

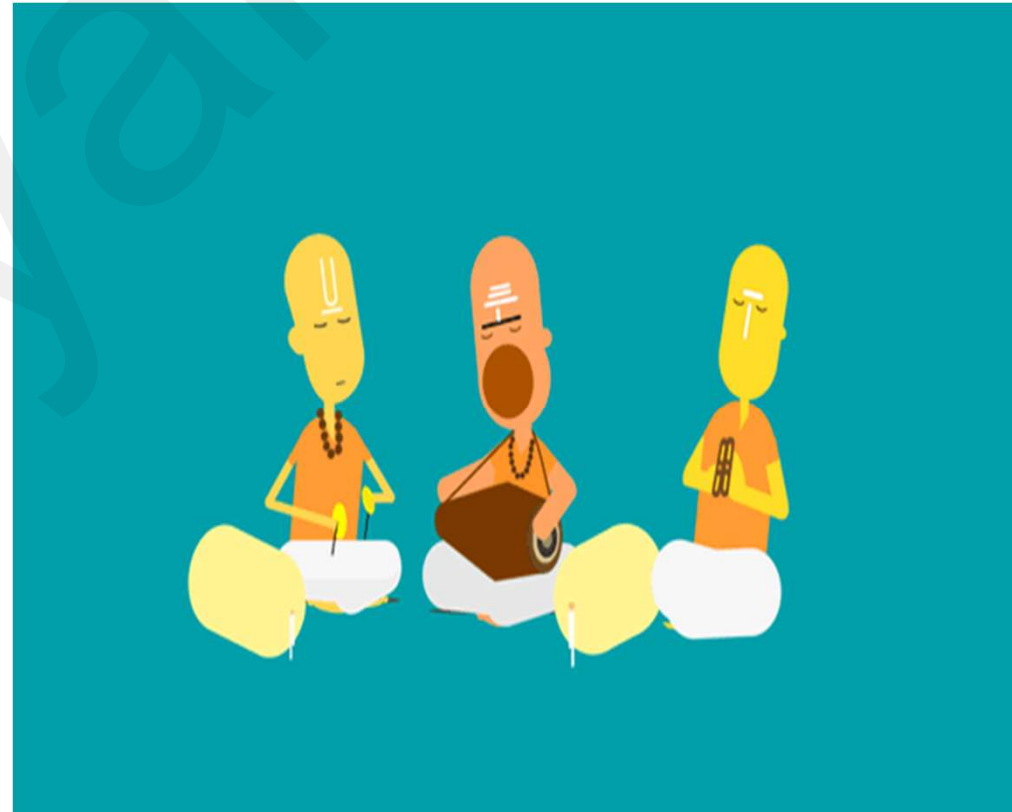
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## THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT (PAGE 102)

