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Prose - The Queen of Boxing Part-A

I.One Mark Questions

1.MaryKom had the conviction that she could take on any boxer.

- a. Belief
- b.disbelief
- c.assurance
- d.satisfaction

Answer:- a. Belief

2.The people were enormously nice too.

- a. sufficiently
- b.moderately
- c.extremely
- d.exactly.

Answer:- c.extremely

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined word :

3.The coaches consoled me and lauded me on the silver.

- a.blamed
- b.appreciated
- c.praised
- d.ignored.

Answer:- a.blamed

4.I retained the world championship in the third World Women's Boxing Championship.

- a.kept
- b.surrendered
- c.lost
- d.carved

Answer:- c.lost

Choose the appropriate expansion for the words:

5.ATM

- a.at once money
- ◀ b)automatic teller machine
- c) auto timing machine
- d)all time mate,

Answer:- b)automatic teller machine

6.GPS

- a)goods payable scheme
- b)golf player society

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c)global positioning system

d)goods and service,

Answer:- c)global positioning system

Give the meaning for these idiomatic phrases:

7.On the rope

a)catching the rope

b)you are in trouble

c)time to relax

d)cut the branch .

Answer:- b)you are in trouble

8.to be on cloud nine

a)to fly in the aeroplane

b)standing on the hill happily

c)extremely happy

d)exploring about the clouds.

Answer:- c)extremely happy

9.Fill in the blank with correct Modals

Imran have studied more for the final exam than playing.

a)would

b)should

c)can

d)will

Answer:- b)should

10.Fill in the blank with Semi-Modals: When Karthick wasa child he play in the streets.

a)won't

b)used to

c)ought to

d)need to

Answer:- b)used to

Part-B

II.Very Short Answer.

1.Why did Mary Kom think that she should not b)used to empty handed?

Mary kom's dad had given all he had for her trip to USA. Besides, her friends had raised funds through MPs. They had pinned their hopes on her. So, she thought she should not return empty- handed.

2.Give the expanded form for "AIBA"

Association Internationale De Boxe Amateur

3. Why did she call herself 'lucky'?

Mary Kom was tired and suffering from jet lag. After weighing in, she found out that she did not have a match that day. Unlike her team mates, she could take rest well enough to face her opponent in the ring. So, she called herself lucky.

4. According to Mary Kom, what were the reasons for losing in the finals?

Mary Kom was not accustomed to American food. The greatest disadvantage was her loss of appetite. She could not eat food however hard she tried. She started losing weight. She was just 46 kg before the finals. This probably cost her the dream of winning the gold in the finals.

5. What was her first impression about America?

America was cold and beautiful. What little she saw was very pleasing to her eyes. Americans were enormously nice too.

Part-C

III. Short Answer.

1. How did Mary Kom manage to get financial support for her trip to the U.S.A.?

Mary Kom wanted to become a world boxing champion but her dad could manage only Rs 2000 for her expenses in USA. Mary Kom was deeply disturbed as she had heard that things were very expensive in America. She realized that her parents can't do much about her predicament. So, she talked to her friend Only. A few well wishers met two Members of Parliament and they gave her Rs 8000. With the princely sum of Rs 10000 in her hands, she went to USA. She made up her mind to bring laurels back home.

2. What difficulties did she experience while eating Chinese food?

Once Mary Kom and her team mates were given chopsticks to eat their food in China. Other friends, asked for spoons and managed. But Mary Kom ended up using both her hands to hold the chopsticks to pick up the food and push it into her mouth. She managed the complex work and satisfied her hunger

3. How was she felicitated on her return to India?

On her return, Mary Kom was given a warm welcome at the airport. Back at Imphal, she was greeted with garlands, drumbeats and dancing. There was a victory procession across the town. A felicitation programme was held at Langol. People showered her with rich encomiums. She was presented with a traditional shawl.

4. What did she consider her greatest achievement? Why?

Mary Kom won a medal in each of the six World Boxing Championships she attended. There were a number of other international level Boxing Championships in Taiwan, Vietnam Denmark and so on. But it was retaining her world title in 2006 by defeating Steluta Duta of Romania 22-7 at the fourth World Championship in New Delhi that she considered her greatest achievement in life because she was able to win at home.

