

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.

- What surprised the travelling 'holy man'? Did his blessings work?
- Why did Santosh go to Jaipur?
- Why did Santosh write a letter of apology to her father?
- What does Maria declare to be her 'mantra for success'?
- What makes it amply clear that Maria Sharapova considers all the sacrifices worthwhile?

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

- Describe Santosh's fight against the system.
- How did the other tennis pupils at the training treat Maria? How did she cope with it?