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CLASS – 9

ENGLISH

Beehive

CH-7 : Reach for the Top

Part – 3

Comprehension

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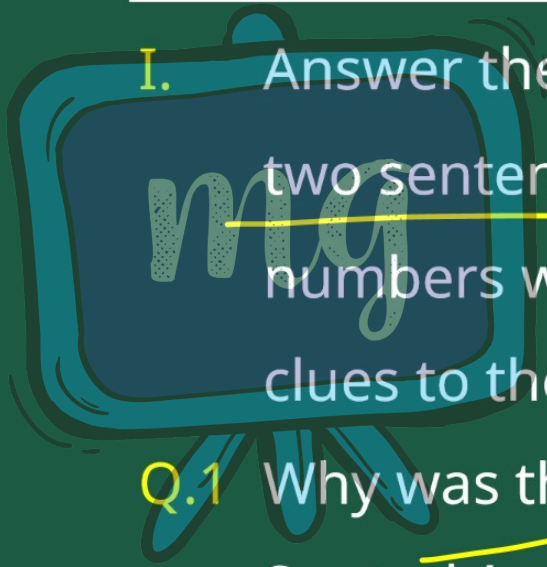
THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT



I. Answer these questions in one or two sentences each. (The paragraph numbers within brackets provide clues to the answers.)

Q.1 Why was the 'holy man' who gave Santosh's mother his blessings surprised? (1)

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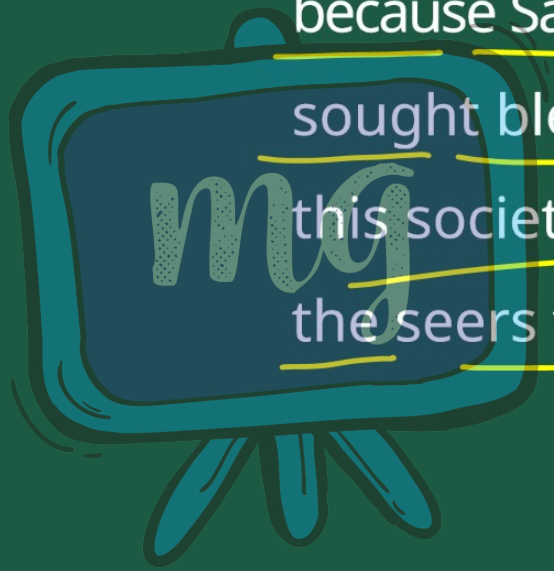

Answer: The ‘holy man’ was surprised because Santosh’s grandmother sought blessings for a daughter. In this society most of the people ask the seers to bless for a son.

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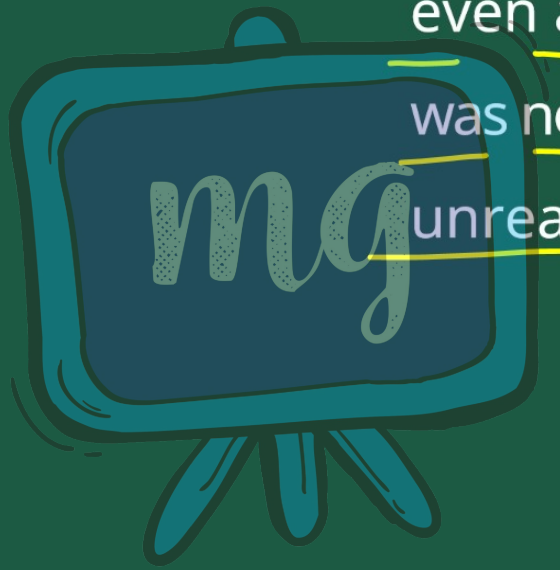
Q.2 Give an example to show that even as a young girl Santosh was not ready to accept anything unreasonable. (2)



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Answer: She used to wear shorts and not the traditional dresses meant for girls.



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Q.3 Why was Santosh sent to the local school? (3)



Custom

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Answer: She was sent to the local school because of the prevailing custom in the family.



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Q.4 When did she leave home for Delhi, and why? (4)



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Answer: When she was sixteen, she left home for Delhi to get proper education.



