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PROSE

Empowered Women
Navigating The World

WARM UP

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Read the statements given below and match the issues accordingly.

- The marriage of a young girl below 18.**
Child Marriage.
- A transfer of durable goods / property that the bride's family gives to the bridegroom as a condition of the marriage.**
Dowry System.
- The intentional killing of a baby girl due to the preference for male babies in the family.**
Female Infanticide.
- Repeated and unwelcome sexual comments, looks, or physical contact at work place made by men that could offend women.**
Sexual Harassment.
- Women deciding to remarry despite opposition from relatives / society.**
Remarriage.
- Women excelling in many fields overcoming many hurdles.**
Women Empowerment.

Discuss with your friend the role of women in building a family. What are the roles played by her?

Women play a variety of significant roles in the family from their birth till the end of life. Woman's life is more complicated than a man. She has to take care of herself and family members as daughter, grand daughter, sister, daughter-in-law, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, etc. By following such a big responsibility in the family, they come out and do job for the bright future of their family and country.

What do you think of the status of women in the modern society?

In the modern society women are enjoying perfect equality with the men. They are no longer a slave of man's passion. They are not living at the mercy of man. They are asserting their rights and position in shaping the destiny of country. They outshine men in certain fields. They enjoy the right to ownership of property. They actively participate in politics. They hold highest positions in political and administrative domains. Some of them are CEO's of top-notch banks and companies.

Compare the status of women in the past with the present.

The women in the past were denied education and employment. The evil practice like dowry system, child marriage, widowhood, sati etc hindered their progress. In fact they were confined to the four walls of home. But now, they enjoy equal rights with men. They perform their best as CEO's, astronauts, scientists and so on. They can participate in politics and occupy the highest position unlike in the past.

What is the role of women in the modern society? Discuss.

Women are important in our society. Every woman has her own job or duty in the modern society. We can't forget that women's life is a lot more complicated than a man's life. A woman has to take care of her own personal life and if she is a mother, she has to take care of her children's life too. Married women have lots of worries and believe it or not, they carry out a more stressful life than married men. She is the one that cares about the order, the matter and the health of the family.

Divide the class into small groups, choose any one eminent woman personality of the world. List out her characters, achievements, etc., and speak a minute about her.

Indra Nooyi is an Indian-born American business executive currently serving as the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo, one of the largest food and beverage businesses in the world.

Childhood & Early Life

- She was born as Indra Krishnamurthy on 28 October 1955, in Madras (now Chennai), Tamil Nadu, India, Her father was a bank official.
- She was educated at Holy Angels Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School. She graduated in 1974 from Madras Christian College.
- She completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Management (MBA), in 1976.

Career

- Indra Nooyi joined PepsiCo in 1994 as senior vice president of corporate strategy and development.

Awards & Achievements

- She has been consistently ranked on 'Forbes' magazine's list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women. 'Fortune' magazine named Indra Nooyi No.1 on its annual ranking of Most Powerful Women in business for five consecutive years from 2006 to 2010.
- She was honored with the Padma Bhushan by the President of India in 2007.
- She was named 2009 CEO of the Year by Global Supply Chain Leaders Group.

SUMMARY

The lesson 'Empowered Women Navigating the World' is about the power of women which is in no way inferior to that of man. This lesson describes the expedition undertaken by four women from Indian Navy to circumnavigate the world. In the past women were not permitted to go out without an escort. Now in the modern world the real power of women is projected in all walks of life. These women undertook the expedition in the Indian Naval Ship, Tara-Traini. It has got many special features. One important feature is that it uses non-conventional renewable energy such as the wind.



The all women crew members were Captain Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi, Lt. Cdr. Pratibh Jawal, Lt. Cdr. Swathi Patarapalli, Lt. Aiswarya Boddapatti, Lt. Sh. Vijaya Devi and Payap Gupta. The expedition was flagged off on 10 September 2017 from Goa by the Defence Minister. After going through the whole world they reached Goa in April 2018 spending 254 days. They shared their experience in an interview.

None of them was acquainted with a sail boat. They had three years training to know how to use the sail boat. They were given hands-on training like, how to repair things, how to deal with emergencies and tactical aspects. Before taking the expedition they sailed on INSV Mhadei to Mauritius and Cape Town. They had good experience in managing repair work, water and food. These six personnel were shortlisted from thirty women who had applied for this expedition. Their family members had apprehensions but when they knew that they could manage themselves well they supported them.

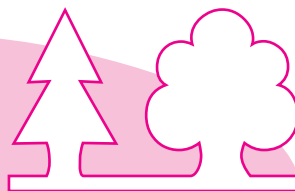
They wanted to complete the journey honestly following all the rules and regulations. They did not switch on the engine at all. Everyone had her own way of dealing with situations. So they could discuss among themselves to find out the best way to solve a problem. Team work was very important. Everyone had to do her job. When the winds were strong it was difficult to navigate. They encountered a severe storm in the South Pacific but they managed it well. When something broke down they fixed it together.

They were lucky to watch the brilliant Southern Lights which is a rare sight. They saw the lights emitted by living organisms, swimming dolphins and variety of sea creatures. They saw a dead sperm whale which looked like an island. During their journey they used to post pictures of their food, cake etc. They had time to read books and to do some craft work. They watched movies and listened to music. They knew that the entire country wanted them to complete the journey successfully. It was a great honour to complete the journey. They felt that it was a great achievement for all women of India.

GLOSSARY

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| circumnavigate (v) | – | to travel all the way around something, especially the Earth |
| indigenously (adv.) | – | naturally; innately; inherently |
| consonance (n) | – | agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions |
| skippered (v) | – | acted as a master or captain of a vessel especially a small boat |
| expedition (n) | – | a journey or voyage made for some specific purpose, such as war or exploration |
| replenishment (n) | – | restoration of a stock or supply to a former level or condition |
| apprehensive (adj.) | – | anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen |
| contention (n) | – | strenuous effort; struggling together in opposition |
| auxiliary (adj.) | – | additional; used as a reserve or substitute in case of need |
| anticipate (v) | – | to foresee; to realize beforehand; to expect; be sure of |



- bio-luminescence (n)** – the production of light by living organisms
- golgappas (n)** – the other term for pani puri
- morale (n)** – emotional or mental condition with respect to confidence especially in the face of hardships

ADDITIONAL

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| escort | – bodyguard | crisis | – disaster |
| set | – kept | nightmare | – frightening |
| currently | – at present | monitoring | – supervising |
| advancement | – progress | expedition | – journey undertaken by a group of people for a particular purpose |
| accomplishments | – achievements | acquainted | – familiar |
| tremendous | – wonderful | combat | – fight |
| patron | – supporter | apprehensive | – anxious |
| deity | – god/goddess | ultimate | – final |
| extensive | – wide ranging | auxiliary | – helping |
| attain | – achieve | repulsion | – refusal |
| potential | – capacity | grasped | – grabbed |
| essential | – necessary | poked | – thrust |
| depicting | – describing | collaborate | – cooperate |
| thrust | – drive | crisis | – disaster |
| initiative | – push | nightmare | – frightening |
| meteorological | – atmospheric | anticipate | – foresee |
| accurate | – precise, correct | encountered | – faced |
| marine | – sea | blissful | – delightful |
| globally | – worldwide | absolutely | – definitely |
| stereotypes | – conventional | awestruck | – fascinated |
| hardship | – difficulties | entire | – fully |
| acquainted | – informed, familiar | spotted | – noticed |
| expedition | – voyage | indulged | – involved |
| prediction | – forecast | rustled | – rushed |
| emergencies | – dangers | discriminate | – differentiate |
| tactical | – strategic | morale | – confidence |
| aspects | – features | | |
| various | – several | | |
| showcase | – project | | |
| collaborate | – cooperate | | |

EXERCISE WITH ANSWER

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Choose the appropriate synonyms of the word underlined.