5. What post was offered to Mary Kom after winning the second World Championship?

She got sub-Inspector job on sports quota from Manipur Government. Persons appointed under sports quota need not attend office regularly. They tend to be away either at practice camps or at the tournaments most of the year. They went to the office only when necessary. Thus Government job on sports quota helped Mary Kom (sports person) pursue her dream with the most required financial security.

Part-D

IV. Write in detail.

1. Why was Mary Kom named the “QUEEN OF BOXING” or “MAGNIFICENT MARY”?

After Mary Kom's first silver medal in Pennsylvania in 2001, there was no looking back. Her medal haul continued even after her marriage putting an end to the speculation of family and friends that her marriage may slow down her career progression. She retained the world title in the third World Women's Boxing Championship at Podolsk in Russia in 2005. She won her fourth gold also in 2006. She had won several golds for India from 2001 to 2004. She had won all the Senior Women's Boxing Championships, Second Women's Championship (2002), Second Asian Women's Boxing Championship at Hisar (2003) and the Witch Cup Boxing Championship at Paes, Hungary. There were a number of other International World Championships in Taiwan, Vietnam, Denmark and so on. But it was retaining her World title in 2006 by defeating Steluta Duta of Romania which was considered as Mary Kom's greatest achievement in life. With this hat-trick of World Championship wins, the media christened her, “Queen of Boxing” and “Magnificent Mary”. “Don't quit; suffer now; so that you can live the rest of your life like a Queen.”

2. Write a detail note about the medal haul of Mary Kom from 2001 to 2006.

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Unit 2 – Poem Confessions of a born spectator Part-A

I. One Mark Questions

1. Whom does the poet admire?

- a) athletes
- b) doctors
- c) lawyers
- d) teachers

Answer:- a) athletes

2. What is the meaning of 'maim'?

- a) maid
- b) mad
- c) injure
- d) work

Answer:- c) injure

3. Why do the athletes sweat?

- a) match
- b) joy
- c) hire
- d) food

Answer:- c) hire

4. 'When snaps the knee and cracks the wrist' What is the literary device used here?

- a) simile
- b) metaphor
- c) onomatopoeia
- d) repetition

Answer:- c) onomatopoeia

5. Who is the author of this poem?

- a) Words worth
- b) Ogden Nash
- c) Shakespeare
- d) Gabriel Okara

Answer:- b) Ogden Nash

6. The poet wants to be a.....

- a) spectator
- b) player
- c) boxer

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d) doctor

Answer:- a) spectator

7.The athletes never consider others....

a) feelings

b) money

c) wisdom

d) playing

Answer:- a) feelings

8..... are called from the stands.

a) spectators

b) players

c) doctors

d) lawyers

Answer:- c) doctors

9.What is the metal the poet refers in the poem?

a)gold

b) silver

c) copper

d) radium

Answer:- d) radium

10.“I am just glad as glad can be” What is the figure of speech used here?

a) onomatopoeia

b) simile

c) metaphor

d) personification

Answer:- b) simile

Part-B

II.Very Short Answer.

1.Whom does the poet admire? why?

The poet admires athletes who play games.Because the poet is a determined spectator.

2.What pleases the ego?

◀When players outsmart their opponents and crack their vertebrae and spine, the ego is pleased.

3.Why are athletes rough during the play?

Enthusiastic athletes, in a bid to impress umpires and the spectators play roughly. Besides, they have no feelings for their opponents in the ring/playground.

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4. Why are doctors called from the stands?

The doctors are called from the stands by the sponsors to attend to a badly hurt and bleeding athlete.

5. Why does the poet make such an observation?

The poet does not wish to swap place with either heroes or victims of brutal sports. So, he makes this remark ,

Part-C

III. Short Answer.

1. What kind of spirit does the poet have? What does he support ?

If one has courage, persistence and team spirit, one can definitely succeed. One has to fix realistic goals for the team and offer support for the team to achieve it

2. Why does 'A run ninety yards'? Who is a champion?

The poet watches with a palpitating heart when A runs ninety yards to bag a medal. B knock the champion to the floor.