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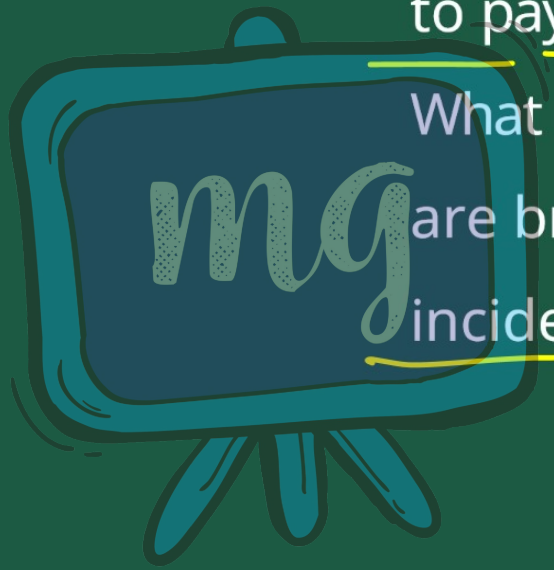
Q.5 Why did Santosh's parents agree to pay for her schooling in Delhi? What mental qualities of Santosh are brought into light by this incident? (4)



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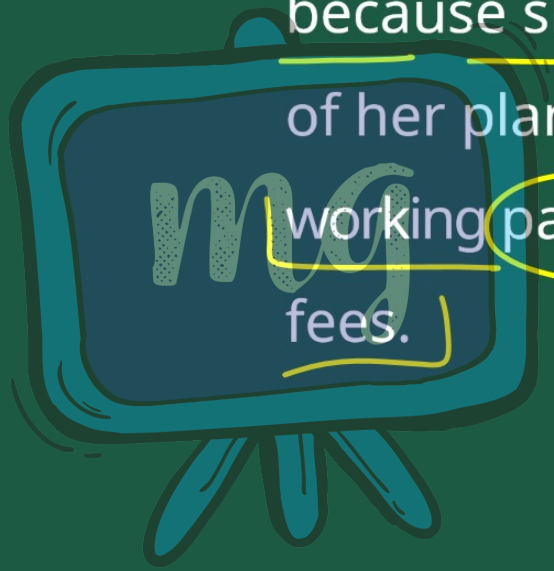
Answer: Her parents got ready because she politely informed them of her plans to earn money by working part-time to pay her school fees.



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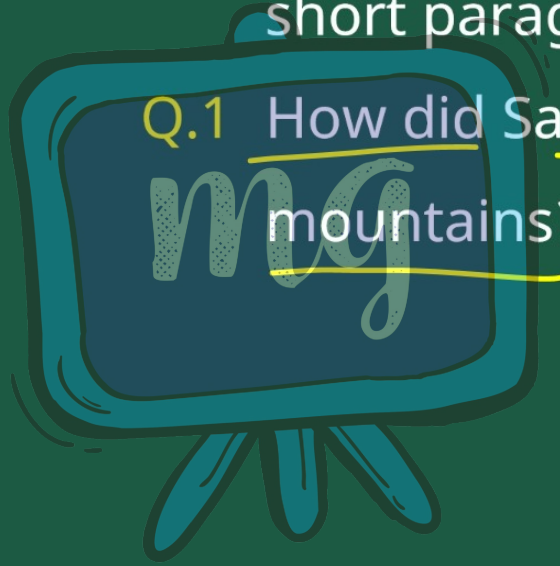
II. Answer each of these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).

Q.1 How did Santosh begin to climb mountains?



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Answer: She wished to climb mountains when she watched villagers from her Kasturba Hostel's room, going up the Aravali Hills and vanishing after a while. One day, she decided to check it out herself. She found nobody except a few mountaineers. Later she saved money and enrolled in a course at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. Then she began to climb mountains every year.

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Q.2 What incidents during the Everest expedition show Santosh's concern for her team-mates?



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Answer: During the 1992 Everest mission, Santosh Yadav provided special care to a climber who lay dying at the South Col. She was unfortunately unsuccessful in saving him. However she managed to save Mohan Singh, who would have lost his life if she had not shared her oxygen with him.

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Q.3 What shows her concern for the environment?



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Answer: Santosh was really concerned for the environment. She collected and brought down 500 kilograms of garbage from the Himalayas.



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Q.4 How does she describe her feelings at the summit of the Everest?



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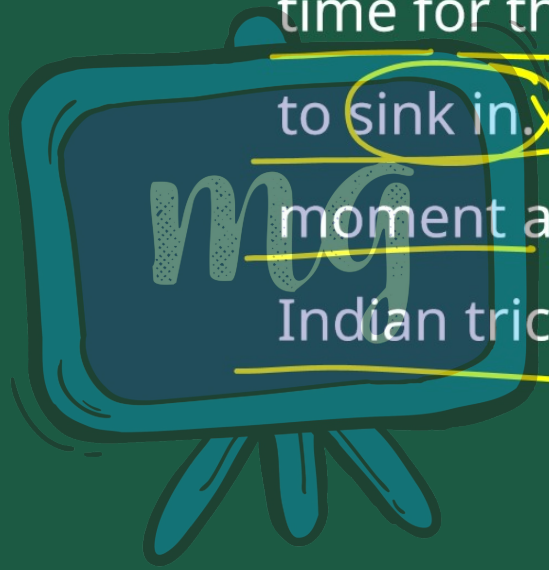
Answer: She said that it took some time for the enormity of the moment to sink in. She was delighted at this moment and proudly unfurled the Indian tricolour.