- Women in India were permitted to go out with an escort.
a) bodyguard b) father c) brother d) husband
- The real power of women is currently being projected by the advancement of technology
a) past b) always c) presently d) never
- The real power of women is currently being projected by the advancement of technology.
a) sight b) right c) implement d) progress
- Tara – Tarini is the patron deity for sailors.
a) person b) supporter c) player d) powerful
- After undergoing extensive sea trials, she was commissioned to the Indian Naval Service.
a) distant b) severe c) playful d) wide-ranging
- The project is depicting Government of India's thrust of Nari Shakti.
a) drive b) feeling c) wish d) keeping
- The expedition collected data for monitoring marine pollution on high sea.
a) water b) river c) sea d) people
- How well were you acquainted with the sail boat before you took up the task?
a) accepted b) rejected c) tried d) familiar
- Training was needed in tactical aspects as well.
a) strategies b) features c) information d) exclusion
- We spotted a dead sperm whale once.
a) threw b) touched c) jumped d) noticed

Answers

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| 1. a | 2. c | 3. d | 4. b | 5. d | 6. a | 7. c | 8. d | 9. b | 10. d |
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EXERCISE for SELF EVALUATION

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the word underlined.

- The sea does not discriminate between genders.
a) accept b) refused c) distinguish d) lessen Ans:
- I'd say it was easier for us to collaborate and work together.
a) cooperate b) co-join c) co-authorise d) comingle Ans:

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3. We were absolutely awestruck as we were not expecting it to see the entire sky lit up in green light.
a) moved b) laughing c) cursed d) fascinated Ans:
4. Team work is the most important in the middle of the crisis.
a) enjoyment b) disaster c) work d) journey Ans:
5. Training was needed in tactical aspects as well.
a) strategies b) features c) improvement d) encouragement Ans:
6. It covered the expedition in five legs with stop-over for replenishment of ration and repair.
a) exhaustion b) removal c) renewal d) giving Ans:
7. The Project is essential towards promoting ocean sailing activities.
a) aiming b) necessary c) emotional d) feeling Ans:
8. Currently women's accomplishments are tremendous in many fields.
a) importance b) places c) work d) achievements Ans:
9. Currently women's accomplishments are tremendous in many fields.
a) wonderful b) important c) accepted d) refused Ans:
10. It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built indigenously in India.
a) foreigners b) workers c) artisans d) domestically Ans:
11. Navika Sagar Parikarma was a project undertaken in consonance with the National Policy to empower women.
a) detention b) agreement c) connection d) improvement Ans:
12. It is depicting Government of India's thrust for Nari Shakti.
a) accepting b) throwing c) describing d) involving Ans:
13. The six member women crew broke many stereotypes during their record-setting sail.
a) conventional b) importance c) connections d) ideas Ans:
14. So my contention was to make sure that we go by the rules of circumnavigation.
a) idea b) thinking c) expansion d) argument Ans:
15. Six of us were shortlisted based on the little survival skills we showcased.
a) informed b) projected c) cleared d) accepted Ans:
16. They were apprehensive and supportive too.
a) anxious b) written c) spoken d) left Ans:
17. It was a blissful experience.
a) difficult b) interesting c) delightful d) comic Ans:
18. You don't have to use any auxiliary means of repulsion.
a) negative b) positive c) clear d) helping Ans:
19. You don't have to use any auxiliary means of repulsion.
a) refusal b) attraction c) collection d) repetition Ans:

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20. We encountered a storm where the seas were almost nine to ten meters high.

- a) encouraged b) discouraged c) surprised d) faced

Ans:

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| remained | × | left |
| currently | × | past |
| safety | × | danger |
| success | × | failure |
| indigenous | × | foreign |
| extensive | × | limited |
| consonance | × | discord |
| attain | × | failed |
| essential | × | needless |
| encouraged | × | discouraged |
| collected | × | scattered |
| accurate | × | incorrect |
| replenishment | × | depletion |
| acquainted | × | unfamiliar |
| emergencies | × | calmness |
| rough | × | soft |
| apprehensive | × | composed |
| repulsion | × | attraction |
| grasped | × | released |
| different | × | same |
| brilliant | × | dull |
| rare | × | common |
| absolutely | × | partially |
| entire | × | partly |
| appreciate | × | blame |

EXERCISE WITH ANSWER

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the word underlined.

1. Women in India remained indoors unless permitted to go out with an escort.

- a) remind b) stayed c) accepted d) left

Ans : d)



2. After undergoing extensive sea trials she was commissioned to the Indian Navy service.
a) limited b) wide-ranging c) important d) unimportant **Ans : a)**
3. It encouraged use of environment friendly non-conventional renewable energy.
a) miscouraged b) uncouraged c) discouraged d) imcouraged **Ans : c)**
4. We were given training to deal with when the weather gets rough.
a) tight b) soft c) loose d) low **Ans : b)**
5. The project was undertaken to empower women to attain their full potential.
a) accept b) understand c) improve d) failure **Ans : d)**
6. That was a good thing because we could discuss different ways of solving a problem.
a) same b) intolerant c) imperfect d) inadequate **Ans : a)**
7. We were absolutely awestruck as we were not expecting it to see the entire sky lit up in green light.
a) full b) complete c) short d) part **Ans : d)**
8. You don't have to take anybody else's assistance grasped that completely.
a) gripped b) released c) attract d) attached **Ans : b)**
9. We witnessed the brilliant Southern Lights from sea.
a) bright b) dull c) simple d) ruminant **Ans : b)**
10. It was rare to watch that in those months.
a) common b) uncommon c) acceptable d) informed **Ans : a)**

EXERCISE for SELF EVALUATION

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the word underlined.

1. I love it when people appreciate the food that I cook.
a) praise b) blame c) appropriate d) rise **Ans :**
2. You don't have to use any auxiliary means of repulsion.
a) refusal b) disgust c) dislike d) attraction **Ans :**
3. They were apprehensive and supportive too.
a) composed b) anxious c) doubtful d) intolerant **Ans :**
4. We were absolutely awestruck to see the entire sky lit up in green light.
a) wholly b) completely c) partly d) partially **Ans :**
5. It collected wave data on regular basis for accurate weather forecast.
a) scattered b) gathered c) noted d) rejected **Ans :**
6. It collected wave data on regular basis for accurate weather forecast.
a) true b) correct c) incorrect d) unfulfilled **Ans :**

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7. It covered the expedition in five legs with stop-over for replenishment of ration and repair.
a) renewal b) depletion c) restoration d) rebirth **Ans :**
8. How well were you acquainted with the sail boat?
a) familiar b) accustomed c) impossible d) unfamiliar **Ans :**
9. We were given hands on training to deal with emergencies.
a) calmness b) anxiety c) disaster d) trauma **Ans :**
10. The Project is considered essential towards promoting ocean sailing activities in the Navy.
a) necessary b) needful c) needless d) crucial **Ans :**
11. Navika Sakar Parikarma was a project undertaken in consonance with the National Policy to empower women.
a) agreement b) discord c) arrangement d) treaty **Ans :**
12. It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built indigenously in India.
a) skillful b) domestic c) internal d) foreign **Ans :**
13. Tara-Tarani is worshipped for safety and success at sea.
a) danger b) protection c) involvement d) remaining **Ans :**
14. Tara-Tarani is worshipped for safety and success at sea.
a) victory b) failure c) next d) farmer **Ans :**
15. The real power of women is currently being projected to the world.
a) presently b) next c) latter d) past **Ans :**

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

- a. What does INSV stand for?

