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Worksheet No. 9	Topic: A Tale of Valour: Major Somnath Sharma and the Battle of Badgam QUESTION BANK	Note: To be done in the notebook

I. Answer the following questions:

1. 'Major Somnath's legacy of courage and devotion to the nation remains forever alive, forever alive...' What is the significance of the repetition in this line?
2. Why do you think Major Somnath's leadership was critical during the Battle of Badgam?
3. What were Major Somnath's last words? What do they reflect about his sense of duty?
4. What might have been the outcome of the Battle of Badgam if Major Somnath and his company had not held their ground?
5. Why do you think Major Somnath's story continues to inspire soldiers and civilians today?



Comprehension Check (Page No.13)

- I. Vastly outnumbered and facing devastating fire, Major Somnath Sharma and his men stood resolute. The air was thick with the sound of gunfire and the cries of battle, but Major Somnath Sharma's voice cut through the chaos, urging his men to fight with tenacity and valour.**

Despite heavy casualties and his own injuries, Major Somnath Sharma displayed unparalleled bravery. He moved fearlessly through the battlefield, directing fire, filling magazines for his gunners, and encouraging his men to hold their ground.

- (1) What can be inferred about the conditions from the line: 'The air was thick with gunfire...'
- A. The gunshots had stopped for a while.
 - B. There was intense fighting on the battlefield.
 - C. The invaders were retreating from the fight.
 - D. The Indian soldiers had achieved victory.

- (2) Select the correct option for both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) given below:

(A): Major Somnath Sharma moved fearlessly through the battlefield, even though he was injured.

(R): He believed his courage was important to motivate the soldiers.

- A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

- (3) Select the word that completes the following analogy correctly.

Major Somnath Sharma : Battlefield Leadership :: Lighthouse : ?

- A. Darkness
- B. Guidance
- C. Silence
- D. Distance

