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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS-IX

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CH-6 : My Childhood

Theme: It explores several key themes, including unity in diversity, the value of education, and the significance of family. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's early life reflects the harmonious coexistence of different religions, as seen through his friendships and community. The chapter also highlights the importance of education, dedication, and the nurturing role of family in shaping one's future, emphasising how these influences guided Kalam's journey to greatness.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- What qualities of APJ Abdul Kalam's parents influenced his upbringing? Provide examples from the text to support your answer.
- Describe how APJ Abdul Kalam's interactions with people of different religions shaped his understanding of social harmony and diversity.
- In what ways did the village of Rameswaram reflect unity in diversity? Discuss the significance of this cultural harmony in Kalam's formative years.
- Describe the challenges Kalam faced in his childhood and how he adapted to the situation.

CH 7: Reach for the Top

Part I: Santosh Yadav

Theme: It explores Santosh Yadav's determination and resilience as she challenges societal expectations to pursue her passion for mountaineering. Despite facing obstacles related to gender and tradition, her courage and perseverance lead her to scale Mount Everest twice, symbolizing the triumph of ambition, hard work, and breaking boundaries.

Part I: Maria Sharapova

Theme: focuses on Maria Sharapova's journey from a young Russian immigrant to a tennis champion. The theme emphasizes her sacrifice, discipline, and unyielding dedication, which enabled her to overcome challenges and rise to the top of the sports world. Her story is a testament to the rewards of perseverance and mental toughness in the pursuit of excellence.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. What were the societal challenges Santosh Yadav faced in her childhood, and how did she respond to them?
- b. How did Santosh Yadav's passion for mountaineering develop, and what steps did she take to pursue her dream?
- c. What were Santosh Yadav's key achievements, and how did they inspire others?
- d. What sacrifices did Maria Sharapova have to make to pursue her career in tennis?
- e. How did Maria Sharapova's early experiences in the U.S. shape her attitude towards her goals?
- f. What qualities of Maria Sharapova helped her reach the top in the tennis world?

Poem 7: On Killing A Tree

Theme: The poem "On Killing a Tree" by Gieve Patel highlights the deep connection between nature and life. It emphasizes the resilience of trees and how difficult it is to destroy them. The poem serves as a metaphor for the environmental damage caused by humans and underscores the brutal, deliberate efforts needed to uproot nature permanently

Poetic Devices

- Metaphor: The tree represents nature, and the act of killing it symbolizes environmental destruction.
- Personification: The tree is given human-like qualities, as if it can feel pain ("bleeding bark").
- Repetition: Words like "no" and "so" are repeated to emphasize the persistence of the tree.
- Enjambment: The sentences run over from one line to the next without a pause, creating a natural flow, mirroring the tree's growth.
- Alliteration: The use of similar sounds like in "bleeding bark" and "white and wet" adds musicality to the poem.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. What is the central idea of the poem "On Killing a Tree"?
- b. Analyse how the poem reflects the larger theme of environmental degradation and humanity's role in it.
- c. Discuss how the poem "On Killing a Tree" portrays the resilience of nature. How does the poet describe the process of truly killing a tree, and what message does this convey about human interaction with the environment?
- d. How does Gieve Patel use vivid imagery and poetic devices to depict the brutality of destroying a tree?

CH-8: Kathmandu

Theme: The chapter "**Kathmandu**" by Vikram Seth captures the vivid contrasts of life in the capital city of Nepal. The narrative focuses on the cultural, spiritual, and chaotic aspects of Kathmandu, reflecting both the beauty and disorder of urban life. The chapter highlights the coexistence of religious devotion with the hustle and bustle of a busy city, illustrating the complexity and diversity of human experience.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. What are the two temples that Vikram Seth visits in Kathmandu?
- b. How does Vikram Seth describe the atmosphere around the Pashupatinath Temple?
- c. How does Vikram Seth portray the contrast between the serenity of Baudhnath Stupa and the chaos around Pashupatinath Temple in "Kathmandu"?
- d. What role does the bustling city life of Kathmandu play in shaping the narrative, and how does Vikram Seth use sensory imagery to depict the city's diversity?