

Chapter 2

class 9 english solution | SCALING GREAT HEIGHTS

A. Let's Answer :

Q.1. How can Santosh Yadav inspire the girls as well as their parents in India ?

Ans. The real story of Santosh is quite enough to inspire the girls as well as their parents in India. She fought against the prevailing custom of her family and refused to be married at an early stage. She fought against the system of her family and forced her parents to allow and help her to achieve higher education. By achieving the top honour, the padmashri from Indian government for her brilliant success in mountaineering, she has set an example which will inspire the Indian girls as well as their parents for a long – long time.

Q.3. Forms where did Santosh take the inspiration of Mountaineering ?

Ans. In Jaipur, Santosh was studying in Maharani College. She stayed there in Kasturba Hostel which faced the Aravali Hills. She used to watch villagers from her room, going up the hill and suddenly vanishing after a while. Ought of curiosity to check the matter, she went there herself and found a few mountaineers. She asked if she would join them. They not only answered in affirmative but also motivated her to take to climbing . From these mountaineers Santosh took the inspiration of Mountaineering.

Q.3. ” From the very beginning I was quite determined that if I choose a correct and rational path, the others around me had to change, not me.” State some changes made by Santosh Yadav in her family custom.

Ans. Some changes made by Santosh Yadav in her family custom are such —

- (i) She wanted to study for higher studies.
- (ii) She denied to be married at an early stage.
- (iii) She chose mountaineering which was against her family custom.

Q.4. Describe Santosh's team spirit during the expedition to Mt. Everest.

Ans. Santosh provided special care to a climber who lay dying at the South Col. Unfortunately, she couldn't save him. However , she saved another Climber , Mohan Singh , by sharing her oxygen with him.

Q.5. Describe briefly Santosh's life from a local village school to Uttar Kashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

Ans. Santosh got her early education in her local village school. When she turned sixteen she refused to be married as per her village custom. She announced that only after proper education she will think to marry. She left home and got herself enrolled in a school in Delhi. She planned to bear the fees by working part time but later her parents agreed to pay for her education. After she passed the high school examinations, she joined Maharani College, in Jaipur. There staying in a room in Kasturba Hostel, she watched villagers going up the hill and vanishing soon. Later , this incident developed interest in her for mountaineering and

she got enrolled in a course at Utter Kashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

B. Let's Discuss

Q.a. Early Marriage is a curse.

Ans. Marriage is a big responsibility which requires lot of sincerely, time, devotion and adjustment. Persons can bear this responsibility only when they are matured. Early marriage proves to be a curse as neither the bride or the groom are prepared to bear the responsibilities of marriage. For career builders. Early marriage is a real curse. so, early marriage should be avoided by all means.

Q.b. Nothing can stop you if you have firm determination to do something .

Ans. Ups and down are order of the day. Life is not a smooth journey. But the one who has firm determination to do something overcomes all the adversities and is undeterred by any challenge. None of the adversities can shatter one's dream who has strong will, dedication, devotion and commitment to do something, to achieve something unique. The stories of Sonal Mansingh, Santosh Yadav, Kalpana Chawla and many others are examples to the statement.