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Q1. What were Hector and his classmates protesting about?

Ans. Hector and his classmates joined the protest against learning the Afrikaans language in school. This was the language that the whites spoke. Hector and other school students were being forced to learn this language but they wanted to learn their own language, Zulu.

Q2. Do you think the police shooting of Hector could have been avoided? How?

Ans. The South African police beat up the protestors mercilessly and shot at the crowd. One of their bullets killed Hector. Yes, the police shooting of Hector could have been avoided by talking with them in a peaceful manner or putting them in jail.

Q3. How do you think lowering the school fees would help girls attend school?

Ans. To some extent lowering the school fees would encourage those parents who find it difficult to spend money on girl's education to think seriously about girl's career. Thus, lowering the school fees would help girls attend school.

Q4. Look at some newspapers and discuss some elections that you may have read about. Why do you think elections are required after a fixed period?

Ans. All governments are elected for fixed periods. In India this period is five years. Once elected, governments can stay in power only for that period. If they want to continue to be in power then they have to be re-elected by the people. In this way the power of the government gets limited by regular elections.