

Grandmaster Koneru Humpy Queen of 64 Squares

NCERT Solutions For Class 9 English Main Course Book Grandmaster Koneru Humpy Queen of 64 Squares

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Q1 : Now complete the Biodata on Koneru Humpy:

KONERU HUMPY	
Name:	_____
Father's Name:	_____
Born on:	_____
Place of Birth:	_____
Trained by:	_____
First achievements:	
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	• _____
Recent achievements:	
	• _____
	• _____
	• _____

Answer :

Name: Koneru Humpy

Father's Name: Koneru Ashok

Born on: March 31, 1987

Place of Birth: Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh

Trained by: Koneru Ashok

First achievements:

- Stood 4th in the Indian under 8 championship in 1995
- Won the World Girls' Championship under 10
- Won the World Girls' Championship under 12
- Won the World Girls' Championship under 14
- Won the World Girls' Junior Championships
- Acquired IM title in 1999
- Achieved 3rd GM Norms in Elekes Memorial Grandmaster Tournament in Budapest.
- Won the world junior Girls Chess championship in 2001

Recent achievements:

- From 2002 to 2008, held record for the youngest woman ever to become a grandmaster.
- Received Arjuna Award in 2003
- Received Padmashri Award in 2007
- Received Raja Lakshmi Award in 2008.

Q2 : Below is some information about Jesse Owens , one of the most famous athletes of all times. His friend is planning to write his biography .Using information from the table,complete the biography.(The first gap has been completed for you, as an example.)

1913: Birth, Alabama, USA

1934: After First world War-goes to school , teachers recognise and develop his athletic talents.

1935: Six world records

1936: Berlin Olympics, four gold medals

1950: Sports experts vote him Greatest Track Athlete of the half Century.

1960: Another athlete breaks Owen's last Olympic record.

1980: Dies of lung cancer.

Jesse Owens was born in Alabama USA, in 1913. He was the youngest of ten children, and the family lived in a cramped shanty house. After the First World War, the family moved to Cleveland, where his school(1) _____ his talents. He quickly became a local hero. Soon after wards he gained a place not only at the Ohio State University, but also in the US Olympic team.

On 25th may 1935, Jesse Owens performed athletics' greatest feat when he (2) _____ at the Ohio State University Athletics Championships. A year later, at the Berlin Olympics, his greatness was confirmed; he (3) _____ for 100m, 200m, long jump and sprint relay.

Because of his achievements in the track and field events, in 1950 he (4) _____. His last Olympic record (5) _____ only in 1960. This great athlete (6) _____ 1980.

Answer :

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On 25th may 1935, Jesse Owens performed athletics' greatest feat when he (2) became champion at the Ohio State University Athletics Championships. A year later, at the Berlin Olympics, his greatness was confirmed; he (3) won four gold medals for 100m, 200m, long jump and sprint relay.

Because of his achievements in the track and field events, in 1950 he (4) was voted as the Greatest Track Athlete of the half Century by the Sports experts. His last Olympic record(5) was broken by another athlete only in 1960. This great athlete(6) died of lung cancer in 1980.

Q3 : 20 years from now , one of your class-mates becomes a famous sport-star. You have been asked to write his /her biography. Collect the necessary biographical details. Use your imagination to create his/ her achievements in the sport concerned, and write the biography. Remember to write it in chronological order of events, and use the simple past tense as far as possible.

Answer :

Answer: "This year's Arjuna award goes to Somnath for his outstanding achievement in the field of athletics"--- as soon as the news of Somnath winning the Arjuna award was announced, tears of joy started trickling down the cheeks of the natives of Hojai, the village where he was born. It was here where Somnath was born in 1985, played with other children in the green pastures and went to the village primary school. Having completed his primary schooling he went to the nearby district headquarters to study further. He attended a government run secondary school. There he showed keen interest in sports activities. He was fortunate to get the guidance and motivation of his sports teacher who once commented that one day Somnath would become a sports star. Unfortunately, Somnath's father passed away. As he was the sole earning member of his family, Somnath had to drop his studies for a living. He got work in a tea stall as a helper. His earnings were meagre, his work would consume all his time. His dream of becoming a sports star got shattered for the moment. Often at night when he would go for sleep depression took him over. He felt remorse that his talent would go waste and he would die one day unsung, unremembered.

After two years working in the tea stall as a helper, a turning point came in his life. He came across a news clipping in a newspaper sheet which was used as a wrapper. It was an advertisement for attending a training program for budding sports persons. The advertisement mentioned that the cost of the training program would be borne by the concerned authorities. Thanks to his literacy, he could read the most important news item. He grabbed the opportunity and attended the year long training program. On successful completion of the training program the authorities selected him for national level championship where he bagged the gold medal. In the subsequent years, he participated in many international level championships winning gold medals.

Somnath in an interview with a TV channel acknowledged the role of his school sports teacher who guided him in his formative years. In recognition of his achievement, The government awarded him the Arjuna Award.