INSV stands for Indian Naval Ship Vessel.

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- b. When was INSV Tarini commissioned to Indian Navy service?

INSV Tarini was commissioned to Indian Navy service on 18 February 2017.

- c. Who is Tara - Tarini?

Tara-Tarini is the patron deity for the sailors.

- d. Where did the crew undergo their basic training?

The crew underwent their basic training in Mumbai at the Indian Naval Waterman ship Training Centre and at various schools in the naval base in Kochi.

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- e. How long were they trained to undertake this voyage?

They were trained for three years to undertake this voyage.

- f. Which skill was considered important in the selection process?

Survival skill was considered important in the selection process.

g. Who mentored the crew?

Commander Dilip Donde mentored the crew.

h. Which quality of the skipper helped to bring out a successful expedition?

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Honesty of the skipper helped to bring out the successful expedition.

i. Who among the crew mentioned about teamwork?

Payal Gupta mentioned about teamwork.

j. When did they witness the brilliant southern lights from the sea? How did the sky appear there?

When they crossed the Tasman Sea, they witnessed the brilliant Southern lights from the sea. The sky appeared green.

k. What festival did they celebrate during their expedition?

They celebrated Diwali during their expedition.

A. Read the statements given below and state whether they are true or false. If false, then write the correct answer in the space given.

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1. Indian Navy's all-women crew was the first-ever to circumnavigate the globe.

Ans: True

2. The crew consists of six members of men and women Indian Navy service.

Ans: False

The crew consists of six members of women Indian Navy service.

3. Vartika Joshi skippered the crew to circumnavigate the globe.

Ans: True

4. The crew started their expedition on 10 July 2017 from Mumbai.

Ans: False

10 September from Goa

5. Dilip Donde was the first person to go on a non-stop solo circumnavigation.

Ans: False

Dilip Donde was the first Indian to go on a non-stop solo circumnavigation.

B. Answer the following questions briefly.

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1. Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.

One of the special features of INSV Tarini is that it encouraged use of environment friendly non-conventional renewable energy resources such as the wind. It collected and updated meteorological, ocean and wave data on regular basis for accurate weather forecast by India meteorological Department (IMD) and also collected data for monitoring marine pollution on high seas.

2. What does the term circumnavigation mean?

Circumnavigation means to travel all the way around something, especially the earth.

3. How did the all-women Indian Navy crew go about their voyage?

The crew started their voyage on 10 September from Goa, flagged off by the Defence Minister of India. It covered the expedition in five legs with stopovers at four ports for refilling of ration and repair as necessary, before returning to Goa in April 2018.

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4. When did the crew start their voyage? When did they return to India? How many days did it take to complete the expedition?

The crew started their voyage on 10 September 2017 from Goa. They returned to India in April 2018. It took 254 days to complete the expedition.

5. What sort of training did the crew undergo before their expedition?

The crew underwent some theoretical courses on navigation, communication and weather prediction. They were also given hands-on training as to how to repair things and deal with emergencies, when the weather gets tough.

6. How did the crew members work as a team to make their expedition successful?

The crew members really worked as a team, with each one doing different tasks. Vartika Joshi, as the head of the crew, would discuss different ways of solving a problem and chose the best one. Teamwork was the most important in the middle of the crisis. When some people were out to watch, others were inside doing work like heating water and heating the gloves.

7. What challenging tasks did the team face during their voyage?

In the South Pacific, the team encountered a storm where the seas were almost nine to ten metres high and winds were picking up to 60-70 knots. The voyage was adventurous when they were crossing the Tasman Sea.

8. What sort of activities did the crew engage in during their long voyage?

The crew kept posting the pictures of delicacies like golgappas and cakes, read books and did quilling and craft work. While Joshi read comics and the Ramayana, she loved cooking and baking. Vartika Joshi said they watched movies, listened to music and baked cakes, breads, halwa, etc. They even celebrated Diwali and first birthday of the boat.

9. Mention the celebrations which the crew enjoyed during their expeditions.

The crew celebrated Diwali, three birthdays including the first birthday of the boat and specific occasions like crossing the equator, the International Date Line and so on.

10. Which factor motivated the crew to undertake this expedition?

As the sea does not discriminate between genders, the crew undertook this expedition to boost the morale in the country and for more women to take to adventures like sailing. It was this factor that motivated the crew to undergo this expedition.

ADDITIONAL**Short Answer Questions.****1. What was so special about Indian Navy's all-women crew?**

Indian Navy's all-women crew was the first-ever to circumnavigate the globe skippered by Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi.

2. How long did the circumnavigation of the globe take? Where and when did they return?

The circumnavigation of the globe took 254-days. They reached Goa port on 21 May 2018.

3. What was the training given to them besides the theoretical courses?

The team was given hands-on training like how to repair things and how to deal with emergencies, when the weather gets rough.

4. Why were out of the thirty women who had applied, six of them shortlisted?

Six of them were shortlisted because they showcased their survival skills.

5. What hobbies did they pick up during circumnavigation?

They picked up hobbies like posting pictures of delicacies like golgappas and cakes, reading books and some quilling and craft work.

6. What hobby did Vartika Joshi cultivate during her journey?

Vartika Joshi read comics and the Ramayana during her journey.

C. Answer the following in about 100-150 words:

1. Highlight the factors responsible for all-women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.

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Life is an adventure not a package tour.

Women of the past stayed indoors unless allowed to go out with an escort. But today things have changed in such a way that the real power of women is being projected to the world by the advancement of technology and media. Currently women's achievements are tremendous in many fields. One such achievement is the All-women Indian Navy crew who sailed around the world for 254 days, in a sailboat called INSV Tarini. As the sea does not discriminate between genders, the crew undertook this expedition to boost the morale in the country and for more women to take to adventures like sailing. The crew members worked as a team, with each one doing different tasks. Vartika Joshi, as the head of the crew, would discuss different ways of solving a problem and chose the best one. Payal Gupta added that teamwork is the most important in the middle of the crisis. This team effort helped in navigating through the 20 hours long storm. These factors motivated the crew to undergo this expedition.

The boat was named after the famous 'Tara-Tarini' temple in Ganjam district in Odisha

2. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.

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We were given hands-on training, like how to repairs things and how to deal with emergencies.

As regards the selection process, out of the thirty women who had applied, six of them were shortlisted, based on the survival skills they showcased. The crew was mentored by Commander

Dilip Donde. Then they got acquainted themselves with sail boat. They slowly got used to it through three years of training. Before the expedition, they started with some theoretical courses on navigation, communication and weather prediction. They were also given hands-on training as to how to repair things and deal with emergencies, when the weather got tough. In addition, Aishwarya said that they underwent their basic training courses in Mumbai at the Indian Naval Waterman ship Training Centre (INWTC), and at various schools in the southern naval base in Kochi. They even sailed on INSV Mhadei to Mauritius and back and also to Cape Town in December 2016. This trip was on how to manage food, water and even electricity during the big voyage.

The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.

ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPHS

Answer the following in about 100-150 words:

1. Describe INSV Tarini.

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Navika Sagar Parikarma was a project undertaken in consonance with the National policy to empower women to attain their full potential

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Blessed are the curious; for they shall have adventures.

2. What was the challenging task? How did they spend time deep in the sea?

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It encouraged use of environmental friendly non-conventional renewable energy resources such as the wind.