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

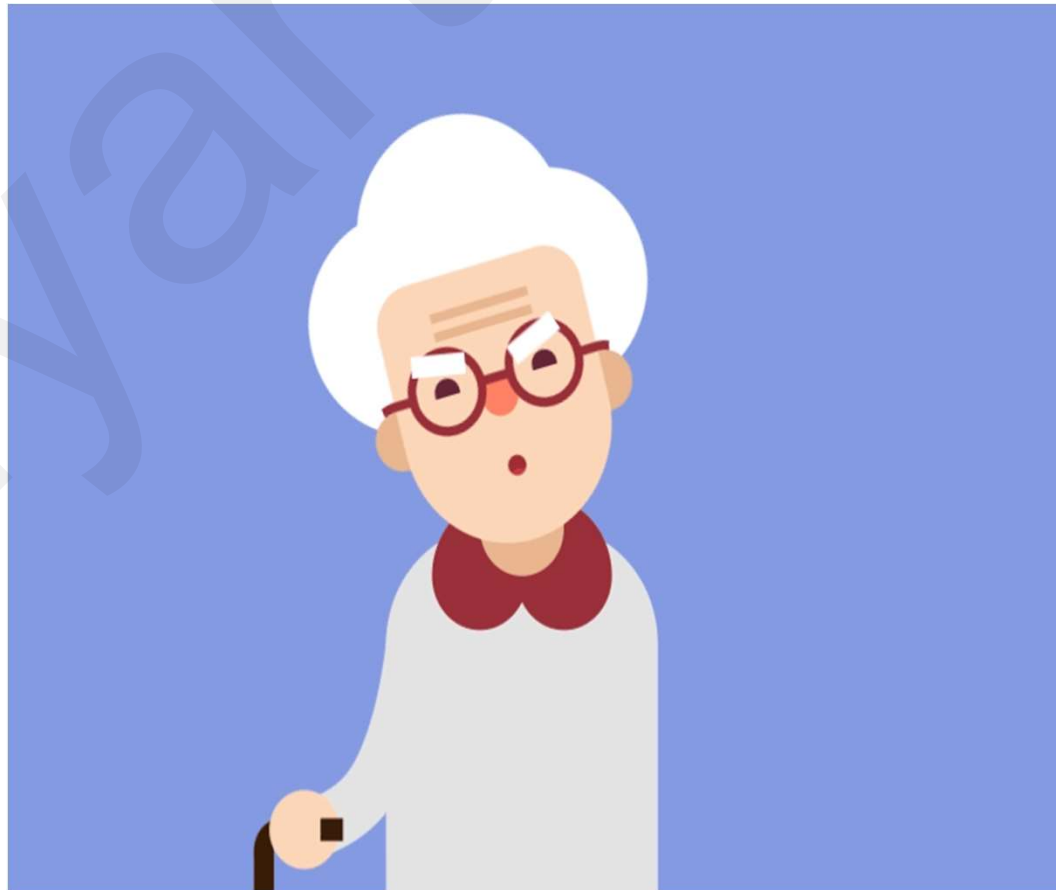
**QUESTION 1.** Why was the 'holy man' who gave Santosh's mother his blessings surprised? (1)



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**ANSWER:** The 'holy man' who gave Santosh's mother his blessings was surprised because her 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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**QUESTION 2.** Give an example to show that even as a young girl Santosh was not ready to accept anything unreasonable. (2)

**ANSWER:** She used to wear shorts and not the traditional dresses meant for her, wasn't ready to get married soon and want to get education.



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

**ANSWER:** She was sent to the local school in line with the prevailing custom in the family.



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

**ANSWER:** She left home for Delhi to get proper education. She was sixteen at that time.



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**QUESTION 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)

**ANSWER:** Her parents got ready because she 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).

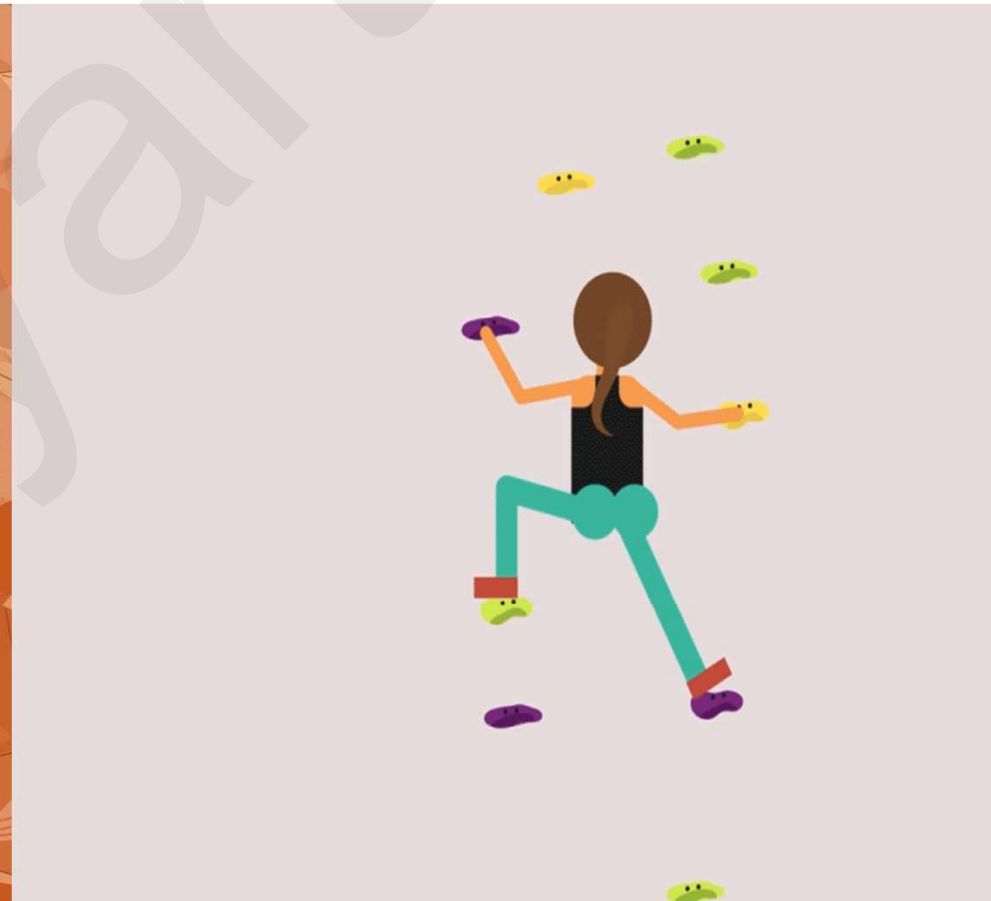
**QUESTION 1.** How did Santosh begin to climb mountains?

