

QUESTION BANK

The Three Musketeers and the Fourth

A. Answer in brief.

1. Who are musketeers? What do they do?

Ans: Musketeers are soldiers who used muskets, a kind of long gun. They are responsible for protecting the French royal family and only the best among the brave are given the honourable title.

2. How did D'Artagnan convince the musketeers to let him join the group?

Ans: When the musketeers were attacked by the soldiers, he came forward to help them saying that he has the spirit of a musketeer although he did not have the uniform.

3. Who did D'Artagnan fight with first? What was the result of the fight?

Ans: He fought with Jusaac first. He attacked Jusaac from all the sides. Jusaac lost his patience soon and tried to attack D'Artagnan by jumping on him, but he moved aside quickly and severely injured Jusaac.

B. Answer in detail.

1. Describe the fight between the musketeers and the guardsmen.

Ans: Aramis killed one opponent and was being attacked by another one. Porthos and Bicarar were wounded but were still fighting. Athos, wounded by Cahusac, was looking pale and weak. He soon recovered and turned to fight Cahusac. Aramis forced his opponent to surrender. Porthos was still fighting with Bicarar. Athos and Aramis joined him along with D'Artagnan. Jusaac ordered Bicarar to surrender and he did as ordered.

2. What happened after the fight was over? (*The Three Musketeers and the Fourth*)

Ans: The musketeers and D'Artagnan carried the wounded men and left them in the porch of the convent where they had been fighting. Then they left the place and started on their way. The three musketeers and D'Artagnan walked arm in arm, occupying the whole width of the street and taking in every musketeer they met.

C. Choose the correct answer.

How is the duel fought, in 'The Three Musketeers', different from a roadside brawl?

- a. The duel in *The Three Musketeers* is not fought with deadly weapons.
- b. In *The Three Musketeers* there is no serious animosity between the contestants.
- c. In the duel in *The Three Musketeers* there appears to be a show of respect for the fellow-challenger.

Ans: c

D. Read the lines and answer the questions.

Fighting again? What about the edict gentleman?

- a. Who was fighting?
- b. Who was the speaker?
- c. What is an edict?

Ans: a. D'Artagnon and Athos were fighting.

b. One of the guards commanded by Jusaac is the speaker.

c. An edict is an official order or statement of permission.

E. Answer in brief (Think and answer)

1. Why do you think Jusaac lost his fight?

Suggested Ans: He did not expect a tough fight from a man as young as D'Artagnan. He lost his patience being attacked by a young boy, lost his composure, made a hasty move and lost the fight.

2. Did D'Artagnan's encounter with the musketeers help him?

Ans: Yes, it did. He proved to the musketeers that he was brave when he offered to fight with Aramis. He convinced them that he had the spirit of the musketeer and ultimately joined their group. If he had not met the musketeers or argued with them, he would not have joined them.