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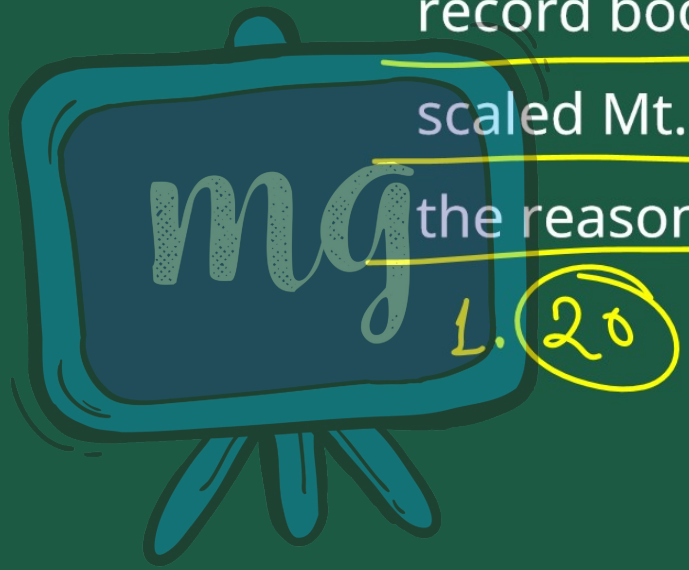
Q.5 Santosh Yadav got into the record books both times she scaled Mt. Everest. What were the reasons for this?



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Answer: Santosh Yadav made history on both occasions she conquered Mt. Everest. During her first ascent, she earned the title of the youngest woman in the world to reach the summit. On her second climb, she achieved another remarkable feat by becoming the only woman to successfully summit Mt. Everest twice.

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III. Complete the following statements:

1. From her room in Kasturba Hostel, Santosh used to .....
2. When she finished college, Santosh had to write a letter of apology to her father because .....
3. During the Everest expedition, her seniors in the team admired her ..... while ..... endeared her to fellow climbers.

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Answer:

1. From her room in Kasturba Hostel, Santosh used to see the villagers going up the Aravali Hills and vanishing after a while.
2. When she finished college, Santosh had to write a letter of apology to her father because without his permission she had got herself enrolled at Uttarkashi.

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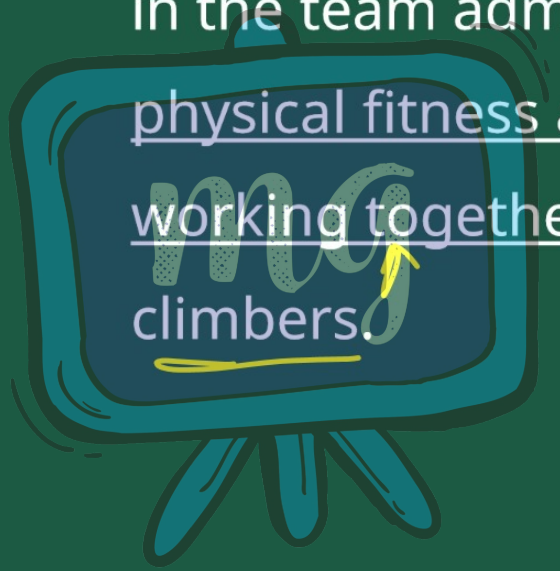
3. During the Everest expedition, her seniors in the team admired her climbing skills, physical fitness and mental strength while working together endeared her to fellow climbers.



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IV. Pick out words from the text that mean the same as the following words or expressions. (Look in the paragraphs indicated.)

1. took to be true without proof (1): .....
2. based on reason; sensible; reasonable (2): .....
3. the usual way of doing things (3): .....
4. a strong desire arising from within (5):
5. the power to endure, without falling ill (7): .....

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Answers:

1. took to be true without proof (1): Assumed
2. based on reason; sensible; reasonable (2): Rational
3. the usual way of doing things (3): Custom
4. a strong desire arising from within (5): Urge
5. the power to endure, without falling ill (7): Resistance/Endurance