The expedition was undertaken by the all-women naval personnel to empower women to attain their full potential. The challenging task while sailing was that the sea could get really tough when the winds were picking up. In the South Pacific, they encountered a storm where the seas were almost nine to ten metres high and winds were picking up to 60-70 knots. The voyage was adventurous when they were crossing the Tasman Sea. They witnessed the brilliant Southern Lights from sea. The entire sky was lit up in green light. They spent time deep in the sea by posting the pictures of delicacies like golgappas and cakes, reading books and doing quilling and craft work. While Joshi was reading comics and the Ramayana, she was cooking and baking. Vartika Joshi said they watched movies, listened to music and baked cakes, breads, halwa, etc. They even celebrated Diwali and three birthdays including the first birthday of the boat.

Adventure is the best way to learn.

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Idioms and Phrases

- D. Pick out the idioms and phrases from the box and write them in the blanks equivalent to their meanings. One is done for you.**

bring it on, find one's voice, lend an ear, come across, on the ball,
get along, hang on, over the moon, work out, sharp as a tack

| IDIOMS | PHRASES |
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| 1. Competent - <u>on the ball</u> | 1. To meet or find by chance - <u>come across</u> |
| 2. Become more confident in expressing oneself - <u>find one's voice</u> | 2. To exercise - <u>work out</u> |
| 3. Extremely happy - <u>over the moon</u> | 3. To accept a challenge with confidence - <u>hang on</u> |
| 4. Mentally agile - <u>sharp as a tack</u> | 4. To have a friendly relationship - <u>get along</u> |
| 5. Listen - <u>lend an ear</u> | 5. To keep something - <u>bring it on</u> |

- E. Read the given sentences carefully and fill in with appropriate phrasal verbs. Choose them from the help box.**

get along with, take off, shut down, look after, warm up

- The air hostess instructed the passengers to wear the seat belts during the take off.
- Venkat felt happy to get along with the neighbours in the new locality.
- There will be a shut down next week in the office.
- Doing warm up every day in the morning keeps one healthy.
- The mother instructed the maid to look after the child carefully.

F. Read the given passage carefully and fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs from the help box.

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| burn off | keep up | build up | tire out |
| warms up | put on | work out | stretch out |

Riya is a young dancer who feels contented and satisfied with herself. Let's hear from her.

Hi, everyone! I am Riya. I suppose I'm really lucky because I don't put on weight easily. I never work out in the gym and the only time I stretch out is when I need something from the top shelf. I tried aerobics several times but I couldn't keep up with the others. I take my pet for a walk thrice a day and that helps to burn off the calories. I usually watch what I eat but I sometimes binge on icecream.

My sister Diya, is a real fitness fanatic. Before she works out she warms up every day with push ups, sit ups, stretches and a jog around the park. She says it's important to build up good levels of strength and stamina. I don't want to overdo it though. A fitness regime like hers would tire out me!

LISTENING

B.P.No. 68

G. Listen to the passage read by the teacher and say whether the given statement is true or false.

1. Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamil Nadu. **Ans: True**
2. At the age of seventeen, she captained the Indian Women's cricket team. **Ans: False**
3. Preethi Srinivasan was not only a cricketer but also a runner. **Ans: False**
4. Preethi's own trauma inspired her to create Soul Free, a foundation for those suffering from mental illness. **Ans: False**
5. Preethi received the Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise. **Ans: True**

SPEAKING

B.P.No. 69

H. Read the clues given below and develop your story. Narrate your story to the class.

Robert Bruce - King - lying on the ground in a dejected mood - failed to defeat his enemies - was thinking of giving up the attempt - saw a spider falling down from the ceiling - the ceiling far away - wondered how it would get there - the spider fell back again - again it tried - again it fell - it made nine such attempts - no success - climbed up once more - at last succeeded in reaching the roof - Bruce imitated its example - he too tried once again - was successful.

The Lesson of a Spider

Once there was a king called Robert Bruce.

One rainy day, he was lying on the ground in a dejected mood. He was tired and felt sick at heart, ready to give up all hope. It seemed to him that there was no use for him to try to do anything more.

As he lay thinking, he noticed a spider over his head, which was falling down from the ceiling. The ceiling was far away. The king wondered how it would be reach there. It tried and fell back again and again. It made nine such attempts, yet it failed. Then it made another attempt to climb up once

more. At last it succeeded in reaching the roof. Bruce got inspired and he imitated what the spider did. He too tried again and he was successful.

Moral : Try, try till you succeed.

- I. Develop a story with the given pictures and narrate it to your class. Your story must have a plot and vivid details.**

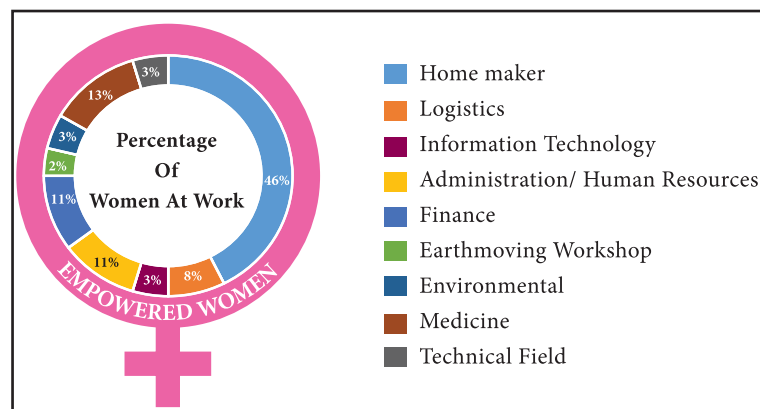


Once, a group of adventurous sailors went on an expedition around the world. The sail in the beginning was joyful with a lot of fun. After sailing a few nautical miles, the ship hit an iceberg and started to sink in the sea. The crew in the ship dived into the sea. When they went down a few hundred metres, they were startled to see the sea organisms which were fascinating to the eyes. Further they saw broken visage of the emperor lying on the floor of the sea. What made them more joyful was the box which contained gold coins. It had fallen into the sea some years ago. They brought it out after an adventurous exploration into the sea.

READING

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- I. Read the data below and answer the following questions.**



Choose the correct answer.

- 1. What is the data about?**

- a) women empowerment
b) women power
c) women at work
d) women at home

Ans : c)

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2. Identify the three jobs where the same percentage of women work.



Ans : a)

3. In which field of work is women's involvement the second highest?

a) Logistics

b) Home maker

c) Medicine

d) Administration/Human resource

Ans : d)

4. Percentage of women working in finance is the same as _____.

a) Home maker

b) Information Technology

c) Technical Field

d) Administration/Human Resources

Ans : d)

5. What is the difference between the percentage of women working in logistics and Medicine?

a) 8

b) 11

c) 13

d) 5

Ans : d)

WRITING

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Slogan

A slogan is usually a short phrase that is easy and catchy to remember. They are often used in advertisements and by political parties or organizations who expect people to remember what they are selling. The words used in a slogan are simple, relevant, attractive and brief.

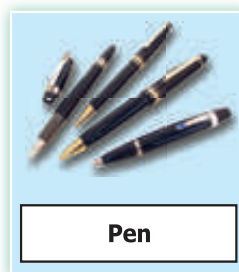
J. Read the given slogans and match them appropriately with their theme.

| Slogans | | Answer |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. One for all and all for one. | Junk food | Unity |
| 2. Limit your fast food otherwise it would be your last food. | Save water | Junk food |
| 3. Restricting a woman restricts the growth of the family. | Cleanliness | Women empowerment |
| 4. Clean and green makes perfect scenet. | Woman empowerment | Cleanliness |
| 5. It takes a lot of blue to stay green. | Unity | Save water |

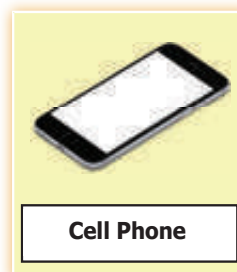
K. Look at the images of familiar advertisements given below. Identify the products and try to frame your own slogans for each one of them.



