Dancing on

1. Who is Sudha Chandran? What was her achievement before she met with an accident?
Sudha Chandran is a famous Bharatanatyam dancer. She had given 80 (eighty) dance performances before she met with an accident.

2. What else the thunderous clapping did Sudha get at the end of her performance was for?
The thunderous clapping that Sudha got at the end of her performance was not merely for the wonderful way she had danced but also for her uncrusahble spirit she had shown in allowing the fate to come in the way of dancing.

3. Why do you think the doctors amputate Sudha's leg?
When the doctors could not stop the growth of infection they were forced to amputate Sudha's right leg to save her life.

4. Sudha's search began…… What was her search? What did this search lead her to?
Sudha's search began to find a way of dancing. Her search finally led her to meeting with Dr. Pramod Sethi, who fitted Sudha with a Jaipur foot and made her dance again.

5. Who is Dr. Pramod Sethi? What role did he play in Sudha's return to the world of dance?
Dr. Pramod Sethi is a famous doctor who won Magsaysay Award for his development of Jaipur foot, an artificial limb. He fitted Sudha with the Jaipur foot and helped her come back to the world of dance.

6. What gurudakshina did Sudha give to her guru? What was its special significance?
After acquiring Jaipur foot Sudha gave a miraculous dance recital as gurudakshina to her guru at his residence. It was special because she performed the difficult varnam of the dance with her artificial leg.

7. Why do you think K.D.Chandran, Sudha's father, pay his tributes to the great artist?
How did he show his respect to her?
Sudha's father K.D. Chandran paid his tributes to the great artist like Sudha by touching her feet because the dance she performed was flawless (perfect)

8. Why do you think Sudha made the film 'Kalabhimani'?
By producing the Kannada film 'Kalabhimani' based on true life of a deaf artist Balanna Sudha paid her tributes to the great artist. She also wanted to give a message that physical handicap of a person should not deter one from achieving success as in the case of Ballanna.

Comprehension Passages (1 Mark questions):

Read the passages carefully and answers the questions that follow:

Passage 1:

" The day I met Dr. Pramod Sethi, I knew that my dream would come true", she says.

Now answer the following questions:

1.Who met Dr. Pramod Sethi?

2. What was the speaker's dream?

3. Who is Dr. Pramod Sethi?

Answers:

1. Sudha Chandran met Dr. Pramod Sethi.

2. The speaker i.e. Sudha's dream was to dance again.

3. Dr. Pramod Sethi, winner of Magsaysay Award for his development of Jaipur foot, helped Sudha in realizing her dream.

Passage 2:

"But on January 28, she asked the me the usual question. I didn't say anything. I just touched her feet. It was my tribute to a great artist".

Now answer the following questions:

1.Who asked the usual question?

2. What was the usual question?

3. Who is the speaker in the above lines?

4. Why do you think the speaker could not say anything?

5. Why did he touch her feet?

Answers:

1. Sudha used to ask the usual question to his father about her dance.

2. The usual question was "how was it daddy?"

3. Sudha's father,K.D. Chandran is the speaker.

4. K.D.Chandran could not say anything when Sudha asked him the usual question. The dance was perfect and flawless.

5. Sudha's father K.D.Chandran touched her feet as a mark of respect for the great artist like Sudha.

Passage 3:

People wrote to say that they were inspired by my story and that it had given them a new hope. I do feel thrilled that my message has got across'.

Now answer the following questions:

1. Who are the people referred to?
2. Whose story is mentioned above?
3. What is the story?
4. What is message that has got across?
5. How does the speaker feel?

Ans:

1. The people referred are Sudha's fans.
2. Sudha's story is mentioned above.
3. The heart-warming story of Sudha's accident, resulting in becoming hopeless cripple and her efforts and struggle she made there after to come back to the world of dance.
4. The message is "The seed of achievement lies in the human mind"
5. Sudhas feels thrilled that her message has reached the people.

Important words from the lesson that the students are expected to learn them their meanings, usage, their pronunciation and spelling etc.

Audience, auditorium traditional costume thunderous performance physiotherapist recital miracle historic talented tribute courage courageous pilgrimage gangrene gangrenous infection knee amputate acquired determine determination struggle congratulations overcome handicap inspire message achievement.