

**CLASS –VIII**

**English**

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**1 Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

*Read this passage.*

### **The Lady Who Was Born Again**

At 10:55 am on 21 May, 2013, Arunima Sinha, aged 26, became India's first woman to conquer Mount Everest with a prosthetic (artificial) leg. Life took a complete turn for Arunima, a former national volleyball champion, after she was pushed out of the moving Padmavat Express for resisting a chain-snatching attempt by hoodlums on 13 April, 2011.

Arunima, who is also known by her nickname Sonu, boarded the general compartment of Padmavat Express in Lucknow on 13 April, 2011. She was going to Noida (Gautam Buddha Nagar) to appear for an examination conducted by the Central Industrial Security Force.



She was pushed out of the train by some thieves when she resisted their attempt to snatch her golden chain. Arunima sustained serious leg and pelvic injuries after being run over by a moving train on the adjacent track. To save her life, doctors had to amputate her left leg below the knee.

The incident occurred about 15 km from the Bareilly railway station.

Arunima was initially admitted to the Bareilly District Hospital from where she was shifted to a larger hospital in Lucknow.

Arunima, a resident of Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, was later airlifted to Delhi's Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre, an arm of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). The decision to shift her was taken after infection set in on her amputated leg.

She finally recovered and was determined to climb to the top of Mt. Everest. Arunima completed her expedition from Kathmandu to the top of the peak in 52 days.

'When I was in the hospital, everyone was worried about me, and I realised that I had to do something in my life so that people would stop looking at me with pity. I

spoke to my elder brother and my coach about climbing Everest, and they encouraged me,' she said.

For her successful climb, Arunima trained under Bachendri Pal, the first Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest. Congratulating Arunima on her achievement, Ms Pal said: 'It's a moment of pride for the whole nation. The spirit, mental strength and willpower of Arunima have been exemplary. She has defied all odds and will be an inspiration for millions throughout the world.'

Thrilled at his patient having conquered Mount Everest, Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre head Prof. M C Misra said: 'I knew that she wanted to climb Everest but I am absolutely speechless and happy to hear that she has managed to do it so soon.'

Saluting Arunima's 'courage, grit, determination and dedication', Sunil Bhaskaran, an official of Tata Steel, a division of which supported her climb, said: 'These qualities played a major role in her very special achievement. The youth of the country will derive inspiration from achievers like Arunima who have now etched their names in history for their extraordinary and brave achievements, despite all odds.'

Arunima Sinha is now dedicated towards social welfare and she wants to open a free sports academy for poor and differently-abled people. She is donating all the financial aid she is getting through awards and seminars for the same cause. The academy will be named Pandit Chandra Shekhar Vikalang Khel Academy.

Arunima has written a book, *Born Again on the Mountain*. It was launched by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, in December 2014.

*(Factual account based on newspaper reports)*

## **B. Answer the following questions.**

1. What was the purpose of Arunima's journey by train?
2. How did Arunima sustain injuries?
3. How did Arunima finally reach Delhi's Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre?
4. What were the reactions of the following people on Arunima's conquest? Write brief answers and fill in the table.

Persons	Reactions
a) Bachendri Pal	
b) M C Misra	
c) Sunil Bhaskaran	

5. What are the various social activities Arunima is involved in?
6. Do you think *The Lady Who Was Born Again* justifies the title of the article? Give reasons for your answer.

**C. Find words in the article, which mean:**

1. cut off a part of a limb of the body by surgery .....
2. serving as a model .....
3. replaced with an artificial substitute .....
4. transported by aircraft, especially, in an emergency .....
5. firmness of character .....

**2 Revise the chapter 'Determiners' from the content uploaded in previous homework.**

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