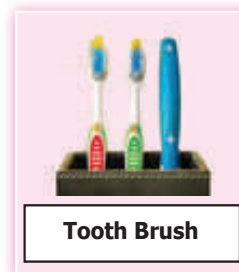
Enjoy the chill
You'll scream



The sharpest
weapon to
change the world.



Have a Cell
Phone, beat
the loneliness.



Help to clean
teeth and gums,
make them gems

L. Look at the pictures given below and frame your own slogans.



Save water, Save life!



Unite to defeat.



No earth, no birth!



Work out to be healthy and happy.

Letter Writing.

- A letter is an important means of communication which could be personal or official. Letters are broadly classified into two types: Formal and Informal letter. In Class IX you have studied both the types – formal and informal.
- Now let us learn to write a letter ordering goods and how to write a complaint for any damage or any other problem noticed after receiving the goods.

Format of the letter

Sender's address : (Include email and phone number, if required).
Date : (leave one space line and write the date as, 10 July 2019)
Receiver's address : (correct address)
Subject of the letter :
Salutation (Sir / Respected Sir / Madam),
Body of the letter
 (Introduce yourself and write the purpose of the letter
 Mention the details of the enquiry
 Conclusion)
Closure (Yours,)
 Sender's signature and designation (if any)

Model of the letter:

Letter ordering things.

Ms. Deepa an NGO writes a letter to the wholesale book shop dealer, placing order for 100 copies of medium size English Oxford Dictionary.

Ms. Deepa,

NGO (Nallam Trust),
Kalapet village,
Nagappattinam District.
bdeepa04@gmail.com

13 May 2019

The Proprietor,

NIZHAL BOOK SHOP,
Chennai – 600 001.

Sir / Madam,**Subject:** Order for English Oxford Dictionaries – Reg.

On reading the discount provided by your shop in the advertisement of yesterday's newspaper, I would like to place an order for 100 copies of medium sized English Oxford Dictionary in your shop. I need the copies within a week. So, let me know the estimation for the bulk order placed, as early as possible.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Deepa. B

Letter of complaint

After receiving the order, Deepa finds that some of the dictionaries are damaged. So, she writes the following letter of complaint.

Ms. Deepa,

NGO (Nallam Trust),
Kalapet village,
Nagappattinam District.
bdeepa04@gmail.com

20 May 2019

The Proprietor,
NIZHAL BOOK SHOP,
Chennai – 600 001.

Sir / Madam,**Subject:** Complaint about damaged dictionaries – Reg.

On receiving the order of 100 copies of English Oxford Dictionary from your shop, I found that around 25 copies of them were damaged. In some copies the pages are missing and in some more copies the pages are not in order. So, duly accept my complaint and replace the damaged copies. Kindly, check the returned copies and replace them accordingly.



Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Deepa.B

Letter of Enquiry

Mr. Srinath lost his bag in an over crowded train. The following is the letter of enquiry at the railway police force.

Srinath B,

No.24, I cross, Pon Nagar,
Chengalpettu-10.
bsrinath16@gmail.com

25 July 2019

The Commissioner of Railway Police,

A-2 Police station, D-Nagar,
Chengalpettu-02.

Respected Madam,

Subject: Enquiry about status of the lost certificates – Reg.

I am a graduate seeking employment, residing in the above mentioned address. I lost my certificates on 15th July 2019, while I was returning home in a local train from Chengalpattu. As the train was over crowded, I placed my bag on the rack above. When I was about to get off, I noticed that my bag was missing. I was helpless and filed a complaint with the Railway Police. I have given all the details in the complaint letter on the same day. So far I have not received any further response. I request you to take immediate action in this regard.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Srinath B.

M. Exercise :

B.P.No. 74

1. **Imagine that you have parked your two-wheeler / bicycle inside the school premises. You find it missing in the evening. Write a complaint to the head of the school regarding this issue.**

From

Srikanth. D,
Class X-B,
ABC High School,
Chidambaram.

10th July, 2020



To

The Headmaster,
ABC High School,
Chidambaram.

Sir,

Subject: Complaint about Missing Two-wheeler –Reg.

I would like to bring to your kind attention that I parked my two-wheeler in the parking shed around 8.30 am on 10th July 2020. When I returned in the evening, it was missing. I searched everywhere and even enquired my friends in the school. Nobody has any idea. So I request you to restore my two-wheeler as early as possible.

Thank you,

Yours obediently,

Srikant. D

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2. Write a complaint to the officer of the PWD department to take immediate action of maintaining cleanliness in the Children's Park in your locality.

Rakesh. S,
Door No. 5, 7th Cross,
Natesan Nagar,
Trichy.

13th July 2020

The Officer,
PWD,
Trichy.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Lack of Cleanliness in Children's Park - Reg.

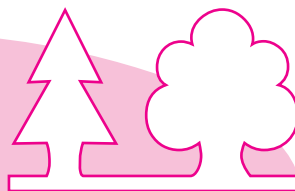
I am a resident of Natesan Nagar, Trichy and I reside very close to the Children's Park. I would like to draw your attention to lack of cleanliness in the children's park.

The garbage in the children's park has not been cleaned for weeks. As a result the vicinity is stinking. And every day hundreds of children go to the park and play in the evening. If the garbage is not cleaned, the children will contract diseases like cholera, malaria, dengue etc. There is a possibility of these disease spreading in the neighbouring areas too.

Hence I request you to take immediate action in this regard.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Rakesh. S



3. Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering subscription for your school library.

Jay Shree. L,
Librarian,
VET High School,
Thanjavur.

3rd August 2020

The Manager,
M/s Kasthuribai,
Chennai.

Sir,

Subject: Subscription of Sports Star magazine for School Library - Reg.

With reference to the advertisement in the Hindu dated 13th January 2020 regarding discount, I am writing this letter to subscribe to the Sports Star of your publications. I am placing order for 3 copies of the Magazine for one year. I have enclosed a copy of the DD towards the subscription. I request you to send the copies by courier on the day of publication.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Jay Shree. L.

GRAMMAR

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Tenses:

- The term, 'Tense' denotes the time of action. They show when the work is done.
- The English Tenses are : 1. Past 2. Present 3. Future

A. Complete the sentences in present tense forms.

1. Saravanan always goes (go) for a walk in the morning.
2. We have gathered (gather) here for a meeting and the chair person is yet to arrive.
3. Aruna has eagerly been waiting (wait) to meet her friend since morning.
4. Sheeba is moving (move) to a new house next week.
5. Naseera attends (attend) music classes regularly.
6. Ilakiya and Adhira enjoy (enjoy) each other's company very much.
7. Mani has been working (work) in this school for five years.
8. It is pouring (pour) outside now.

B. Complete the sentences in past tense forms.

1. I went (go) to her place on foot.
2. The children were playing (play) in the ground when the teacher arrived.

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3. They requested (request) him when the manager arrived.
4. If you had worked (work) hard, you would have won the relay match
5. Joanna and Joy had already left (leave) for Ooty, when the others reached the station.
6. We all sang (sing) in the choir last week.
7. Nancy asked (ask) for help.
8. The people were waiting (wait) for the train.

