

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature

Beehive Chapter-8 Reach for the Top

Test Paper-04

1. Maria Sharapova cannot be pigeon-holed or categorized. Her talent, unwavering desire to succeed and readiness to sacrifice have lifted her to the top of the world. Few would grudge her the riches she is now reaping. This is what she has to say about her monetary gains from tennis: “Of course, money is a motivation. Tennis is a business and a sport, but the most important thing is to become number one in the world. That’s the dream that kept me going.”
 - a. What was the dream that kept Maria going?
 - b. What Maria has to say about her monetary gains?
 - c. What qualities lifted Maria to the top of the world?
 - d. Why cant Maria be pigeon-holed or categorized?
2. “Instead of letting that depress me, I became more quietly determined and mentally tough. I learnt how to take care of myself. I never thought of quitting because I knew what I wanted. When you come from nothing and you have nothing, then it makes you very hungry and determined ... I would have put up with much more humiliation and insults than that to steadfastly pursue my dream.”
 - a. How Maria became determined and mentally tough?
 - b. What made her very hungry and determined?
 - c. What were her views about pursuing her dream?
 - d. Did she know what she wanted?
3. At what age did Maria start her training and what were the problems she had to endure?
4. What touched the hearts of her fans?
5. Why did Maria use to feel lonely?
6. How was her ascent to the pinnacle of Tennis world?
7. What are Maria’s views about her nationality?
8. How would you rate her sacrifice and the gains she achieved?
9. What were the hardships that Maria had to endure to reach the top in her career? (LA)
10. Do you think the ascent to top by two girls, Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova can be compared? (LA)

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Answers

1.
 - a. The dream to achieve success in Tennis kept Maria going.
 - b. Maria says money a motivation but to become number one in the world is more important.
 - c. Maria reached the top of the world in Tennis through her talent, unwavering desire to succeed and readiness to sacrifice.
 - d. Maria can't be pigeon-holed or categorized because she is simply different from others. She loves sophisticated evening gowns against her love of pancakes with chocolate spread and fizzy orange drinks.
2.
 - a. Maria became determined and mentally tough after she was handled roughly by her senior colleagues during her Tennis training.
 - b. Her desire to achieve what she wanted, made her very hungry and determined.
 - c. She wanted to achieve and would put up with much more humiliation and insults to pursue her dream?
 - d. Yes, Maria knew what she wanted. She sacrificed her home, company of her mother & father, went through humiliation by colleagues and endured all odds to achieve it.
3. At the age of nine Maria started her training after moving from Siberia to USA. She had to leave her home, stay away from her mother and father, endure humiliation from co-trainees and work steadfastly to achieve success.
4. Her journey from the frozen plains of Siberia to the pinnacle of Tennis World after winning the Wimbledon in 2004 and reaching at the top of the ranking touched the hearts of her fans.
5. Maria used to feel lonely because her mother couldn't join her in USA for two years because of visa restrictions. Her father was busy earning money to pay for her training and had to stay away from her.
6. Her ascent to the pinnacle of Tennis world came the next year whe she won the Wimbledon at the age of eighteen in 2004. She climbed the summit and gained the top ranking in Tennis world.

7. Maria had moved to the United States at the age of nine, but her heart was always in her country Russia. She gained US accent, but she proudly paraded her Russian nationality. She said my blood is purely Russian and if called to play Olympics, she would play for her country Russia.
8. Maria, being a determined person, endured humiliation, worked hard, fought against odds, stayed away from parents and achieved success in Tennis World. She gained monetarily but that cannot be compared to the sacrifices she made in her life.
9. Maria had not even completed the age of ten when she left her country and her mother to train in the United States. Her journey to Florida brought about lot of hard work. She felt lonely as her mother was not with and her father had to stay away from her to earn money to pay for her training. She was a young trainee, so she was allowed to sleep at eight. When her other co-trainees came at eleven, they would wake her up and ask her to tidy the room. She felt humiliated but endured it. However, this did not depress her but made her more determined and mentally tough.
10. Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova come from two different backgrounds. Santosh was in her own country and stayed away from her parents at her will whereas Maria had to move to another country and from her mother. Santosh's parents were orthodox and wouldn't allow her to join a mountaineering institute had she not done it without informing them, Maria's parents were very supportive. Her mother sacrificed the company of her child and husband for two years for her daughter's career. Santosh is a self-made person whereas Maria had all the support of her parents.