

PRACTICE SHEET ANSWER SCHEME

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

Q 1 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.*

i. Who is referred to as 'them'? Where did she meet them?

The mountaineers, whom Santosh Yadav met on the Aravalli Hills, are referred to as 'them'.

ii. What was the effect of the meeting on Santosh Yadav?

The mountaineers motivated Santosh Yadav to take to climbing.

iii. Which course did Santosh Yadav enrol herself in?

Santosh Yadav saved money and enrolled in a course at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

iv. Find the antonym of 'discouraged'.

motivated

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

i. Where had Maria come and why?

Maria had come to the United States from Siberia with her father to receive training in Tennis.

ii. Why was her mother not with her?

Maria's mother could not be come with her because of visa restrictions.

iii. Why did Maria feel lonely?

Maria was in a foreign land was not well treated by the older tennis pupils. Her father couldn't see her because he working hard to keep her tennis training going.

iv. Give the synonym of 'recalls'.

remembers

Q 2 Answer each of the following questions in about 30-40 words.

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

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The travelling 'holy man' assumed that like everyone Santosh's mother also wanted a son. When Santosh's grandmother requested him for a daughter, he was surprised. Yes, his blessings seemed to work.

- (b) Why did Santosh go to Jaipur?

Santosh always wanted to study more, and her father got used to her urge for more education. So, after passing high school, she went to Jaipur and joined the Maharani College.

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

Santosh saved money and enrolled in a Mountaineering course at Uttakarshi. Due to lack of time, she headed straight for the training at the end of her college semester. And did not go home. Hence, she wrote a letter of apology to her father without whose permission she had enrolled at Uttarkashi.

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

Maria worked really hard to fulfill her dreams. She did not allow herself to be emotional and sentimental. She is very competitive and works hard at whatever she does. This is her mantra for success. She was led by the dream of becoming the world No. 1.

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

Sharapova's journey from the frozen plains of Siberia has touched the hearts of tennis fans but for her there seems to be no room for sentiment. The straight looks and the answers she gives makes it amply clear that she considers that all her sacrifices worthwhile.

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

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

Santosh's parents were affluent. They could have sent her to best schools but according to the tradition, she was sent to the local village school. She felt discontented and decided to fight the system.

Right from the beginning Santosh had to assert for her right to equality and education. She never lost her spirit and determination. She defied all the customs and traditions which limit the girls within the spheres of family, marriage and children. She ventured into a man's domain to become a role model for others.

Santosh threatened her parents that she would start working part time to earn for her school fees. Thus, they agreed to pay for her education.

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

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Maria was young, only around nine years old and would go to bed early. The older tennis pupils would come in at eleven and wake her up and order her to tidy up and clean the room. She did not let that depress her. She became more quietly determined and mentally tough. She learnt how to take care of herself. She never thought of quitting because she knew what she wanted. According to her, When you come from nothing and have nothing, it makes you very hungry and determined. She would have put up with more humiliation and insults to steadfastly pursue her dream.