C. Fill in the blanks using the verbs in the brackets in the future form.

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1. We will not go to the market, in case it rains. (go)
2. Keerthi will have done his work by next week. (do)
3. The peon will have rung the bell by the time I reach the school. (ring)
4. I will visit my sister's house next April if I go to Uttarkhand. (visit)
5. If you listen carefully, you will understand my point. (understand)
6. By next year, I will have lived in Chennai for fifteen years. (live)
7. The new edition of this book will come out shortly. (come)
8. She hopes you will help her. (help)

D. Underline the verbs and identify the tense forms.

1. I am working hard day and night. – present continuous tense
2. The Moon revolves around the Earth. – simple present tense
3. Were the milk men milking the cow? – past continuous tense
4. He received yours messages last night. – simple past tense
5. I have been ill for a couple of days. – present perfect tense

E. In the following passage, some words are missing. Choose the correct words from the given options to complete the passage.

Raghav (a) was born in a middle class family. He is a (b) school-going boy of 8. His mother (c) works as a software engineer in an MNC. (d) Drawing is his favourite hobby. He (e) won the first prize in school level competition for drawing last week. He (f) started drawing at the age of 3. His mother (g) hopes he (h) will become a great painter in future.

F. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in the tense of the verb in each line. Write the wrong word as well as the correct word in the given place. One is done for you.

| | Incorrect words | Correct words |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| When Anand reach Arun's place, his | reach | reached |
| friends have arrived already. Arun | have | had |
| introduces Anand to them. Arun's brother | introduces | introduced |



| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| buy some snacks from the market. | buy | bought |
| Arun serving it to all his friends. Then | serving | served |
| they all sat together to planning their holidays. | planning | plan |
| Arun have a cottage in Ooty, so | have | had |
| they all plan to go to Ooty during the holidays. | plan | planned |
| "Would we have a good time?, asked Arun. | would | can / will |
| They all cheerfully say, "Yes!" | say | said |

G. Read the story and rewrite it using the past tense.

Juno the elephant was lonely and tried to make friends with the other animals in the forest. But, the other animals refused to play with Juno because of his size. One day, all the animals were running away from Dera the tiger who was eating everyone he found. Juno went and gave Dera a swift kick. Dera immediately ran away. Juno was now everyone's friend.

H. Read the situations given below and frame two suitable sentences in the appropriate form of the tenses.

Give two instructions to your classmates.

- Kindly go to the football ground.
- Do not throw the chocolate wrappers on the floor.

Make any two requests to your classmates or friends.

- Can you lend me your pen?
- Will you come with me to temple today?

Mention any two of your discontinued habits in the correct tense form.

- I used to eat ice-cream.
- I used to play chess in my school days.

Mention any of your two dreams in the correct tense form.

- I want to become an engineer.
- I will strive for 100% attendance this year.



POEM

I am Every Woman

*- Rakhi Nariani Shirke***SUMMARY**

This poem 'I am Every Woman' is written by Rakhi Nariani Shirke. It talks about the multifaceted nature of women. Today's women are empowered, brave, strong and resolute. They are always ready to take up new ventures. Women have to be treated respectfully for the growth of a nation.

Every woman has innate beauty in her. She is a symbol of power and strength. She is empowered, brave and strong. She is prone to put her life at stake and does not fear in putting her life at stake. She is ready to take risk in her life courageously. She is a down-to-earth-real human being. She is not fake.

The poet says that the woman is an embodiment of sacrifice. She is ready to sacrifice her whims and fancy for the happiness of the loved ones. According to her, others' happiness is more important than hers. She is hopeful of enjoying happiness even in the next cycle. This way she proves that she is the woman who does not have fear about anything. She is hopeful even in times of adversity.

The woman is strongly and inseparably rooted in her faith and beliefs. Nothing can shake her up. She motivates men so that one should not easily give up, rather one should keep on persevering and hoping for better results. Though she undergoes untellable sufferings and hardships in the family, she will not compromise on her faith and beliefs.

The poet goes on to say that she is a lioness. Never take her for granted. If you are a prankster, she will not spare you. She will fight for equality in all spheres. We should be careful. We should not try to outrage her pride, her self-respect and dignity. If we do so, she knows how to insult or thrash us or outrage our dignity. Moreover, she is today's woman, not like yester years' woman of lesser expressive nature. She is outspoken and candid. She expects equality in everything. So we should love her, respect her and keep her near.

GLOSSARY

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| | |
|------------------------|--|
| innate (adj) | - inborn and natural |
| stake (n) | - risk |
| persistence (n) | - determination |
| sigh (v) | - emit a long, deep audible breath expressing sadness, relief or tiredness |
| groans (v) | - complaints and grumbles |
| moans (v) | - grieves |

- mess with (ph.v)** - meddle or interfere with.
prankster (n) - a person who acts mischievously

Poetry Appreciation Questions.

A. Read the following lines and answer the questions.

1. *The summer of life she's ready to see in spring
 She says, "Spring will come again, my dear
 Let me care for the ones who're near."*
 - a) **What does the word summer mean here?**
 Summer means adversity, pain or agony.
 - b) **How does she take life?**
 She takes life positively and hopes for the better.
 - c) **What does she mean by "Spring will come again"?**
 She means that difficult times will pass by and new hope and brighter life will come up again.
2. *Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.
 "Persistence is the key to everything," says she.*
 - a) **What is she strong about?**
 She is strong about her faith and belief.
 - b) **How does she deal with the adversities in life?**
 She is persistent to find a solution for adversities in life.
3. *Despite the sighs and groans and moans,
 She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*
 - a) **Is she complaining about the problems of life?**
 No, she is not complaining about the problems of life. She is highly hopeful of change of adversities.
 - b) **Pick out the words that show her grit.**
 strong, firm
4. *Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
 She knows how to thaw you, saw you –beware!*
 - a) **What do the words thaw and saw mean here?**
 Literal meaning of 'thaw' is defrosting and 'saw' means to cut something. Here these words mean that she knows how to crush those who oppress her.
 - b) **What is the tone of the author?**
 The tone of the author is aggressive.
5. *She's today's woman. Today's woman dear.
 Love her, respect her, keep her near..*
 - a) **Describe today's woman according to the poet.**
 Today's woman according to the poet is that she is ferocious like a lioness. She cannot be threatened.



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b) **How should a woman be treated?**

A woman should be treated with love, respect and dignity.

ADDITIONAL**Read the following lines from the poem and answer the questions given below.**

1. *A woman is beauty innate,
A symbol of power and strength,*

a) **What is meant by 'innate'?**

'Innate' means inborn and natural.

b) **Who is a symbol of power?**

Woman is a symbol of power.

2. *She's a lioness; don't mess with her,
She'll not spare you if your're prankster.*

a) **Identify the figure of speech employed here.**

Metaphor.

b) **What is meant by "Mess with"?**

It means tease or play a 'joke'.

3. *She's today's woman – Today's woman, dear.
Love her, respect her, keep her near...*

a) **Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.**

dear, near.

b) **How should a woman be treated?**

A woman should be treated respectfully.

4. *She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*

a) **Identify the words in alliteration.**

she, strong ; faith, firm.

B. Read the lines and identify the figure of speech.

1. *A woman is beauty innate,
A symbol of power and strength.
She puts her life and stake,
She's real, she's not fake!*

a) **Pick out the rhyming words from the given lines.**

stake, fake.

b) **Add another word that rhymes with 'strength'.**

health, wealth.

c) **Give the rhyme scheme for the given lines.**

abcc.

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2. *She's a lioness; don't mess with her.
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.*

a) **Pick out the line that has a metaphor in it.**

She's a lioness.

b) **Give your example of metaphor to describe the qualities of a woman.**

She is an angel.

