

PRACTICE SHEET

Subject: English	Topic: Reach for the Top		
Grade: IX	Div.: _____	Roll No: _____	Date: _____

Q1 Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions.

(a) *I asked if I could join them. To my pleasant surprise, they answered in the affirmative and motivated me to take to climbing.*

- Who is referred to as 'them'? Where did she meet them?
- What was the effect of the meeting on Santosh Yadav?
- Which course did Santosh Yadav enrol herself in?
- Find the antonym of 'discouraged'.

(b) *"I used to be lonely," Maria Sharapova recalls. "I missed my mother terribly."*

- Where had Maria come and why?
- Why was her mother not with her?
- Why did Maria feel lonely?
- Give the synonym of 'recalls'.

Q2 Answer each of the following questions in about 30-40 words.

(a) What surprised the travelling 'holy man'? Did his blessings work?

(b) Why did Santosh go to Jaipur?

(c) Why did Santosh write a letter of apology to her father?

(d) What does Maria declare to be her 'mantra for success'?

(e) What makes it amply clear that Maria Sharapova considers all the sacrifices worthwhile?

Q3 Answer each of the following questions in 100-150 words.

(a) Describe Santosh's fight against the system.

(b) How did the other tennis pupils at the training treat Maria? How did she cope with it?