

Class -10

Chapter-9

Para – 1

Q i. Which games are referred to in the extract above? Who was not too worried about them? Why?

Ans i. The 1936 Olympic Games held in Berlin in German .Jesse Owens the American athlete was not too worried about them. The speaker was expected to win the gold medal at the long jump event because a year earlier he had already set the world record of 26 feet 8.1/2 inches.

Q ii. Why were Nationalistic feelings high during these games?

Ans ii. Hitler had planned to show the world that only white skinned Aryans who were a 'master race 'had the real talent and would win all the medals.

Q iii. In which event was the speaker expected to win the gold medal? Why?

Ans iii. The speaker was expected to win the gold medal at the long jump event because a year earlier he had already set the world record of 26 feet 8 1/2 inches.

Q iv. When the speaker went for his trials he was startled to see somebody. Whom did he see? Why was he startled on seeing him?

Ans iv. The speaker was startled to see a tall German athlete Luz long. the speaker said that if long won it would add new support to the Nazis Aryan superiority theory

Q v. What did Owens do to succeed in qualifying for the finals of the competition? Who was responsible for his success?

Ans v. Jesse Owens had worked very hard for 6 years to train and discipline himself to win the gold medal at the Olympics he had even set the world record a year ago.

Para-2

Q i. Who is the speaker of the above lines? What was the speaker preoccupied with?

Ans i. Jesse Owens the American athlete his mind was preoccupied with the thought that if Luz long won it would support the Nazis Aryan superiority theory he was an American so his mind was filled with anger

Q ii. Where was the speaker determined to go? What did he intend to do?

Ans ii. He was determined to go to the track to showcase his talent. He would win so that Hitler and his master race would realise that they were in no way superior to Owens or his community.

Q iii. How did the speaker perform during his trials? Give reasons for his unexpected performance.

Ans iii. The speaker did not perform well in his first two attempts at the trials. He fouled twice because the sight of Luz long troubled and angered him.

Q iv. What was the Nazi Aryan superiority theory? How did Jesse Owens prove this theory wrong?

Ans iv. Hitler and his master race would realise that they were in no way superior to other community Jesse Owens being a black wanted to prove Hitler wrong .he sealed his place in Olympic history by becoming the most successful athlete of the 1936 games Owens also became the first American to win for track and field gold medals at a single Olympics.

Q v. Give the meaning of- hot under the collar , Der Fuhrer

Ans v. A. Jesse Owens was in angry mood

B. The political title given to Adolf Hitler

Para-3

Q i. What made the speaker of the extract bitter? Why was he making fouls?

Ans i. His poor performance at the trials made him bitter .he was trouble with the thought of Luz long winning the gold .so he fouled twice.

Q ii. How did the speaker react to his poor performance? How did his anger vanish?

Ans ii. The speaker walked a few yards from the pit and kicked disgustedly at the dirt. Luz long's friendliness, support and anti - racial attitude claimed him down.

Q iii. Briefly describe the appearance and accent of the man who comforted and guided the speaker?

Ans iii. Luz long the German athlete is the epitome of a true sportsman. Being an opponent of Owens he was a true, guide and friend to Owens. he offered him a 'firm handshake' he advised him to draw a line of few inches in back of the board and aim at making .the next day when Owens won the gold, Luz was the first to congratulate him.

Q iv. The speaker was told that something must be eating him who said this and why?

Ans iv. Luz long said this because he could see once was troubled and bitter. Moreover his poor performance at the trials also reflected that something was bothering him.

Q v. What was the advice given to the speaker to qualify for the finals? Did it prove successful? What does it reveal about the person who advised the speaker?

Ans v. the speaker was advised to play it safe and to draw a line a few inches in back of the board and aim at making his take off from there .yes it proved successful and Owens qualified for the finals. it reveals Luz long's true spirit of sportsmanship like a true sports man he was kind and friendly to his competitor and motivated him to give his best

Para - 4

Q i. Why was Owens tense? What was the truth that hit Owens? What was the effect of this truth on him?

Ans i. He was tense because he had already fouled twice in the trials and he was left with only one chance. Luz Long's lesson that tomorrow is what counts and it did not matter if he was not first in the trial released his tension.

Q ii. Where did Owens go that night he qualified for the finals? What did he do there?

Ans ii. That night Jesse walked over to Luz Long's room in the Olympic village to thank him. They sat together and talked for 2 hours about themselves track and field, the world situation and a dozen other things.

Q iii. Owens believed that if it had not been for Luz Long he probably would not have qualified for the finals. Do you agree? Why?

Ans iii. Yes, because Luz Long was a friend, guide and support to Owens. Luz advised him to draw a line of inches in back of the board and aim at making it. He gave Owens a lifelong lesson that 'tomorrow is what counts'. The next day when Owens won the gold, Luz was the first to congratulate him.

Q iv. Briefly state how Luz and Owens performed in the finals.

Ans iv. In the finals, Luz broke his own past record in doing so he pushed Jesse to a peak performance. Jesse won the gold medal and Olympic record of 26 feet 5-5/16 inches.

Q v. Luz wanted Owens to do his best in the finals even if that made his own defeat, how does Luz help Owens in accomplishing his wish? How does it reflect the theme of Owens' autobiographical account?

Ans v. Luz Long had easily qualified for the finals but he was not arrogant. He was friendly, humble and motivating towards Owens. He advised him to draw a line a few inches in back of the board and aim at making his take off from there. Owens qualified for the final. Owens through his short autobiographical account showcases the true and honest friendship formed between him and Luz Long. When Luz saw Owens making fouls, he acted as a true guide and friend.

Para - 5

Q i. Give the meaning and significance of '24 carat friendship' that is felt for Luz Long.

Ans i. 24 carat friendship, carat is the term used to measure the gold content or purity. 24 carat gold is also called pure gold. So 24 carat friendship signifies the true and pure friendship Owens felt for Luz Long, that was free from anger or malice.

Q ii. How and when was there a real friendship formed between Owens and Luz?

Ans ii. When Luz saw Owens making fouls, he acted as a true guide and friend so Owens had easily qualified for the finals. Now a true and honest friendship formed between Owens and Luz Long. Both of them talked in Luz's room for 2 hours.

Q iii. How did Luz long respond to Owens' winning the gold? What does it reflect about Luz's character?

Ans iii. Luz long congratulated Owens for his happily win. He was not disappointed for himself but happy for Owens. He did not even hesitate to shake hand hard. it reflects that he was an exemplary of sport- person.

Q iv. What according to Coubertin is the true spirit of Olympics? State its significance with reference to Luz long's behaviour towards Owens.

Ans iv. According to Pierre de Coubertin the true spirit of Olympic is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well and Luz was the epitome of true sports person .being a member of Hitler's team he advised Owens to draw a line 5 inches back of the board and aim from there. He was friendly, humble and motivating towards Owens.

Q v. What does Owens consider as his 'greatest Olympic prize'? Why?

Ans v. Owens considered his greatest Olympic prize as the true friendship with Luz long that formed between both of them. When Luz saw Owens for making fouls, he acted as a true guide and friend .he motivated and told him a trick, Owens had easily qualified for the finals. so both of them realised that a real friendship.