

8. Reach The Top

I) Complete the following Statements.

1. From her room in Kasturba hostel Santosh used to watch the villagers climb the hill and suddenly vanish after a while.
2. When she finished college, Santosh had to write a letter of apology to her father because she got enrolled at Uttar Kashi without his permission.
3. During the Everest expedition, her seniors in the team admired her climbing skills , physical fitness, mental strength while her concern for others and desire to work endeavored her fellow climbers.

II) Word Meanings:-

1. Assure :- Took to be true without proof.
2. Rational :- Based on reason ; sensible; reasonable ;
3. Prevailing :- the Usual way of doing things.
4. urge :- a strong desire arising from within.
5. Resistance :- The power to endure without failing ill.

III) Phrase Meanings:-

1. In line with :- Following or in accordance to
2. The last thing :- The least important thing
3. Check it out :- Find out (The Truth)

4. Headed straight forward :- went towards
5. Top honors :- highest awards.
6. Sink in :- be understood
7. Held of aloft :- held it upright.
8. Frequent :- having strong and sincere feelings.

IV) (a) Answer The following:-

1Q) Why was the 'holy man' who gave Santosh's mother his blessings surprised ?

Ans 1) The 'holy man' who gave Santosh's mother his blessings were surprised because her Grandmother asked blessings for a daughter Instead of a son.

2Q) Give an Example to show that even as a young girl Santosh was not ready to accept anything unreasonable.

Ans 2) Santosh was not always contest with her place in a traditional way of her life. She began living her life on her own terms for the start. Where other girls wore traditional Indian dresses. Santosh preferred shorts. This clearly explains that she was not giving to accept any thing unreasonable.

3Q) Why was Santosh sent to the local school?

Ans 3) Though Santosh parents could afford to send their child to the best school, she was sent to local school because of the prevailing custom on the family.

4Q) When did she leave home for Delhi and Why?

Ans 4) Santosh wanted to continue her higher education. She was under a pressure by his parents to get married. She also Threatened her parents that she would never marry if she did not get a proper education. Hence she left home and got enrolled in a school in Delhi.

5Q) Why did Santosh parents agree to pay for her in Delhi? What mental qualities of Santosh are brought into light by this incident?

Ans 5) Her parents got ready because she informed them of her plan to earn money by working part time to pay for her school for her determination and interest towards her education.

IV) (b) Answer The Following:-

Q1. How did Santosh began to climb mountains?

Ans 1) Kasturba hostel where Santosh used to stay during her college days, Was Near The Aravali hills. she used to watch the villagers go up the hill and vanish after a while. she decided to check out the mountains herself. She asked the villagers if she could join them to which they agreed. This is how Santosh began to climb mountains.

Q2. What incidents during the Everest expedition show Santosh's concern for her teammates?

Ans 2) During the events of the Everest expedition in 1992, Santosh provided special care to a climber who was dying at the South cor. she could not save him but she managed to save another climber, Mohan Singh. By sharing her oxygen with him.

Q3) What shows her concern for the environment?

Ans 3) Santosh collected and brought down 500kg garbage from the Himalayas on her way back from 1992 Everest Expedition. This shows her concern for the environment.

Q4) How does she describes her feelings at the summit of the Everest?

Ans 4) She says that it took her sometime for the enormity of the moment sink in. She unfurled the Indian tricolor and held it aloft on the roof of the world.

Q5) Santosh Yadav got in the record book both times she scaled Mt Everest. What were the reason for this?

Ans 5) Santosh Yadav got into the record books both times she scaled Mt Everest, She got the record of the youngest woman in the world to achieve this feat. The second time she climbed Mt Everest she because the only woman to climb the Mt Everest twice.

Paragraph on Santosh Yadav & Maria Sharapova

1] Santosh Yadav was born on 1972 in small village of Joniyawas of Rewari District in Haryana. Her parents were very rich because they were land owners and could afford her to send to the schools. She herself enrolled in a School in New Delhi. After a While she joined Maharani college and got a room in Kasturba Hostel. she joined

Nehru Institute of Mountaineering to fulfill her passion. She was a Mountaineer, Climber, Social worker, and an Environmentalist. She was Awarded Padmashri by India government because of her excellence in climbing. She also collected and brought down 500kg garbage from Himalayas.

2] Maria Sharapova's parents were Yelena And Yuri. She was born in Siberia, Russia. She migrated to Florida with her parents. She joined tennis training. She has found an important lesson in life that tennis excellence would come only at a price. With her hard work, and dedication she had been qualified for Women's Singles. Both her parents motivated their children.