of any personal gain. As a result, he has earned the title of gentleman.

**Q3. How do we know that Michael's father was fascinated by computers? [CBSE 2018]**

**Ans.** Micheal and his dad would visit computer fairs and buy gadgets like 16 speed CD ROM, complete with peakers, printer, modem, and scanner. He would buy any new gadget that got launched in the market. He had bought Michael all the latest computer games such as Tornado, MeBabash, Black Belt, Kyrene's Kastle. All this showed that Michael's father was fascinated by computers.

**Q4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

It all started a month ago. Dad and I had spent the entire Saturday afternoon at the Computer Fair. [CBSE 2017]

**(a) Who is the speaker?**

**Ans.** The speaker was Michael.

**(b) Why had the speaker and his father gone to the Computer Fair?**

**Ans.** The speaker and the father had gone to the computer fair because his father was obsessed with new technology and gadgets or gizmos and wanted to buy something new for his collection.

**(c) What does the word, 'entire' mean?**

**Ans.** 'Entire' refers to the whole time.

**Q5. Why was Michael surprised to see Sebastian Shultz's photograph in the newspaper? [CBSE 2017]**

**Ans.** He was surprised because the photograph resembled the person whom he had saved in the video game. Thus, he realised that when his car met with an accident, Michael's memory got trapped in the virtual reality game.

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