

I Preliminary Examination

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Section I: Seen passages

Q1(A) Read the extract carefully and do the given activities: (10 marks)

A1 Say whether the statements are true or false and correct the false statements. (2)

- Mary- Kom's father was a keen boxer in his younger age.
- Mary- Kom was only 18 years old when she made her international debut at the first woman's World Boxing Championship.
- Mary- Kom is a legend and an idol.
- Kom grew up in luxurious surroundings.

There had to be one successful story if Indian were to survive in sports and we have that story now. Enough has been said about this great warrior who conquered the world. This warrior is none other than Mary Mangte Kom- the Komqueror and the Komrade. She is famed as a five times World Boxing Champion and the only boxer to win a medal in every one of the six world championships. In the 2012 Olympics, She became the first Indian woman boxer to qualify and win a bronze medal in the 51 kg flyweight category of Boxing.

Kom was born in Kangtheri village, Moirang Lamkhai in Churachandpur district of rural Manipur in eastern India. She came from a poor family. Her parents, Mangte Tonpa Kom and Mangte Akham Kom were tenant farmers who worked in jhum fields. Kom grew up in humble surroundings, helping her parents with farm related chores, going to school and learning athletics initially and later boxing simultaneously. Her father was a keen wrestler in his younger age.

She had an eager interest in athletics since childhood and the success of Dingko Singh a fellow Manipuri returned from the 1998 Bangkok Asian games with a gold medal. Kom recalls that had inspired many youngsters in Manipur to try boxing and she too thought of giving it a try.

Mary Kom's career started in 2000 after her victory in the Manipur state women's boxing championship and the regional championship in West Bengal. In 2001, She started competing at international level. She was only 18 years old when she made her international debut at the first

AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship in United States, winning a silver medal in the 48kg weight category. Her greatness is reinforced by the way she

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apologized to the whole nation for not being able to win the Gold, She is a legend for sure and an idol for all the sportswomen to look up to.

A2. Fill in the gaps appropriately.

(2)

Mary Kom

Born in _____ village

_____ district

_____ state

Type of family _____ family.

Name of father _____

Name of mother _____

A3 a) Give the antonyms of

(1)

i) perish ii) defeat iii) urban iv) unsuccessful

b) Pick out words from the extract that mean the following :

(1)

i) at the same time ii) routine household tasks

A4 Do as directed:

(2)

1) Mary Kom's career started in 2000 (Use a question tag)

2) She came from a poor family. (Rewrite as negative)

A5. Explain in your own words how Mary Kom's career persistently moved ahead.

(2)

Section II: Poetry

Q2. A) Read the following poem and write an appreciation with help of the given poem in paragraph format.

(10 Marks)

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

Parting with his poison – flash
of diabolic tail in the dark room –
he risked the rain again.

The peasants came like swarms of flies
and buzzed the name of God a hundred times
to paralyse the Evil One.

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With candles and with lanterns
throwing giant scorpion shadows
on the mud-baked walls
they searched for him: he was not found.
They clicked their tongues.

With every movement that the scorpion made his poison
moved in Mother's blood, they said.

May he sit still, they said

May the sins of your previous birth
be burned away tonight, they said.

May your suffering decrease
the misfortunes of your next birth, they said

May the sum of all evil
balanced in this unreal world
against the sum of good

become diminished by your pain.
may the poison purify your flesh
of desire, and your spirit of ambition,
they said, and they sat around
on the floor with my mother in the centre,
the peace of understanding on each face.

More candles, more lanterns, more neighbours,
more insects and the endless rain.

My mother twisted through and through,
groaning on a mat.

My father, sceptic, rationalist,
trying every curse and blessing,
power, mixture, herb and hybrid.
He even poured a little paraffin

upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.

I watched the flame feeding on my mother.

I watched the holy man perform his rites to tame the
poison with an incantation.

After twenty hours
it lost its sting.

My mother only said

Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.

Points:

- 1) Title
- 2) Poet
- 3) Central idea
- 4) Rhyme scheme
- 5) Figure of speech
- 6) Special features (type of poem, Imagery implied meaning if any)
- 7) Favorite line
- 8) Why I like, I don't like the poem.

Q2 B) Read the extract carefully and complete the activities. (5 Marks)

A1 Pick out the lines from the poem that mean the following: (2)

- a) get crazy for the goal
- b) toil hard happily
- c) get rid of all fears
- d) make efforts continuously.

