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PT- 4 Assignment (2024-25)

CLASS: VIII

SUBJECT- English I

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**Q1. Read the following extract from 'An Interview with P.V. Sindhu' and choose the correct option from the following questions : (5 marks)**

P.V. Sindhu, one of India's greatest badminton players, has inspired millions with her determination and success. In an interview, she spoke about her journey in the world of sports.

Sindhu shared that she started playing badminton at the age of eight. Her parents, both volleyball players, encouraged her to follow her passion. "Hard work and discipline are the keys to success," she said. She described her daily routine, which begins with practice at 4:30 AM.

Sindhu mentioned her coach, Pullela Gopichand, as a major influence in her career. "He has always been there to guide me," she said. Sindhu also spoke about the challenges she faced, including injuries and tough competition. "Every setback taught me something valuable," she explained.

When asked about her most memorable moment, Sindhu recalled winning the silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. "It was a dream come true," she said, adding that it motivated her to aim higher.

Finally, Sindhu encouraged young players to never give up. "Believe in yourself and keep working hard. Success will follow," she concluded.

**1. At what age did P.V. Sindhu start playing badminton?**

- a) 6 years
- b) 8 years
- c) 10 years
- d) 12 years

**2. Who encouraged P.V. Sindhu to follow her passion for badminton?**

- a) Her coach
- b) Her parents

- c) Her friends
- d) Her teammates

**3. What time does Sindhu begin her daily practice?**

- a) 5:00 AM
- b) 6:00 AM
- c) 4:30 AM
- d) 4:00 AM

**4. Who is P.V. Sindhu's coach?**

- a) Prakash Padukone
- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) Pullela Gopichand
- d) Kidambi Srikanth

**5. What is P.V. Sindhu's advice to young players?**

- a) Always win every match
- b) Focus on studies
- c) Believe in yourself and work hard
- d) Avoid tough competition

**Q2. Read the following extract from 'Poem - If' and choose the correct option from the following questions: (5 marks)**

*If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

**1. According to the poem, what should you do when others doubt you?**

- a) Argue with them
- b) Trust yourself and understand their doubts
- c) Ignore them completely
- d) Prove them wrong immediately

**2. What quality is emphasized by the line: "If you can wait and not be tired by waiting"?**

- a) Patience
- b) Courage
- c) Honesty
- d) Wisdom

**3. The poet advises not to give way to hating even if others hate you. What does this suggest?**

- a) Hatred is natural
- b) Hatred is unnecessary
- c) One should rise above hatred
- d) Hatred leads to strength

**4. What is the central idea of the passage?**

- a) How to achieve success
- b) How to maintain balance and build character
- c) How to handle criticism
- d) How to deal with failures

**5. Who is the poet of *If*?**

- a) Robert Frost
- b) Rudyard Kipling
- c) William Wordsworth
- d) William Blake

**Q3. Answer the questions in 30-40 words: (5 marks)**

1. What inspired P.V. Sindhu to take up badminton?
2. What were some of the challenges Sindhu faced in her journey?
3. What is the central idea of the poem “If” ?
4. Why does the poet call the ability to ‘trust yourself when all men doubt you’ important?
5. How did Sindhu balance academics and sports?

**Q4. Answer any two of the following in 60-80 words: (2.5 × 2 = 5 marks)**

1. List the achievements of P.V. Sindhu.
2. Explain the line ‘Or walk with Kings – nor loose the common touch’.
3. “Despite the fact that both my parents are volleyball players, I chose badminton.”
  - (a) Who is the speaker and why did she chose badminton?
  - (b) The speaker chose a sport that was different from that of her parents. What does this tell us about parents?