

Comprehension-2003

Ans 1:

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The writer mentions the troubles his family faced when he was young. He narrates the story of his father who worked earliest in a shipyard and then in an electronic firm to meet the needs of his family. During a workers' strike in the electronic firm, his parents along with their four sons had to face financial troubles. The writer recalls the challenges of his father's early life.

Ans 2: According to the writer, the working conditions in the electronic firm were challenging for the workers. The computers in the early days were large like the size of small houses that were built by sheet metal workers. The working staff had no security of jobs, and were expelled for minor mistakes.

Ans 3:

Answers should be 5-7 lines long.

His father's colleague was sacked for taking leave for his marriage.

Ans 4:

The writer shows that despite being brother and son, they know little about one another because they only discuss events without touching the emotional aspect. They do not share their emotions, hopes, fears, and doubts with one another.

Ans 5:

- (i) Had a spell: To work for a short time
- (ii) Was sacked: To expel from a job
- (iii) Dubbed: To be called/named by something
- (iv) Made the Belfast Papers: Of a news to spread like a wildfire in the newspapers of Belfast
- (v) Hit so hard: To face severe troubles/challenges