GRADE 8 – RANJI'S WONDERFUL BAT

B. 1. a. Mr Kumar called out to Ranji.

b. He called out to Ranji because he looked troubled.

c. Ranji was in a hurry because he had lost his wicket without scoring any runs and therefore was not in a good mood. He had also been reprimanded by his coach.

2. a. Mr Kumar said these words to Ranji.

b. 'It' refers to the fact that Ranji had been unable to score any runs in the past few matches. It had made Ranji believe that he was unlucky and therefore something had to be done about it.

c. Mr Kumar decided to give Ranji a bat with which he had scored a century to help him change his luck.

3. a. The bat that Mr Kumar had given had not lost its magic.

b. The magic was that anybody who played with that bat would score a lot of runs.

c. Yes, the magic worked for the receiver.

 C. 1. Ranji was determined to make enough runs to lead his team to victory when he first walked into the field.

2. Mr Kumar took Ranji to the back of his shop.

3. The bat that Mr Kumar gave to Ranji was special because he had scored a century with the same bat.

4. Ranji could not practise for the second match because he had misplaced his lucky bat.

5. The edge that the team from the other town had was that Ranji had not been able to practise before the match and the opposing team had lost a wicket very soon.

6. Mr Kumar helped Ranji even though he had lost the match because he believed that it was about the batsman and not the bat. He told Ranji that the bat was not an extraordinary one since he had scored runs using other bats as well. He wanted Ranji to be confident and therefore helped him.

D. 1. Ranji was a caring person and a true friend.

2. Ranji's new bat was not wonderful or magical. It was Ranji's belief in himself, his confidence that made the bat work wonders.

3. Confidence which grows out of honesty and belief in oneself is the most important quality that plays an important role in our lives. It can make an ordinary person extraordinary and can make him work wonders