3. *She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*

a) **Pick out the alliterated words from the given lines.**

faith, firm.

b) **Pick out the alliterated words from the poem.**

symbol, strength ; summer, spring

- C. **Fill in with a word in each blank to complete the summary of the poem. Use the help box given below.**

dignified, healthier, today's, persistent, care, symbol, innate, fake, adversity, hope, life, disgrace, prankster, woman, near, faith, optimistic, quitter, thaw, respect, lioness, fear, beliefs, self-respect, saw, strength

Every woman is beautiful innate. She is the symbol of power and strength. She is prone to put her life at risk. Every woman is true in expressing her love and she is never fake. She is very dignified in her approach even at times of adversity, she finds a ray of hope and she continues to care for her near ones. She is the woman and she has no fear. She is forceful in her faith and beliefs. She is never a quitter and she is optimistic. She is ferocious like a lioness. It's better for the prankster to stay away from her. Never should one try to bring disgrace to her pride and self-respect, for she knows how to thaw and saw them. She is today's woman. It is healthier to love her, respect her and to keep her near.

- D. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 80 – 100 words.**

1. **How are today's women portrayed by the poet?**

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Poem | I am Every Woman |
| Poet | Rakhi Nariani Shirke |
| Theme | Multi-faceted nature of modern woman |

*A woman is beauty innate,
A symbol of power and strength.*

Rakhi Nariani Shirke is an academican with a passion for writing poems as a medium of self expression. Her poem talks about the multi-faced nature of women.

She portrays that every woman is beautiful innate. She is the symbol of power and strength. She is willing to put her life at risk. Every woman is true in expressing her love and she is never fake. She is very dignified in her approach. Even at times of adversity, she finds a ray of hope and she continues to care for her near ones. She is very courageous and she has no fear. She is strong in her faith and beliefs. She is never a quitter and she is optimistic. She is ferocious like a lioness. It is better for the prankster to stay away from her. Never should one try to bring disgrace to her pride and self-respect, for she knows how to thaw and saw them. She is today's woman. It is healthier to love her, respect her and to keep her near.

*She's today's woman. Today's woman dear,
Love her, respect her, keep her near*

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2. What qualities have made women powerful?

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| Poem | I am Every Woman |
| Poet | Rakhi Nariani Shirke |
| Theme | Multi-faceted nature of modern woman |

*Strong is she in her faith and beliefs
"Persistence is the key to everything,"*

Rakhi Nariani Shirke is an academician with a passion for writing poems as a medium of self expression. Her poem talks about the multi-faced nature of women.

The poet Rakhi Nariani Shirke describes the qualities of today's women. They are empowered, brave, strong and resolute. They are always ready to take up new ventures. They are persistent and work tirelessly to prove what they are capable of. Women have to be treated respectfully for the growth of a nation. Every woman has innate beauty in her. She is a symbol of power and strength. She is willing to put her life at stake. She is ready to take risk in her life courageously. She is a down-to-earth-real human being. She is not fake. She is ready to sacrifice her whims and fancy for the happiness of the loved ones. According to her, others' happiness is more important than hers. The woman is strongly and inseparably rooted in her faith and beliefs. Nothing can shake up. The poet goes on to say that she is a lioness. She should not be taken for granted. She will not spare anyone who plays pranks on her. She will fight for equality in all spheres.

*Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect
She knows how to thaw you, saw you – so beware!*

ADDITIONAL

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 80 – 100 words.

1. How is today's woman a warning to prankster?

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Poem | I am Every Woman |
| Poet | Rakhi Nariani Shirke |
| Theme | Multi-faceted nature of modern woman |

She's a lioness: don't mess with her

Every woman is a symbol of power and strength. She is prone to put her life at risk. Every woman is true in expressing her love and she is never fake. She is very dignified in her approach. Even at times of adversity, she finds a ray of hope and she continues to care for her near ones. She is not fake and she has no fear. She is firm in her faith and beliefs. She is never a quitter and she is optimistic. She is ferocious like a lioness. It is better for the prankster to stay away from her. Never should one try to bring disgrace to her pride and self-respect, for she knows how to thaw and saw them. She is today's woman. So we should love her, respect her and keep her near.

She is strong in her faith, firm in her belief!



SUPPLEMENTARY

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The Story of Mulan

SUMMARY

Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenaged girl who lived in a far away village of China, ran into the house and asked her father whether he knew what the Emperor said. He said that he had heard it in the town itself.

Since her father was not feeling well, Mulan volunteered to join the army in her father's place. At once she ran into her room and cut off her long black hair and told her father that she was his son now. She would do her part for China. But the father refused, as women are not allowed in the army. Mulan replied that since he had trained her in Kung Fu and showed her how to use a sword, she would be able to do her part for China. Her father warned her saying if they came to know that she was a woman, they would put her to death.

Mulan kissed her father and said goodbye to him. In the army Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. In a short time she was put in charge of other soldiers. Her battles went so well that she was put in charge of more soldiers. After a few years Mulan was given the top job. She became the General of the entire army.

Sometime later, a very bad fever swept through the army. Many soldiers were sick. And Mulan, the General of the Army also became sick.

When the doctor came to Mulan's tent, he knew the truth. The soldiers shouted that the General was the woman. Since she tricked them, she must be put to death. But other soldiers raised their voices saying that they won every battle with Mulan.

Just then a soldier ran up to them saying a surprise attack was coming. Mulan heard this from inside her tent. She got dressed and went inside. Though she was not strong, she told the soldiers they must hide themselves so that they could attack when the enemy came inside. It worked as she had directed them. The battle was won. It was such a victory that the enemy gave up, at last. The war was over.

The Emperor was so glad that Mulan had ended the long war. He did not consider the rule about being a woman. He asked her to be his royal adviser. She said that she must return home and join her family. The Emperor gave her fine gifts-six fine horses and six fine swords. Everyone cheered that she was safe.

GLOSSARY

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The Story of Mulan

- carving (v)** - an act of cutting a shape or pattern into wood or stone.
- robe (n)** - a long, loose outer garment reaching the ankles
- kung fu (n)** - a chinese method of fighting that involves using your hands and feet and not using weapons
- might (n)** - great and impressive power or strength, especially of a nation, large organization, or natural force
- bowed (v)** - bending the body forwards from the waist, especially to show respect for someone

A. Choose the best answers.

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1. **Mulan goes to the battle instead of her father because _____.**

- a) she wants to be a soldier. b) she was asked to join the army.
c) her father is old. d) her brother is sick.

Ans: c)

2. **What did Mulan do before leaving the house?**

- a) took leave from her mother b) cut off her hair
c) prayed d) made a dress for war

Ans: b)

3. **What is the story about?**

- a) winning b) friendship
c) women empowerment d) patriotism

Ans: c)

4. **The Emperor asked Mulan to stay with him in the palace as his _____.**

- a) wife b) royal advisor c) army general d) friend

Ans: b)

5. **The Emperor gave Mulan _____.**

- a) six horses and six swords b) a death sentence
c) gold d) six camels

Ans: a)

6. **How did people of the village react to Mulan after her return from the battle?**

- a) cheered her b) mocked her c) punished her d) scolded her

Ans: a)

B. **Identify the Character or speaker of the following lines.**

- I heard about it in town
- I am your son now.
- The General is a woman?
- Mulan, stay with me in the palace.
- You are too kind sire.

Ans: Mulan's father

Ans: Mulan

Ans: Soldier

Ans: The Emperor

Ans: Mulan

C. **Answer the following questions in a sentence or two.**1. **What was the Emperor's order?**

The Emperor's order was one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army.

2. Where did Mulan's father hear about the Emperor's order?

Mulan's father heard about the Emperor's order in the town.

