

## CLASS NOTES

Class: 4

Topic: 7. The Indomitable Sudha Murty

Subject: English

### Reading Comprehension (To be done in English Ferry on page 102)

#### A. Write **T** for true and **F** for false for these sentences.

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| 1. Sudha Murty did her Master's degree in Computer Science at Indian Institute of Science. | <b>T</b> |
| 2. JRD Tata was then the chairman of Tata Group.   | <b>F</b> |
| 3. Murty was called for interview at Telco's Mysore Office.                                | <b>F</b> |
| 4. Murty was advised to work in research laboratories.                                     | <b>T</b> |
| 5. Murty failed the interview.   | <b>F</b> |

#### A. Read these sentences and answer the questions that follow. (To be done in the English notebook.)

##### 1. *I was taken aback by the telegram.*

a. Who is 'I'?

Ans- Sudha Murty

b. What 'telegram' is being spoken of?

Ans-The telegram was sent to Sudha Murty in response to her letter written to JRD Tata about the injustice the company was practising. The telegram stated that she was to appear for an interview at Telco's Pune facility at the company's expense.

c. Why was 'I' taken aback by it?

Ans-She was taken aback as she was not expecting a response from the company. In their advertisement they had specified that women need not apply for the job.

##### 2. *By then I knew for sure that I would not get the job?*

a. What 'job' is being spoken of here?

Ans-The job of an engineer at Telco is being spoken of here.

b. Why did Murthy think that she would not get the job?

Ans- Murthy thought she would not get the job because it had been specified that Telco would not accept applications from ladies.

c. What happen at the 'job' interview?

Ans- At the job interview she was told that Telco did not employ ladies to work on the shop floor. It was suggested that she should work in research laboratories.

Sudha replied that Telco must start somewhere otherwise no woman would ever be able to work in their factories.

C. Answer these questions.

1. Why had Sudha Murthy not thought of taking up a job in India?

Ans- Sudha Murthy had not thought of taking up jobs in India because she was looking forward to going abroad to complete a doctorate in Computer Science. She had been offered scholarships from universities in the US.

2. What did Murthy spot one day on her way to her hostel at the IISc?

Ans- Murthy spotted an advertisement on the notice board. It was a job requirement notice from the automobile company, Telco.

3. Write the content of her letter in your own words.

Ans- Tatas have always been leaders. They started the infrastructure industries in India, such as iron and steel, textiles and locomotives. They have always shown interest in higher education in India and established the prestigious Indian Institute of Science.

I have had the good fortune to study there. But I am surprised that a prestigious company like Telco is discriminating on the basis of gender.

4. What was the elderly gentleman's reason for not allowing women to apply?

Ans- The reason that he gave was that they had never employed any ladies on the shop floor. He said that their company was not a co-ed college; it was a factory. He appreciated her bright academic record but said that people like her should work in research laboratories.

5. How did Murty respond?

Ans- Murty said that the company must start somewhere to give opportunities to women otherwise no woman would ever be allowed to work in their factories.

6. Why does Murty think that JRD Tata was a great man?

Ans- Murty thinks that JRD was a great man because, despite being a very busy person, he valued one letter written by a young girl seeking justice.

Values and Life skills.

Individual answer will be accepted.

Vocabulary (To be done in CB on page 104)

**A. Find out what these professions are about and write in the blanks.**

1. curator: **Keeper of the museum**
2. journalist: **a person who writes for a newspaper**
3. sculptor: **one who makes figures or shapes using stone, wood or metal**
4. lyricist: **a person who writes the words of a song**
5. playwright: **a person who writes plays**

**B. Unscramble these words related to the information Technology and write them in the blanks. (To be done in CB on page 104)**

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| 1. wso tfare einegner- | <b>software engineer</b> |
| 2. ebw dveorelepr-     | <b>web developer</b>     |
| 3. ayqiutl lytaans-    | <b>quality analyst</b>   |
| 4. rvelediy anamgre-   | <b>delivery manager</b>  |
| 5. ensbiuss tsyalna-   | <b>business analyst</b>  |

**Writing ( To be done in CB on page 107)**

**Rewrite the passage after correcting the spelling and grammatical error.**

Ans. Sudha Murty belongs to the small town of Hubli in Karnataka. She is a computer scientist and an engineer. She is also the chairman of the Infosys Foundation, a non-profit organization that was established to help the poorer sections of our society. She

is also a celebrated author and writes in Kannada and English. One interesting fact about Murty that many do not know that she loves to watch films. In an interview, she said that she has five hundred DVDs at home and watches 365 films in a year.

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