Poem

If you want a thing bad enough
to go out and fight for it,
work day and night for it,
give up your time and your peace and your sleep for it
If all that you dream
and scheme is about it and life
seems useless and worthless without it
If you gladly sweat for, fret for and plan for it and lose
all your terror of the opposition for it
If you simply go after that thing that you want with all
of your capacity, strength and sagacity, faith, hope and
confidence and stern for tenacity
If neither cold poverty, famish or gout
or sickness or pain
of body and brain
can keep you away from the thing that you want,
If dogged and grim you be size and beget it,
With the help of GOD you'll get it!

B2. How does the poet 'inspire' you to achieve what you want desperately? (1)

B3. a) Give the rhyme scheme of the poem. (1)

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b) Name and explain the figures of speech. (1)

- i) If dogged and grim, you besiege and beset it.
- ii) work day and night for it.

Section III: Unseen Passages

Q3 A) Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities. (10 Marks)

A1 . Fill in the blanks with words/ phrases from the extract: (2)

- a) Some people feel that _____
- b) _____ say that language purists can relax.
- c) Technology has taken language to _____
- d) _____ is being promoted across the world.

A2. Answer in a word or phrase: (2)

- a) What are the school teacher, editors and parents horrified with?
- b) What are letters peppered with today?
- c) What shows that someone is thinking of you?
- d) What has fostered creativity among young people?

Technology has taken language to a new level of brevity and brought with it a revolution of sorts in the art of communication. Today, it's all about getting used to HT (hi there!) when you arrive and BCNU (" be seeing you) and RSN (real soon now) when you leave. Or letters peppered with emotions and smileys to convey meaning instead of well-chosen words. Or just a forwarded joke to know that someone's thinking of you.

Some people feel that technology is corrupting language. However, there are other who feel that language is an evolving medium and will undergo change with or without technology. According to a recent study, e-mail is promoting rampant illiteracy across the world. The study points out that some people are using technology as a power tool- using abbreviations and being careless with their spelling to show that they are too busy to make the effort to be correct. Many school teachers, editors and parents are horrified with Net- speak and Instant Message abbreviations. But linguists and experts say that language purists can relax. They believe that technology has fostered creativity among young people and that it is the beginning of a new stage in the evolution of the written language.

A3.a) Form nouns from: (any2) (1)

- i) Corrupting ii) convey iii) arrive iv) careless

b) Form adjectives from: (any 2) (1)

- i) revolution ii) power iii) believe iv) brevity

A4 Do as directed.: (2)

- a) Some people feel that technology is corrupting language.
(Pick out the subordinate clause and tell its kind)
- b) Technology has taken language to a new level of brevity (Use a question tag)

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Q5 Personal response:

(2)

What do you think of technology in connection with language?

Q3 B) Read the passage carefully and write a summary bearing in mind to

write a title.

(5 Marks)

Got a headache? Pop in a painkiller. Indigestion? Take an antacid. Do you frequently pop pills without a doctor's prescription? If yes, you need to be aware that self-medication could be dangerous. Indiscriminate usage of seemingly safe painkillers or antacids can have long-lasting effects on your health.

Mumbai-based pathologist Dr. Indumation Gopinathan says, "A headache can be caused due to high blood pressure, migration, tension and other reasons. So obviously, there are different medicines for each of these conditions. Simply taking a painkiller to get relief does not treat the disease, which is causing the symptom. Also, painkillers like aspirin consumed on an empty stomach can damage the gastric lining." The need of the hour is to create awareness among the consumers about the possible side-effects of drugs. A government regulation prohibiting the sale of antibiotics without prescription would also go a long way in controlling self-medication.

Section IV: Writing skills

Q4 A) Write a letter to the sub inspector of Police in your zone informing him about the details of a theft in your place.

(5)

Q4 B) You visited the 'Nirmal Old Age Home' with your friend. Write a dialogue between you and your friend discussing the problems faced by old people.

(5)

Use the points:

- 1) Number of residents/ inmates: 100
 - 2) Age group: above 75 years
 - 3) Financial background : Dependent
 - 4) Reasons for their stay: all alone- no relatives.
 - 5) Physical conditions : good
 - 6) Recreational facilities: available
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