



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. **What request did the unborn child's grandmother make to the holy man?**  
(a) Blessing for a health (b) Blessing for a son  
(c) Blessing for a daughter (d) Blessing for a money
2. **Based on the two texts, what is true?**  
(a) Families played a major role in the success of both the players.  
(b) Sharapova believes that business is a part of sports but Santosh does not.  
(c) Both the players started pursuing their passions in childhood.  
(d) Social norms were a hurdle for Santosh, not Sharapova.
3. **So, she decided to fight the system in her own quiet way when the right moment arrived. What was the issue with the system?**  
(a) Dot letting children go to distant schools for education.  
(b) Providing children with low quality education.  
(c) Discouraging girls' education.  
(d) Unwillingness to spend money on school education.
4. **Who refused to pay for Santosh's fee?**  
(a) Her grandmother (b) Her parents  
(c) Her brother (d) Her family
5. **Why did Santosh write an apology letter to her father?**  
(a) Because she left home without his permission  
(b) Because she enrolled in a dance class without his permission  
(c) Because she got married without his permission.  
(d) Because she enrolled herself in a mountaineering institute without his permission.
6. **Who went to the United States with Maria?**  
(a) Her mother (b) Her grandmother  
(c) Her teacher (d) Her father
7. **From where did Santosh do her graduation?**  
(a) Delhi (b) Rewari  
(c) Mumbai (d) Jaipur

8. According to the writer, what is Maria Sharapova's attitude towards her own struggles?
- (a) Passive (b) Frustrated  
(c) Realistic (d) Cynical
9. How many brothers did Santosh have?
- (a) One (b) Four  
(c) Five (d) Three
10. Why did senior climbers praise Santosh?
- (a) For being helpful to teammates (b) All of these  
(c) Physical fitness and mental strength (d) Climbing skills

### Fill in the blanks :

11. Maria is associated with \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Sharapova loved reading novels of \_\_\_\_\_.

### True / False

13. Santosh first climbed the peak in April 1993.
14. Santosh Yadav climbed Mount Everest only one time.

### Very Short Type Questions

15. What does Maria say about her Russian origin?
16. How did Maria achieve her success?

### Short Type Questions

17. What kind of society was Santosh born in?
18. Why did Maria Sharapova move to the United States?

### Essay Type Questions

19. What motivated Santosh for mountain climbing?
20. When did Santosh leave home for Delhi, and why?

21. **Assertion (A)** : Maria Sharapova became mentally tough during her training in the U.S.  
**Reason (R)** : She was bullied by senior players and stayed away from her family for two years.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
  - (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
  - (c) A is true, but R is false.
  - (d) A is false, but R is true.

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1. (c)  
The unborn child's grandmother requested the holy man to give a blessing for the daughter because they already had five sons in their family.
2. (d) Social norms were a hurdle for Santosh, not Sharapova.
3. (c)  
Discouraging girls' education.
4. (b)  
Her parents discouraged her education due to traditional beliefs.
5. (d)  
Santosh wrote an apology letter to her father because she had enrolled in a mountaineering institute without her father's permission. When she finished college, Santosh had to write a letter of apology to her father because she had got herself enrolled at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering without his permission,.
6. (d)  
Her father took her to the U.S. for tennis training.
7. (d) Jaipur
8. (c) Realistic
9. (c)  
Santosh had five brothers
10. (b)  
All of these : Her climbing skills, physical fitness, and mental strength.
11. Siberia
12. Arthur Conan Doyle
13. False
14. False
15. Maria Sharapova says that though America has played a major role in her life yet she is proud to be a Russian. She says that she still holds Russian citizenship and says her roots are completely Russian. Although she was trained in the US, she considers herself to be a Russian and is willing to represent Russia at the Olympics too.
16. Maria achieved her success through a combination of hard work, determination, and a strategic approach to her goals. One of the key factors in Maria's success was her ability to set clear and specific goals. For instance when nine-year-old Maria had to live alone without her parent, she had already learnt an important lesson in life — that tennis excellence would only come at a price. Her strong determination, mental toughness, competitive nature and hard work paved the way for her success.

17. Santosh was born in Joniyawas, a small village in the Rewari District in Haryana. The society in this region was rigidly patriarchal and gender-biased. The birth of a girl was generally unwelcome and people strictly adhered to conservative traditions. In those days the birth of a son was regarded as a blessing, but the birth of a daughter was not generally welcomed in the society.
- 18.
- To learn tennis
  - To become a tennis player.
19. Santosh Yadav began to climb mountains when she met some mountaineers in the Aravalli Hills, who not only let her join them but also motivated her for mountain climbing. She had gone to the Aravallis after she had seen villagers from her room (at the Kasturba Hostel in Maharani College, Jaipur) cross the hills and disappear beyond.
20. Santosh left home for Delhi when she turned sixteen because her parents had begun to pressurize her to get married in keeping with tradition. She decided that it was the right moment to rebel and she quietly got herself enrolled in a school in Delhi to continue her studies. Santosh's parents agreed to pay for her schooling in Delhi because she told them that she planned to work part-time in order to pay her fees. They realized that their daughter was independent, had a strong will-power and firm self-belief. She could take her decisions and also stand by them.
21. (a) Maria's experiences of separation from her family and being bullied at the tennis academy contributed to her emotional strength and mental toughness, which played a key role in her success.

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