3. Why does the poet want to be a spectator? What does the poet's soul offer?

Being a spectator the poet is very happy. The poet's soul offers true thanks giving

4. What are the things the poet wants to do and doesn't want to do with the players?

5. Do you think the narrator is heroic? Why?

I don't think the narrator/poet is heroic. A Hero is one who confronts any challenge and acts on it and fights to the end. The narrator is happy as a non-participant observer of heroic and rough games.

Part-D

IV. Write in detail.

1. How does the poet establish the victory of common sense over ego?

The poet is sure of his limitations. He had only modest of physiques. He can't imagine receiving blows in a boxer's ring. He has seen zealous athletes playing so rough that they never consider the feelings of fellow players. They are insensitive to the cracking wrist and snapping knees of fellow players. When his ego and prudence clashed, ego told him to seek glory in sports, but his prudence always ignored it. Thus common sense prevailed. He remained a cheerful life-time fan. He was contented as a spectator of all kinds of games and sports and world famous athletes.

2. The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?

In the very first stanza, the poet admits that right from his boyhood days, he was glad to watch others play all kinds of games including boxing. He was glad that he was not one of them. His limp and bashful spirit feeds on the heroism of other players. He watches with a palpitating heart when 'A' runs ninety yards to bag a medal. He watches with obvious alarm

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when 'B' knocks another boxer down cracking his vertebrae and spines. The players maim each other. His ego would never be pleased to swap places with such popular players. He listens to the mention of prudence/common sense and refrains from hurting himself or others by not participating in any game whatsoever. Thus he justifies his view to continue as spectator.

Unit 2 – Supplementary - A Shot in the Dark

I. Choose the correct answer for the following questions.

1. Philip Sletherby was going to

- a) America
- b) Brill Manor
- c) London
- d) Cape town

Answer:- b) Brill Manor

2. Bertie had left his

- a) suitcase
- b) file
- c) book
- d) sovereign purse

Answer:- d) sovereign purse

3. Bertie was the..... son of Mrs. SaltpenJago.

- a) first
- b) third
- c) second
- d) fourth

Answer:- c) second

4. Sletherby met.....in the train.

- a) Bertie
- b) Saltpen
- c) Bertie's father
- d) President

Answer:- a) Bertie

◀ 5. Bertie had only pence with him.

- a) 5
- b) 3
- c) 2
- d) 6

Answer:- d) 6

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6. Bertie asked Sletherby to lendpounds.

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Answer:- c) 3

7. Mrs. Saltpen Jago used to have beautifulhair.

- a) black
- b) grey
- c) brown
- d) white

Answer:- c) brown

8. Claude is the..... of Sletherby.

- a) friend
- b) brother
- c) father
- d) uncle

Answer:- a) friend

9. "What is your by the way?", Sletherby asked.

- a) symbol
- b) emblem
- c) identity card
- d) crest

Answer:- d) crest

10. Bertie uses the crest.

- a) Jago
- b) Demilion
- c) Tiger
- d) Eagle

Answer:- b) Demilion

II. Answer the following questions in one or two lines.

◀ **1. Why did Philip Sletherby visit Brill Manor?**

Philip Sletherby visited Brill Manor because he had been invited by Mrs. Honorio Saltpen Jago for a luncheon at Brill Manor.

2. Why did his travel companion curse and mutter?

Mr. Sletherby's travel companion was a young man of about twenty-two. He cursed and muttered because he had lost his valet along with the family crest. He claimed that he did so foolishly to seal a letter. He had forgotten to collect the valet.

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3. Whom did Sletherby meet on the platform of the railway station?

Mr. Sletherby had left Mr. Bertie, Mrs. Honario Saltpen-Jago's younger son on his way to Brill Manor in a railway station penniless and frustrated.

4. "There was a tinge of coldness in his voice" – Why?

When Bertie told of his mother, his voice became cold and he was emotional

5. What was Sletherby's response to Bertie's request?

Sletherby initially agreed to lend three pounds. But he wanted to ensure that he was not taken for a ride. He asked him if his mother had a close resemblance with him. Bertie claimed that his mom had dark brown hair like himself. Mr. Sletherby was already biased against lending the money as he believed that Greyhound was the crest found on Mrs. Saltpen-Jago's note book paper. So, he refused to lend the promised loan to Bertie.

