Class 9 English Kaveri – Chapter 5

The World of Limitless Possibilities

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40+ multiple-choice questions for understanding, revision and exam practice. Answers are based on the uploaded Chapter 5 textbook.

Part A – The World of Limitless Possibilities

1. The World of Limitless Possibilities is primarily presented through which form?

A. A fictional story
B. An interview
C. A diary entry
D. A play

2. At what age was Dr. Deepa Malik diagnosed with a spinal tumour?

A. 19
B. 25
C. 29
D. 35

3. What was the result of Dr. Malik's surgery?

A. She became a swimmer
B. She was paralysed from the waist down
C. She recovered completely
D. She stopped playing all sports

4. Which sport had Dr. Malik participated in before switching to para-athletics?

A. Swimming
B. Tennis
C. Football
D. Hockey

5. At which Paralympic Games did Dr. Malik secure a silver medal in shot put?

A. London 2012
B. Rio 2016
C. Tokyo 2020
D. Paris 2024

6. How does Dr. Malik describe the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games?

A. A disappointing event
B. A breakthrough moment
C. A training period
D. A first attempt

7. What does Dr. Malik believe sports, especially the Paralympics, can do?

A. Reduce participation
B. Challenge stereotypes and change attitudes
C. Replace education
D. Eliminate competition

8. What helped Dr. Malik overcome challenges?

A. Only financial support
B. Mental resilience and family support
C. Avoiding competition

D. Leaving sports

9. What does the phrase ‘ability beyond disability’ emphasise?

A. Disability is more important than ability
B. A person’s abilities can go beyond physical limitations
C. Sport is only for able-bodied people
D. Challenges cannot be overcome

10. What does Dr. Malik encourage people to do with setbacks?

A. Ignore them
B. Treat them as opportunities to prove their strength
C. Give up
D. Avoid support

11. Why does Dr. Malik support involving youth in advocacy?

A. Youth are the voice of tomorrow
B. Youth should avoid sports
C. Youth need fewer opportunities
D. Youth cannot influence society

12. Which of the following is mentioned as an area Dr. Malik supports?

A. Disability awareness
B. Avoiding outdoor activities
C. Ending sports competitions
D. Limiting accessibility

13. Which phrase means ‘understanding something after it has happened’?

A. Defy the odds
B. In hindsight
C. New lease of life
D. Breakthrough moment

14. Which phrase means succeeding when most people expect failure?

A. Defy the odds
B. In hindsight
C. Standing ovation
D. Final event

15. Which phrase means overcoming challenges and achieving goals?

A. A new lease of life
B. Turn obstacles into stepping stones
C. In hindsight
D. Pull up on their heels

Part A – Language & Structures

16. Which modal is used in the sentence ‘Could you help me?’

A. could – request
B. could – past ability
C. should – probability
D. would – past habit

17. In ‘I should give it my best shot’, ‘should’ expresses:

A. Past ability
B. Advice/obligation
C. Impossibility
D. Request

18. In ‘I knew if I tried, I would win’, ‘would’ expresses:

A. Prediction
B. Inability
C. Request
D. Suggestion

19. The interview statements printed in the textbook are examples of:

A. Reported speech
B. Direct speech
C. Poetry
D. Narrative dialogue

20. In reported speech, quotation marks are generally:

A. Added
B. Removed
C. Doubled
D. Underlined

21. What linking word is commonly added in the reported-speech examples?

A. because
B. that
C. although
D. while

22. The poem Nine Gold Medals is written by:

A. Dorothy Hewett
B. David Roth
C. Maya Anthony
D. Bryanna T. Perkins

Part B – Nine Gold Medals & Chapter Review

23. Where are the athletes gathered at the beginning of the poem?

A. A swimming pool
B. An old field
C. A classroom
D. A stadium gym

24. How long had the athletes trained?

A. A few days
B. Many weeks and months
C. One afternoon
D. One year only

25. What event are the nine athletes preparing for?

A. High jump
B. Hundred-yard dash
C. Swimming race
D. Long jump

26. What happens to the smallest athlete?

A. He wins immediately
B. He stumbles and falls
C. He leaves the field
D. He stops before the race

27. How does the fallen athlete feel?

A. Proud
B. Frustrated and anguished
C. Bored
D. Relaxed

28. What do the other eight runners do?

A. Continue running
B. Stop and return to help him
C. Leave the field
D. Call the spectators

29. How do the nine athletes finish the race?

A. Separately
B. Holding hands
C. One by one
D. By carrying the youngest athlete

30. What do the nine gold medals symbolise in the poem?

A. Individual speed only
B. Shared achievement and sportsmanship
C. Failure
D. Wealth

31. What does ‘pulled up on their heels’ mean?

A. Ran faster
B. Stopped running
C. Jumped forward
D. Fell down

32. What does ‘dashed in the dirt’ mean in context?

A. Celebrated
B. Destroyed
C. Improved
D. Hidden

33. What does ‘anguish’ mean?

A. Extreme pain or suffering
B. Excitement
C. Confidence
D. Victory

34. What is ‘asphalt’?

A. A sports medal
B. A hard black substance used for roads
C. A running shoe
D. A type of race

35. Which is an example of auditory imagery in the poem?

A. Nine smiling faces
B. The pistol exploded
C. The old field
D. Holding hands

36. What does holding hands signify?

A. Competition
B. Unity and togetherness
C. Confusion
D. Fear

37. Why do the spectators give a standing ovation?

A. They are leaving
B. They admire the athletes’ action
C. They dislike the race
D. The race is cancelled

38. What is the main message of Nine Gold Medals?

A. Winning is everything
B. True sportsmanship includes empathy and compassion
C. Speed is the only measure of success
D. Athletes should compete alone

39. Which word best describes the eight runners’ action?

A. Selfishness
B. Compassion
C. Anger
D. Indifference

40. What happens to the tone of the poem at the end?

A. It becomes celebratory and warm
B. It becomes frightening
C. It becomes angry
D. It becomes humorous

41. The Special Olympics in the chapter is associated with:

A. Inclusion and sports competition for people with intellectual disabilities
B. Only professional football
C. Academic examinations

D. Chess alone

42. The Paralympics are described as showcasing:

A. Only able-bodied athletes
B. Participation of para-athletes in various sports
C. Only school teams
D. Only ancient sports

Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	B	2	C	3	B	4	A
5	B	6	B	7	B	8	B
9	B	10	B	11	A	12	A
13	B	14	A	15	B	16	A
17	B	18	A	19	B	20	B
21	B	22	B	23	B	24	B
25	B	26	B	27	B	28	B
29	B	30	B	31	B	32	B
33	A	34	B	35	B	36	B
37	B	38	B	39	B	40	A
41	A	42	B				

Quick Revision Focus

Revise Dr. Deepa Malik’s journey, the significance of the Paralympics, resilience and inclusion; then revise the sequence of events, imagery, tone, empathy and sportsmanship in Nine Gold Medals. Also revise the textbook vocabulary and reported-speech concepts.

Source note: Questions are derived from the uploaded Kaveri Chapter 5 student textbook (pages 143–168). A few questions are chapter-based revision questions rather than verbatim textbook questions.