**ANSWER:** She wished to climb mountains when she watched villagers from her room, going up the hill. Later she saved money and enrolled in a course at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. Then she began climb mountains every year.



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

**ANSWER:** Santosh Yadav provided special care to a climber who lay dying at the south pole in 1992 Everest Mission. She saved Mohan Singh, who would have lost his life if she had not shared her oxygen with him.



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**QUESTION 3.** What shows her concern for the environment?

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





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

**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 tricolor.



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

**ANSWER:** She is the youngest woman who scaled the Everest. She is the only woman who climbed the Everest twice.



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II. Now rewrite the pairs of sentences given below as one sentence.

**QUESTION 1.** Grandfather told me about the old days. All books were printed on paper then.'

**ANSWER:** Grandfather told me about the old days when all books were printed on paper

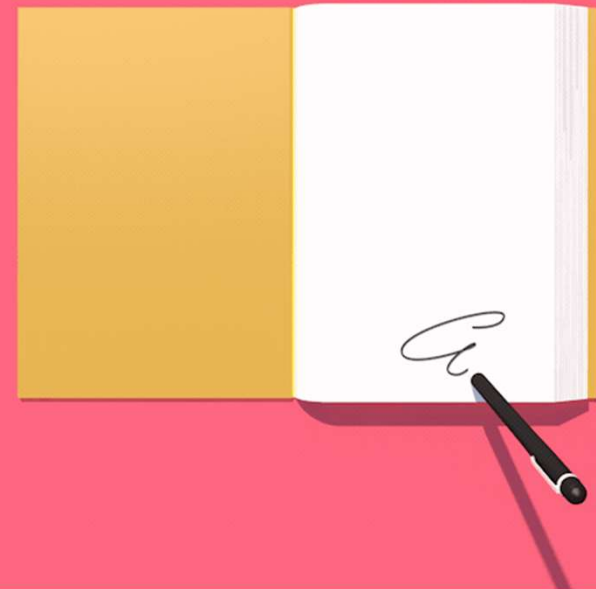


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**QUESTION 2.** What do you do after you finish the book? Perhaps you just throw it away.

**ANSWER:** Perhaps you just throw the book away after reading it.





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**QUESTION 3.** He gave the little girl an apple. He took the computer apart.

**ANSWER:** After giving the little girl an apple, he took the computer apart.



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**QUESTION 4.** You have nothing. That makes you very determined.

**ANSWER:** You have nothing which makes you very determined.



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**QUESTION 5.** I never thought of quitting. I knew what I wanted.

**ANSWER:** I never thought of quitting as I knew what I wanted.



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