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CLASS X
ENGLISH COURSE BOOK
UNIT II - LESSON 5
THE INDOMITABLE WOMAN PUGILIST OF MANIPUR

SOLUTION

A. Based on your reading of the text complete the following sentences:

1. When called by his mother, Mary gave a mighty kick to the ball, turned and came running to her mother.
2. Mary's mother asked her if she remember that she is a girl.
3. Mary loved to play with the boys because with the boys she could run, jump, kick and blow.
4. After seeing some boys and girls being trained in boxing at Khuman Lampak Mary soon joined the training and after that she did not look back.
5. At the national level, Mary Kom got Gold Medal in almost all the National Boxing Championships for women held at various parts of India.
6. Her achievements at the International level also are really extraordinary.
7. Government of India honoured Mary Kom with the Arjuna Award in 2003 and the Padma Shri Award in 2005.

B. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

Q1. 'Coming to gate she looked around and saw...' What did Mary's mother see?

Ans: Mary's mother saw Mary running and kicking a ball with some boys in small field nearby.

Q2. How did Mary feel playing girls' game?

Ans: Mary felt bored playing girls' game.



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Q3. How did Mary feel playing with the boys?

Ans: Mary felt happy and satisfied playing with the boys.

Q4. What did Mary win at the Pennsylvania First Women's Boxing Championship?

Ans: In the first Women Boxing Championship, Mary won the silver medal.

Q5. When did Mary win the 7th Men and Women Boxing Championship held in West Bengal?

Ans: In December, 2000, Mary won the 7th Men and Women Boxing Championship held in West Bengal.

Q6. What laurel did Mary Kom earn in 2007?

Ans: Mary has been included in the people of the year, 2007 in Limca Book of Records.

Q7. How has Reliance Industries Limited and the T.V. Channel CNN/IBN honoured Mary Kom?

Ans: They honoured her as one of the 'Real Heroes'.

Q8. Why did Mary Kom take a two-year sabbatical?

Ans: She took a two-year sabbatical to raise her family.



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C. Answer the following questions briefly:

Q1. Seeing that, she smiled but raising her voice slightly, she called...’ why did Mary Kom’s mother smile on seeing her daughter give a mighty kick to a ball?

Ans: Mary Kom’s mother smiled on seeing her daughter because Mary was running and kicking a ball with some boys in a small field nearby.

Q2. “Do you also remember what a girl is supposed to do first in the morning”? What, according to Mary Kom’s mother, should a girl do in the morning?

Ans: A girl is supposed to help her mother in doing some of the domestic chores and after that she has to study for some time.

Q3. Why did Mary Kom remain silent when her mother told to remember what a girl should do in the morning?

Ans: Mary Kom remained silent when her mother told her to remember what a girl should do because she remembers that she is a girl and she can do the domestic chores very easily.

Q4. “Mother, please allow me to play freely” why did Mary Kom plead so with her mother?

Ans: Mary Kom pleaded so because she could do the domestic chores very easily at the same time she wanted to play also.



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Q5. How did Mary Kom, as a child, want to play?

Ans: As a child, Mary Kom wanted to run, jump, kick and blow with the boys.

Q6. Why did Mary's mother remain silent with a meaningful smile when the girl told her how she wanted to play?

Ans: Mary's mother remained silent with a meaningful smile when the girl told her how she wanted to play because she came to know that her daughter gets bored with the games that girls play. On the contrary, she wanted to play with the boys and it makes her happy and satisfied.

Q7. "This is the way M.C. Mary Kom grew up into full girlhood" How did Mary Kom grow up?

Ans: Mary Kom grew up into full girlhood partly in the hills of Churachandpur district and partly in the Imphal valley of Manipur. She wanted to play with the boys when she was a child, and it makes her happy and satisfied. She gets bored playing the games of girls.

Q8. What were the items of athletics in which Mary Kom took interest after passing matriculations?

Ans: Pole vault, javelin throw, discus throw and sprint.



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Q9. “Then sometime in the year 2000 she happened to see....” What did Mary Kom see and what happen to her?

Ans: She happened to see some boys and girls being trained in boxing at Khuman Lampak Sport Stadium. Soon she joined the training and after that she did not look back.

Q10. What were the personal qualities that enabled Mary Kom to achieve glorious record of success?

Ans: The glorious record of her success is the result of a combination of talent, persistence and hard work. Discipline, deep sense of commitment to a cause and fighting spirit are also necessary for the kind of success that Mary Kom achieved.



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