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## IT'S ONLY A GAME, ENJOY BY-TARUN J TEJPAL

### Summary: -

\* **Cricket: -** A game of knocking the ball around. What is Cricket? How can we define it accurately? Truly speaking it is the hitting of a small ball around. The player walks on the playground in fancy clothes. They play the game to amuse the crowd no doubt they display their skill, strength, speed and the spirit of competition.

\* **Cricket- a metaphor for life: -** A good match, whether Cricket or Football, is all about knocking a ball around. Its only aim is to provide fun. No game help cure disease. No game ads to human knowledge. It doesn't unfold any secret of our stay on earth. But lovers of sports give a hundred deep meanings to sports. They compare it to life because both call for struggle, discipline, moral values and success/ defeat. The sports scribes often write about a well contested game much more than they praise a scientist or a scholar.

\* **The spirit & purpose of game to amuse and to rid us of blood lust: -** And it is not without reason or justification. Men need a lesson to learn on morality, on observing rules and on how to know a fair game from foul. People usually enjoy a game on the TV screen; they watch their favorite players at any risk of injury to themselves. He is a modern warrior who needs only a bottle of chilled beer and a television set in his living room to satisfy his urge for fighting. The utility of games and sports is to rid us of our instinct for violence. But if a game generates violence it loses its purpose of providing healthy amusement and suppressing our blood thirst.

\* **Cricket ground not a battle field: -** Take the case of Indo-Pak cricket matches. They fail to provide healthy amusement. They are never played in the spirit of the game. The players on either side carry with them their national and religious hatred. It is unfortunate because the Indians and Pakistanis are united by history and culture. They belong almost to the same racial stock, Instead of flying at each other's throat at the war front; they should enjoy the battle on the playground on their TV screen.

\* **The duty of the media and journalists: -** To promote peace between the countries is our foremost need. The journalists, the politicians, the sports analysts can play a vital role. They should not play



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up the issues of national honour. They can call upon the two rival teams and the players to appreciate on another's performance as good friends and true sportsmen.

**\*No national honour or shame in victory or defeat:** Sports should be treated as a means to build bridges of good-will between India and Pakistan. The press should learn to appreciate the wonderful bowling of Pakistani fast bowler Shoaib as also the hard hitting shots of Sachin Tendulkar. There is no need to be biased in praising the best. After all a win or a defeat in a match does not involve national honour or personal shock. A game is only fun if it remains a game; and not a bloody battle.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Q1. Some Points To Note from the Article:-

ANS:- (i) these are good things on display: Outstanding physical abilities, good hand-eye coordination, strength, speed, skill. Some entertainment, some enchantment, and some fission of combat.

(ii) Games exist primarily to amuse us. Writer asserts that games provide a safe outlet for the aggression that is a natural part of a man's physiological make-up.

The game exists to take the violence out of us, to drain us of real blood thirst. If instead it generates violence, it loses its purpose, remaining neither amusement nor catharsis.

(iii) After this Tejal switches to criticizing indo-Pak cricket encounters. He strongly believes that political troubles should not be allowed to affect sporting ties. Underlining the common regional identity of the two countries, he is critical of all those people who contribute to the entanglement of sports with politics, whether politicians or sports commentators. A misplaced sense of patriotism can make country down if they lose a match. Echoing the sentiments of many, he feels that cricket should become a unifying factor instead of a divisive force.

For what we to change our attitude and learn to appreciate good cricket. Disassociating talent from national identity is that first step towards that. He concludes the article by repeating his opening statement.

'A Game is fun only if it is remains a game. We must not make it anything more'