

Working with the Text

Q1. Name some stick-and-ball games that you have witnessed or heard of.

Ans. Hockey, Cricket, Baseball, Polo, Billiards, Table-tennis, Lawn-tennis, Golf are some stick-and-ball games.

Q2. The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket. Why?

Ans. The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket because they were in close contact with the British due to their interest in trade. They were the first Indian community to westernise.

Q3. The rivalry between the Parsis and the Bombay Gymkhana had a happy ending for the former. What does 'a happy ending' refer to?

Ans. There was quarrel between Parsis

and Bombay Gymkhana over the use of ⁽²⁾ a public park. Later the Parsis built their own Gymkhana and began to play cricket there. In 1889 Parsi team defeated Bombay Gymkhana and got the revenge regarding the use of public park.

Q4. Do you think cricket owes its present popularity to television? Justify your answer.

Ans. Cricket owes its present popularity to television. Television expanded the audience for cricket by beaming it into small towns and villages. The technology of satellite television and the world-wide reach of multi-national television companies created a global market for cricket. Now matches played in any part of the world could be watched live from anywhere. — 0 —