

CHAPTER-7 | Reach for the Top

QUIZ
PART-04

- When did Maria Sharapova reach the world number one position in women's tennis?
A. 23 August 2004
B. 23 August 2005
C. 22 August 2004
D. 22 August 2005 (D)

Explanation: On 22 August 2005, Maria Sharapova became the world's number one in women's tennis.

- Where was Maria Sharapova born?
A. England
B. Russia
C. Germany
D. America (B)

Explanation: Maria Sharapova was born in Siberia, Russia, before moving to the United States for training.

- How many years did it take Maria to reach the top of women's tennis as a professional?
A. Three years
B. Two years
C. Four years
D. One year (C)

Explanation: Within just four years of becoming a professional, Maria reached the pinnacle of women's tennis.

- At what age was Maria sent to the United States for tennis training?
A. Seven years
B. Eight years
C. Nine years
D. Ten years (C)

Explanation: Maria Sharapova was only nine when she was sent to Florida, USA, for tennis training.

- Why did Maria's mother not accompany her to the USA?
A. She was ill
B. She did not want to go
C. She was stopped by visa restrictions
D. She had another job in Russia (C)

Explanation: Maria's mother, Yelena, had to stay back in Russia due to visa restrictions.

- What difficulties did Maria face at the tennis academy?
A. Lack of training equipment
B. Loneliness, separation from her parents, and being ordered around by other pupils
C. No food and water
D. No proper coaches (B)

Explanation: Maria faced loneliness, separation from her mother, and humiliation from older pupils who made her tidy up the room.

- How did Maria respond to the hardships at the academy?
A. She became depressed and wanted to quit
B. She complained to her father
C. She quietly became more determined and mentally tough
D. She returned to Russia (C)

Explanation: Instead of getting depressed, Maria grew more determined and mentally strong, never thinking of quitting.

- What lesson did Maria learn early in life about achieving excellence?
A. It requires wealth and talent
B. It needs luck
C. It comes only at a price of sacrifice and endurance
D. It happens naturally with age (C)

Explanation: Maria realized that tennis excellence demanded sacrifice, endurance, and a readiness to pay the price.

- What personal qualities helped Maria pursue her dream?
A. Arrogance and stubbornness
B. Determination, mental toughness, and perseverance
C. Wealth and popularity
D. Parental influence (B)

Explanation: Maria's determination, mental toughness, and perseverance enabled her to overcome challenges and achieve success.

- What does Maria Sharapova's journey symbolize?
A. The role of wealth in success
B. The power of luck in sports
C. The importance of perseverance and mental strength in achieving dreams
D. The importance of fame and glamour (C)

Explanation: Maria's life reflects how perseverance and mental toughness help overcome hardships and reach the top.