III. Answer the following questions in three or four lines.

1. Describe Bertie's problem.

Bertie was returning from yachting experience for about six months. He had done a damn awkward thing. He left behind his sovereign purse with four quid in it. It was all his worldly wealth at the moment. He must have left the purse on the table. He was stopping at a little country in a near Brondquay for three days' fishing. As none knows him there, he needed money for his week-end bill and tips and cab to and from the station. In short, he desperately needed three pounds to manage the crisis.

2. How did Bertie describe his mother?

Bertie stated that it was the Jago crest. He further added that his mother's hair was dark brown similar to his

3. Compare the two crests.

The Saltpen crest was "a demi-lion holding a cross-crosslet in its paw." The Jago crest was a greyhound. Both were used in the family. Bertie could use either of the crests. Bertie had a feeling that he belonged to Saltpens, who used demi-lion crest always.

4. How was Sletherby greeted on the platform of his destination?

On the platform he was greeted sedately by a tall footman and noisily by Claude people, K.C. who had apparently travelled down by the same train.

5. What did Sletherby realize in the end?

Sletherby realized that Bertie had not lied to him, but that he had mistaken him for a fraud.

IV. Write in detail.

1. Describe the youth's strange behaviour when he was in the train.

The young man who entered the coach gave out a smothered curse. He was engaged in searching something elusive angrily and uselessly. From time to time, he dug a six penny

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bit out of a waist coat pocket and stared at it sadly, then resumed his search. He voluntarily broke the silence. He exclaimed that Mr. Sletherby was-going to Bill Manor. He introduced himself as Bertie, the younger son of Mrs. Saltpen-Jago. He admitted that he was away for about six months and had not seen his own mother. Making use of the lucky coincidence that he was going to Brill Manor, he asked for a loan of three pounds as he had lost his sovereign purse and was desperately in need of help. He promised to meet him on the subsequent Monday.

“There is no need to suffer silently and there is no shame in seeking help.”

2. ‘Seeing is believing’. How this statement humorously disproved in this story? Bring out the irony in the situation.

“Seeing is believing” is an age old adage which is also contradicted by Plato’s saying Appearance is always deceptive because it appears to appear”. Some times truth is not quite impressive. She needs the support of limping old maid called time to prove herself. Being a cynic and skeptic, Mr. Sletherby takes up a stand right at the beginning of the encounter, not to show any interest in the young man’s fussy outbursts. He carefully lays the trap by telling a lie that he had not seen his mom. He further asks him cleverly if his mom resembled him.

Both Bertie himself and Mr. Sletherby are unaware of the altered looks of Mrs. Saltpen-Jago. There is a dramatic irony when the son himself gives a different version of his mom’s appearance. This influences the decision of Mr. Sletherby in refusing to lend Bertie a loan of three pounds. Thus the adage “Seeing is believing” is humorously disproved in this story. Enquiring thoroughly and compassionately one can find the truth.

“Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact.

Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.

Unit: 3 – Prose - Forgetting

I. Multiple choice questions.

Choose the correct synonym for the following sentences.

1.It is because of their antipathy that people forget to take their medicines.

- a) love
- b)hate
- c)dislike
- d)distress

Answer:- c) dislike

2.What was her vexation.

- a) Pleasure
- b) happiness
- c) calm
- d) irritation

Answer:- d) irritation

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined word :

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- a) usual
- b) uncommon
- c) rare
- d) particular

Answer:- b) uncommon

She was a prosaic person.

- a) dull
- b) boring
- c) interesting
- d) daring

Answer:-

Choose the correct homophones for:

Nobody can say there will be an improvement in the

- a) whether
- b) weather
- c) wheather
- d) wither

Answer:- a) whether , b) weather

Give the clipped word for : influenza

- a) flu
- b) influ
- c) fluenza
- d) inza

Answer:- a) flu

Pick out the right study for the following word: Pathologist.

