

CHAPTER : 5 MAGNIFICENT MARY

Comprehension

A. 1. Mary Kom was born on 1 March 1983 in Manipur. Her parents were poor farmers who worked hard on their fields. Her family belonged to the Kom tribe, a tribal community from the north-eastern state of Manipur. She studied in Loktak Christian Model High School, Moirang. After school, she used to go to the fields and help her parents. She later joined Adimjati High School, Imphal, for her higher schooling, but failed to clear her exams.

2. Mary Kom, after she failed, did not want to reappear for the exams. She left her school. She then appeared for a private examination from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Imphal. She completed her graduation from Churachandpur College. After her graduation Mary at times helped her father in the fields and at times tended the animals.

3. Mary used to play football and hockey when she was in school. She was very passionate about sports. Dingko Singh a renowned boxer from Manipur rose to fame in 2000. It was then that she was inspired and she decided to become a boxer. She approached M. Narjit Singh, Manipur State Boxing Coach, and soon started training under him.

4. Mary had to face a lot of obstacles in her path. Mary being a girl, her father refused to support her. He did not want her to continue her training. He believed boxing was a sport played by

men. Mary's friends and relatives also discouraged her from continuing her pursuits. However, she was adamant and refused to bow down to the demands of her father, relatives, and friends. However she carried on and directed all her energies and became a good boxer.

5. Mary married Onler, her friend in 2005. Her passion for boxing took a beating after her marriage. However, with support and encouragement from her husband, Mary was back in the boxing. She started her training again. She had to work hard on training her body. Mary also had a family to care for. However, she was determined. Unfortunately for her there were no opportunities. But the tables turned in 2008 and she put all rumours to rest. She surprised everyone and bagged a silver medal at the Asian games.

6. Mary is the mother of three sons and handles all her responsibilities well. Mary often goes out of her way to help other aspiring women boxers from her state. Her academy in Manipur teaches self-defence to people. Today everyone accepts Mary's gaming skills.

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

B. 1. (a) When Dingko Singh, a renowned boxer from Manipur rose to fame in 2000, Mary was inspired to become a boxer.

(b) Mary's father refused to support her as she was a girl. He believed boxing was a sport played by men. Her friends and relatives also discouraged her from following her pursuits. No

one could associate a lean Mary with a sport like boxing. But she refused to bow down to the demands of her father, relatives.

(c) Mary's efforts were rewarded when she emerged winner in the State Women's Boxing Championship held in Manipur.

2 (a) After Mary's marriage Everyone predicted that her career has come to an end.

(b) The sceptics were not right as the tables turned in 2008 and Mary put all rumours to rest and surprised everyone by bagging the silver medal at the Asian games.

c) Mary's best achievement was her win at the London Olympics 2012. She won a bronze medal at the Olympics. It made our country proud as she was the first Indian woman boxer to win a medal at the Olympics.

Word Web

Book works

Lob - The audience was stunned as she lobbed the ball to the back of her opponent's court.

Punch - There was a fight between the two opposition groups and of the boys punched him in the face.

Drop- The bag was so heavy that she could not carry it any further and dropped it on the road.

Shot - The hunter shot down the deer.

Combination - He ordered for a combination of rice and chapatti for his lunch.

Rally- There was a rally protesting for the death of the patient in the hospital due to negligence.

Parry - The expert boxer parried her opponent's punches

Fist - After listening to her story, he clenched his fist in anger and went out.

Grammar

A.

- 1 .She'll post the parcels today.
2. Mother said I couldn't go to the movies before my exams.
3. Do not tease the dog. It'll bite you.
4. I can't find my father's umbrella.
5. The boys are playing in the rain. They'll catch a cold.
6. You shouldn't tease animals in the zoo.

B.

1. is it 2. wasn't she 3. won't they

4. isn't he 5. can we 6. is she