

Unit-2

Prose-2(A Nice Cup Of Tea)

Short Answers

A. Based on your understanding of the text, answer each of the following questions in four or five sentences:

1. What seems 'curious' to the author?

The best manner of making tea is the subject of violent disputes. It seems 'curious' to the author.

2. Why does the author say that it is important to include a tea recipe in cookery books?

The best manner of making tea is the subject of violent disputes. So the author says that it is important to include a tea recipe in cookery books.

3. Mention the countries in which tea is a part of civilization.

Tea is a part of civilization in Eire (Ireland), Australia, New Zealand, China, Ceylon and India.

4. Which tea does the author prefer- China tea or Indian tea?

The author prefers Indian tea.

5. According to the author, what does the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refer to?

According to the author, the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refers to Indian tea.

6. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?

Tea should be made in small quantities in a teapot. The tea pot should be made of China or earthenware. This is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea.

7. How does army tea taste?

Army tea is made in a cauldron. So it gives the taste of grease and whitewash.

8. Do tea lovers generally like strong tea or weak tea?

Tea lovers generally like strong tea. And they like it a little stronger with each year that passes.

9. Why should tea be directly added to the pot?

If the tea (tea powder) is not loose in the pot directly, it never infuses with water properly. So we should add the tea directly to the tea pot.

10. Why does the author prefer the cylindrical cup to a flat cup?

The author prefers the cylindrical cup to a flat cup because it holds more tea and keeps it hot. But a flat cup makes tea half cold before one starts on it.

11. What should be poured into the cup first- tea or milk?

Tea should be poured first because one can easily regulate the amount of milk to be added.

12. Why does the author advise removing cream from the milk?

Milk that is too creamy always gives tea a sickly taste. So the author advises removing cream from the milk.

13. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.

No, the author does not like drinking tea with sugar. If we sweeten it, it won't taste tea. It's merely tasting sugar mixed with hot water.

14. Why does the author refer to himself as being in 'a minority'?

Majority of the people add sweetener to tea. But the author drinks tea without sugar. So he refers to himself as being in 'a minority'

15. Whom does the author call 'misguided people'? what is his advice to them?

One who add sweetener to tea, the author calls them 'misguided people'. He advised them to try drinking tea without sugar for a fortnight (14days). Then, they will never want to ruin their tea by sweetening it again.

B. Based on your understanding of the text, answer each of the following questions in four or five sentences:

1. What are the author's view on China tea?

China tea has good beneficial qualities, which are not to be hated nowadays. It is also economical and we can drink it without milk. But there is no stimulation in it. One does not feel wiser, braver or optimistic after drinking it.

2. How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

If we sweeten tea, it won't taste tea. It's merely tasting sugar. We can make a similar drink by dissolving sugar in plain hot water.

3. Elucidate the author's idea about teapots.

Tea should be made in small quantities in a tea pot. The author feels that the tea pot should be made of China or earthenware. Silver or Britannia teapots produce inferior tea. Enamel pots are worse. But a Pewter teapot is not so bad.