- a) studies aircrafts
- b) studies insects
- c) studies diseases
- d) studies birds

Answer:- c) studies diseases

Pick out the apt definition for: globetrotter

- a) a person who abstains from alcohol
- b) a person who is an introvert
- c) a person who travels around the world
- d) a person who is in their nineties.

Answer:- c) a person who travels around the world

Change the voices for the following sentences:

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Mohan has completed the course.

- a) The course has been completed by Mohan
- b) Mohan completed the task
- c) Task completed
- d) Mohan had completed the task

Answer:- a) The course has been completed by Mohan

Let the door not be slammed.

- a) Slammed the door
- b) The door slammed
- c) Don't slam the door
- d) Let the door not be slammed.

Answer:- c) Don't slam the door

II. Answer the following questions in one or two lines.

1.What does Lynd actually wonder at?

Robert Lynd wonders at the efficiency of human memory. He is amazed at the ordinary man's capacity to remember phone numbers, addresses of friends, appointments for lunch and dinner and many names of actors, actresses and leading players in popular games.

2 .Name a few things that a person remembers easily.

A man easily remembers all the items of clothing, shutting the door before leaving the home, turning off lights before going upstairs, etc,

3.How does psychologists interpret forgetfulness?

Psychologists believe that humans forget what they don't want to remember, like taking pills.

4.What is the commonest type of forgetfulness ,according to Lynd?

Commonest type of forgetfulness occurs in the matters of posting letters. The author himself has forgotten to post his own letters many times.

5.What are the articles the writer forgets most often?

The poet often forgets his books and walking sticks.

III. Answer the following questions in three or four lines.

1.What kind of absent-mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd?

Scientists, poets, anglers and philosophers forget prosaic things. Their minds are absorbed in lofty thoughts and glorious imaginations that they forget ordinary things. Socrates, Tagore and Einstein had the virtue of absent – mindedness. Einstein usually forgot to change his rocks. Once he even forgot his own house address. The absent – mindedness of such great personalities is a virtue. As they make best of life, they have no time to remember the mediocre.

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2. What are our memories filled with?

Our memories are filled with names of cricketers, footballers, murderers, actors and actresses. Our memories are filled with many routine activities.

3. Who are the citizens of dreamland? Why?

Boys who return from cricket and football matches tend to forget bats and balls. Their minds are filled with a vision of the playing field. Their heads are among the stars. They are said to be the citizens of dreamland.

4. How does a chemist make their fortunes out of the medicines people forget to take?

The forgotten medicines tend to aggravate the illness. As a vicious cycle, again they are forced to buy costlier medicines. Thus people who forget to take medicines contribute to the fortunes of chemists.

5. Narrate the plight of the baby on its day out.

A father offered to take the baby out in a perambulator. On a sunny morning, he was tempted to have a glass of beer. He entered a pub leaving the perambulator in the street opposite to the pub. A little later, his wife found the baby asleep in the perambulator. Her husband was not found anywhere. She took the perambulator home anticipating her husband's remorse over the stolen baby. But to her obvious dismay, he walked in cheerfully and asked her what was the lunch. He had completely forgotten the baby on its day out.

IV. Write in detail.

Write a note on 'Absent - Mindedness' with reference to the essay on forgetting by Robert Lynd.

Absent - mindedness of people shocked the author when the Railway department published the list of lost articles. It was startling to note that young people forget bats, balls etc. The author attributes it to the abundant imagination and dreams. They are citizens of dreamland. Anglers also forget their fishing rods. Absent - mindedness is often a blessing in disguise. People can forget their unhappiness and live in a world of Utopia. Great thinkers, poets and philosophers are absent - minded because their minds are full of lofty ideas and imagination. Socrates the philosopher and S.T. Coleridge the poet were absent - minded people. Similarly, Politicians have bad memories. States are yet to produce ideal statesmen. Great writers, composers of music have amazingly great memories.

Describe the process of the preparation of tea.

The water should be boiled in a vessel. Then tea leaves and milk should be added to the water. The vessel must be covered with a lid. The tea should be filtered and poured into the tups. Sugar should be added. and stirred The tea should be served hot.