3. Why couldn't Mulan's brother go to war?

Mulan's brother couldn't go to war because he was a little boy.

4. Why did Mulan disguise herself as a man?

Mulan disguised herself as a man because women were not allowed in the army.

5. How did the soldiers become sick?

As a very bad fever swept through the army, the soldiers became sick.

6. How would she be punished if found guilty?

If she were found guilty, she would be put to death.

7. Why did the Emperor give her fine gifts?

The Emperor gave her fine gifts because Mulan had ended the long war successfully.

8. How did the soldiers come to know about Mulan's real identity?

When she fell sick, the doctor went to her tent to attend to her. At that time he came to know about Mulan's real identity. Thus the soldiers came to know about Mulan's identity.

D. Answer the following questions in a paragraph.

1. Sketch the character of Mulan.

Mulan courageous and patriotic – Emperor's order – decided to join the army – disguised herself – strong soldier – powerful leader – fought well – brought victory – ended the war – chance to become royal advisor – returned to her family

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| Title | The Story of Mulan |
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| Theme | A Woman can win a war |

'The Story of Mulan' talks about a girl who was courageous and patriotic. Once she heard the order of the Emperor to every family to send one member to the army to fight against the enemy. She decided to volunteer herself to join the army despite being a woman. Her father could not send his son because he was a little boy so he decided to go to the army. But Mulan put on the dress of her father and told him that she could disguise herself as a man and join the army. Though she knew that women were not allowed, she joined the army in disguise, simply ignoring the risks involved. She had been trained by her father in Kung Fu and use of sword. She knew that if the soldiers came to know that she was a woman she would be put to death. Ignoring all the risks, she joined the army. She proved to be a strong soldier and powerful leader. She led the entire troop to victory and thus ended the war in China forever. Amazed by her bravery, the Emperor asked her to become the royal adviser. But she reverently refused and sought permission from the emperor to return to her family. This shows her love towards her family, besides her patriotic spirit.

2. Do you agree with Mulan's decision to go to war? Justify.

agree – China faced war – Emperor's announcement – Mulan's decision – little brother – father not well – disguised – Kung Fu – use of sword – cut the hair – wore father's dress

– big risk – put to death – fought well – leader of soldiers – general – ended war – decision is justified

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Yes, I do agree with Mulan's decision to go to war. Her country China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a far away village of China told her father that she would join the army from their family. She had a brother but he was a little boy. She did not want her father who was not well to go to the army. So in this situation her decision to join the army is agreeable. Moreover she had been trained in Kung Fu and use of sword. So she cut her hair, put on her father's dress and disguised herself as a man. It was a big risk because if she were found to be a woman she would be put to death. She joined the army and fought for China. She proved to be a strong soldier. So she was made a leader of soldiers. Finally she became the General. She finally brought an end to the long war. This clearly shows that she was the right person to join the army. Strong will power, and determination will make woman succeed. Hence Mulan's going to war is justified.

ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH

Answer the following questions in a paragraph.

- Narrate how Mulan won the fine gifts from the Emperor.**

Mulan courageous and patriotic – Emperor's order – decided to join the army – disguised herself – strong soldier – powerful leader – fought well – brought victory – ended the war – chance to become royal advisor – she refused – emperor let her go home with gifts – returned to her family

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Mulan heard the order of the Emperor to every family to send one member to the army to fight against the enemy. China was in the middle of a war. She decided to volunteer herself to join the army despite being a woman. Her father could not send his son because he was a little boy so he decided to go to the army. But Mulan put on the dress of her father and told him that she could disguise herself as a man and join the army. She had been trained by her father in Kung Fu and use of sword. She knew that if the soldiers came to know that she was a woman she would be put to death. Ignoring all the risks, she joined the army. She proved to be a strong soldier and powerful leader. She led the entire troop to victory and thus ended the war in China forever. The Emperor was so glad that Mulan had ended the long war. He did not consider the rule about being a woman. He asked her to be his royal adviser. But she said that she must return home. The Emperor gave her fine gifts-six fine horses and six fine swords. Everyone cheered that she was safe.

ADDITIONAL EXERCISES**I. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- I**
1. Mulan's father was sick and her brother was a child.
 2. Mulan decided to put on man's dress and go to the army.
 3. The Emperor ordered the families to send one man to the army
 4. China was in the middle of war.
 5. Mulan's being a lady could not go.

Answer: 4, 3, 1, 5, 2

- II**
1. After some days many soldiers fell sick.
 2. Mulan was put in charge of many soldiers.
 3. Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.
 4. Mulan, the General of the Army also became sick.
 5. Mulan became the General of the Army.

Answer: 3, 1, 5, 1, 4

- III**
1. The news reached other soldiers.
 2. The soldiers did not know their general was a lady.
 3. Hey shouted that they would not work under a lady.
 4. But when the war came they all fought together.
 5. When Mulan fell sick the doctor came to know that the general was a lady.

Answer: 2, 5, 1, 3, 4**II. Identify the character.**

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| 1. Your brother is a child. | — | Mulan's father |
| 2. You showed me how to use a sword. | — | Mulan |
| 3. Then at least take these fine gifts. | — | Emperor |
| 4. You are too kind, sire. | — | Mulan |
| 5. The cost is for her to die! | — | Soldiers |

III. Reading Comprehension.**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

1. Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a far away village of China, heard the news when she was outside, washing clothes. Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting in a chair, carving a piece of wood.

Questions:

1. What happened to China long ago?
2. What was the order of the Emperor?
3. Who heard the news?
4. What was she doing?
5. What was her father doing?

Answers:

1. China was in the middle of a great war long ago.
2. One man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army.
3. Mulan heard the news.
4. She was washing clothes.
5. Her father was sitting in a chair, carving a piece of wood.

IV. Passage for Comprehension.

1. Mulan went into her room. With her sword, she cut off her long, black hair. She put on her father's robe. Going back to her father, Mulan said, "Look at me. I am your son now. I will go in your place. I will do my part for China." "NO, my daughter!" said the old man. "You cannot do this!" "Father, listen please," said Mulan. "For years, you trained me in Kung Fu. You showed me how to use a sword." Mulan swung the sword back and forth with might. "Only so that you could stay safe!" said her father. "I never meant for you to go to war. If they find out you are a woman, you know as well I do that you will die!"

Questions :

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| 1. What did Mulan do in her room? | 4. How did she defend herself? |
| 2. What did she say to her father? | 5. What was the warning given by her father? |
| 3. How did Mulan's father react to her decision? | |

Answers :

1. Mulan cut off her long, black hair.
 2. She said that she would go in his place for China.
 3. Mulan's father was shocked and prevented her from joining.
 4. She defended herself by saying that he had already trained her in Kung Fu and she was very good at that.
 5. If they found out that she was a woman, they would put her to death.
2. In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. In time, she was put in charge of other soldiers. Her battles went so well that she was put in charge of more soldiers. Her battles kept on going well. After a few years Mulan was given the top job-she would be General of the entire army. Not long after that, a very bad fever swept through the army. Many soldiers were sick. And Mulan, the General of the army, became sick, too. When the doctor came out of Mulan's tent, he knew the truth.

Questions :

1. Who proved to be a brave soldier?
2. What was Mulan in charge of?
3. What was the top job Mulan was given?
4. What happened to Mulan and other soldiers when a fever swept through?
5. Who knew the truth and when?

Answers :

1. Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.
2. Mulan was in charge of more soldiers.
3. Mulan was given the job of the General of the army.
4. Mulan and many soldiers fell ill.
5. The doctor knew the truth when he attended the sick Mulan.

