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The World of Limitless Possibilities

Extract Based Questions

"I was 29, an awful tragedy stuck me -
- - - - - Paralympics journey began." (Page 134)

1. What does the phrase "squander my life in remorse" reveal about the speaker's internal fear at that critical juncture?

(a) A deep fear of making terrible financial and career choices.

(b) A deep fear of wasting her entire life feeling sorry for herself.

(c) A deep fear of slowly losing her remaining physical strength

(d) A deep fear of never winning an international sporting medal.

Ans (b) A deep fear of wasting her entire life feeling sorry for herself.

2. Statement I: The speaker viewed her new physical condition as an absolute end of her sporting career.

Statement II: The speaker leveraged her past athletic background to successfully pivot her life's path.

(a) Statement I is true and statement II is false

(b) Statement I is false and statement II is true.

(c) Both statement I and statement II are true

(d) Both statement I and statement II are false

Ans (b) Statement I is false and statement II is true

3. The descriptive phrase "misfortune raised its ugly head again" showcases the use of which literary device

- (a) Simile
- (b) Metaphor
- (c) Personification
- (d) Hyperbole

Ans (c) Personification

4. Identify the exact word from the extract that serves as a synonym for "catastrophe" or "disaster"

Ans tragedy

5. The speaker was officially diagnosed with _____ tumor at the age of 29.

Ans spine

II. Short Answer

Justify the title "Limitless possibilities" based on the life of the para-athletes discussed in the text.

Ans The title 'Limitless possibilities' is appropriate because it highlights the determination, courage and achievements of para-athletes who overcome physical challenges and prove that disability is not a barrier to success.

Long Answer

Trace the journey of Dr. Deepa Malik from personal crisis to international recognition. Dr. Deepa Malik's journey in the chapter "The World of Limitless possibilities" is a powerful story of resilience and determination. At the age of 29, she was diagnosed with a spinal tumour that left her paralysed waist down, confining her to a wheelchair. Instead of surrendering to remorse, she chose a world of limitless possibilities. Drawing strength from her love for sports, she shifted from swimming to para athletics.

Her breakthrough moment came at the 2016 RIO Paralympics Games, where she won a silver medal in shot put. Her achievements, awards and advocacy proved her belief in 'ability beyond disability'.

Thus, Dr. Deepa Malik's journey from personal crisis to international recognition shows how courage, resilience, and self-belief can transform life's greatest challenges into remarkable achievements on global stage.

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I Cannot Remember My Mother Rabindranath Tagore

I. Extract Based Questions

"I feel that the stillness of my mother's gaze on my face has spread over the sky."

1) What does the poet suggest about the stillness of his mother's gaze spreading over the sky?

A. The mother's gaze is physically present in the sky.

B. The sky is a symbolic extension of the mother's presence.

C. The sky mirrors the mother's emotions.

D. The stillness is fleeting and unrelated to the mother.

Ans) B - The sky is a symbolic extension of the mother's presence.

2) What emotion does the poet associate with the 'stillness' of his mother's gaze?

A. a sense of grief

B. a sense of anticipation

C. a sense of nostalgia

D. a sense of serenity

Ans) D. a sense of serenity

iii. State whether the following sentence is true or false.
The poet suggests that the mother's gaze has a tangible and visual effect on the sky.

Ans. False (The effect is metaphorical and deeply emotional. It is a profound spiritual feeling the poet experiences, not a physical or scientifically tangible change in the sky.)

iv. What is the purpose of the mother's gaze to the sky?

The mother's gaze to the sky to show that her love is vast, calm and everlasting surrounding him even in her absence.

v. Complete the sentence appropriately.

The tone of the poet in the given extract is _____ because _____.

Ans. Calm and reflective because he remembers his mother with quiet acceptance and emotional peace.

II. Short Answer

How does the poet associate the scent of temple morning service with his mother?

Ans. The poet associates the scent of temple morning service with his mother because it represents peace, purity and calm devotion. These questions remind him of her gentle presence and care. The temple fragrance make her memory feel sacred and spiritually comforting.

rather than distant or painful.

III Long answer.

How does the poet transform personal loss into universal emotional experience in the poem?

Ans. The poet transforms his personal loss into a universal emotional experience by expressing it through simple, shared human sensations rather than private details. Instead of describing his mother directly, he recalls her through sound, smell and sight, such as humming tune, the fragrance of flowers and the vast sky.

These experiences are familiar to everyone, allowing readers to connect their own memories with his feelings.

By linking grief with ordinary moments in life, the poet turns individual sorrow into collective experience of love, memory and longing that resonates universally.