

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-8 Reach for the Top
Test Paper-03

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. Thereafter, Santosh went on an expedition every year. Her climbing skills matured rapidly. Also, she developed a remarkable resistance to cold and the altitude. Equipped with an iron will, physical endurance and an amazing mental toughness, she proved herself repeatedly. The culmination of her hard work and sincerity came in 1992, just four years after she had shyly asked the Aravalli mountaineers if she could join them.
 - a. After which action did Santosh go on an expedition every year?
 - b. How did Santosh prove herself repeatedly?
 - c. When did she achieve her first feat with what result?
 - d. During her expeditions every year what did she develop physically?
2. During the 1992 Everest mission, Santosh Yadav provided special care to a climber who lay dying at the South Col. She was unfortunately unsuccessful in saving him. However, she managed to save another climber, Mohan Singh, who would have met with the same fate had she not shared her oxygen with him.
 - a. Was Santosh able to save the climber at the South Col?
 - b. How did Santosh save Mohan Singh, another climber?
 - c. What did Santosh do during her climbing expedition to save environment?
 - d. What was the achievement of Santosh during 1992 Everest Mission that put her name in the history?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. When and why did Santosh leave home for Delhi?
4. How did Santosh describe her feelings at the summit of the Everest?
5. Twice Santosh Yadav scaled Mt Everest and got into the record books, Elucidate.
6. Why did Santosh's parents agree to pay for her schooling in Delhi? What mental qualities of Santosh are brought into light by this incident?
7. How did Santosh begin to climb mountains?
8. What incidents during the Everest expedition show Santosh's concern for her team-

mates? What shows her concern for the environment?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. What special efforts did Santosh make to climb Mount Everest twice within a span of two years?
10. What were the views of Santosh about marriage and how did she manage to postpone it?

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Answers

1.
 - a. After joining Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Santosh went on an expedition every year.
 - b. Santosh proved herself repeatedly because of her iron will, physical endurance and amazing mental toughness.
 - c. She achieved her first feat within four years of joining the mountaineers on the Aravalli Hills. In 1992, she scaled Mt. Everest.
 - d. During her expeditions every year she developed a remarkable resistance to cold and altitude.
2.
 - a. No, Santosh was not able to save the climber at the South Col.
 - b. Santosh saved Mohan Singh, another climber, by sharing her oxygen with him.
 - c. Santosh brought back 500 kg of garbage during her climbing expedition to save environment.
 - d. During 1992 Everest Mission Santosh scaled Mt. Everest at the age of twenty that put her name in the history. She became the youngest woman to scale it.
3. Santosh left home for Delhi to pursue her higher studies. She enrolled herself in a school and completed her high school.
4. Santosh described that it took her some time to sink in the enormity of the moment. She realized that she was on the top of the world when she was at the summit of the Everest.
5. Twice Santosh Yadav scaled Mt Everest and got into the record books, the first time she became the youngest woman to scale the peak at the age of twenty and the second time she became the only woman to scale it twice.
6. Santosh's parents agreed to pay for her schooling in Delhi only after she declared that she would work part time to pay for the fees. It brought into light that she was a determined and rational person.
7. Santosh joined Maharani College in Jaipur. Her room in Kasturba Hostel faced Aravalli Hills. She saw people climbing and vanishing after some time. She tried to check it herself and found only mountaineers who encouraged her to climb mountains.

8. During the Everest expedition Santosh provided special care to a climber who lay dying at the South Col. She was unfortunately unsuccessful in saving him. However, she managed to save another climber, Mohan Singh, who would have met with the same fate if she had not shared her oxygen with him. She also brought down 500 kg of garbage to save environment.
9. Santosh didn't make any special efforts to climb Mount Everest twice within a span of two years. She joined Nehru Institute of Mountaineering in Uttarkashi after she was encouraged to take to climbing by mountaineers whom she met at the Aravalli Hills. There she went on expedition every year and within four years she set off to climb Mt. Everest. She scaled it in her first attempt. She had developed amazing resistance to cold and altitude during her earlier expeditions. She had iron will, mental toughness and physical endurance. Within twelve months, she was invited by Indo-Nepalese all women expedition to join and she scaled Mt. Everest second time.
10. Santosh was not against marriage, but she didn't want to get married at an early age. And the right moment came when she turned sixteen. At sixteen, most of the girls in her village used to get married. Santosh was also under pressure from her parents to do the same. When her parents compelled her to marry, she rebelled. A marriage as early as that was the last thing on her mind. She threatened her parents that she would never marry if she did not get a proper education. She got herself enrolled in a school in Delhi. When her parents refused to pay for her education, she politely informed them of her plans to earn money by working part time to pay her school fees. Her parents then agreed to pay for her education. Wishing always to study "a bit more" and with her father slowly getting used to her urge for more education, she was able to postpone her marriage.