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MODEL ANSWERS

CLASS VIII

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## SECTION - A

1. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct option: (1x5=5)
- a. Nick prayed to God for a miracle because he wanted to  
Ans. iv) be like other children
- b. Steve Jobs was successful because he  
Ans. i) always believed in himself
- c. Captain Mulla and his team were given the responsibility of  
Ans. ii) destroying an enemy submarine
- d. Piet asked the boy to play football with them because he wanted to  
Ans. iv) help the boy by being his friend
- e. Nick is a living example of someone who used his disability to  
Ans. ii) help others
2. State whether the following statements are True or False: (1x5=5)
- a. Nick Vujicic is the author of the book 'Life Without Limits'.  
Ans. True
- b. Steve Jobs started Apple single-handedly from a garage.  
Ans. False
- c. Apple created the world's first computer-animated film 'Toy Story'.  
Ans. False
- d. Mahendranath Mulla was the captain of the INS Vikrant.  
Ans. False
- e. Nick Vujicic graduated from Griffith University at the age of 21.  
Ans. True
3. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the list given below: (1x5=5)
- a. Nick Vujicic told himself "If I cannot get a **miracle**, I will become one".
- b. Steve Jobs started a new company called **NeXT/Pixar** after getting fired from Apple.
- c. Girish Sharma is the number one **handicapped** badminton player in India.
- d. Steve Jobs lost his battle with **cancer**.
- e. Nick Vujicic suffers from a rare **congenital** disorder.

[handicapped, congenital, miracle, NeXT, Pixar, cancer]

4. Match the items in column A with the corresponding items in column B: (1x5=5)

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
a. typography	iii) Macintosh
b. Maha Vir Chakra	iv) Captain Mulla
c. Apple	v) Steve Wozniak
d. L1	ii) Girish Sharma
e. double major	i) Nick Vujicic

### SECTION - B

5. Answer the following questions briefly: (3x5=15)

a. Why did Nick remain depressed when he was a little boy?

**Ans. Nick remained depressed when he was a little boy because children would laugh and make fun of him. Moreover, he was completely dependent on his parents for the simplest of tasks.**

b. What can we learn from Nick Vujicic?

**Ans. Nick Vujicic teaches us the importance of loving oneself and not letting physical handicaps come in the way of one's self-worth. He also teaches us the importance of gratitude and to help others in whatever way we can despite our own limitations.**

c. Why did Piet threaten the boy?

**Ans. Piet threatened the boy because he did not keep his hands off the children despite being warned by Piet the previous day. The boy continued to pinch, kick and bully the other children. He even started a row with Hennings, a boy who was bigger than him.**

d. Who stopped Piet from hitting the boy and why?

**Ans. The boy's mother stopped Piet from hitting her son because he had lost his elder brother three months ago. In spite of boasting about his brother, he would never be able to call for him.**

e. What did Piet finally realize about the boy?

**Ans. Piet finally realised that the boy was lonely and needed a friend who could understand his feelings and be his companion.**

### SECTION - C

6. Answer **any six** of the following questions briefly: (6x10=60)

a. Discuss the qualities that make Nick Vujicic a truly inspirational person.

**Ans. The qualities that make Nick Vujicic a truly inspirational person are: Firstly, he exudes positivity - He focuses his energy on believing in his own worth and self-love. He willed himself to move away from experiencing shame to allowing vulnerability, yet cultivating resilience to others' words. Secondly, he embodies gratitude - Born with no arms and legs, he is extremely thankful for**

a little foot that enables him to brush his teeth, drive a car, type on a computer and much more. He explains that spending life comparing oneself to others who are better, richer, more beautiful is bound to breed discontent. Thirdly, he exemplifies goodness in human beings - Driven by a firm belief in God, Nick hopes to inspire others that hope prevails despite challenges and obstacles in life if one can still find the strength to overcome them.

b. Is it painful to lose someone we love? What can you do to lessen the pain of someone who has lost a loved one? Discuss.

Ans. Yes, it is extremely painful to lose a loved one. To lessen their pain, one must spend as much time with them as possible. One mustn't be too inquisitive and ask questions that will only aggravate the pain. Rather, one must give them their space and respect their privacy. Remaining silent and not saying anything at all is better during such difficult times. It is better than saying something that might trigger memories of their loved one and thereby inflict greater pain and mental torture.

c. Who and what made Nick take on a positive view of his disability?

Ans. Nick's life completely changed the day his mother showed him the picture of a physically disabled man like him who did not allow his handicap to come in the way of leading life to the fullest. From that day onwards, Nick went about the uphill task of mastering his routine. He told himself, "If I cannot get a miracle, I will become one." He figured out a way by which he could write, using the two toes on his left foot. He learned how to brush his teeth, comb his hair, answer the phone and type on a computer. It took him a long time and he needed to use his body in unconventional ways, but slowly, he began to free himself from physical dependency. As he mastered each task, a new feeling came over Nick. He stopped feeling self-conscious or pitying himself. He was no longer depressed. He began to see the positive aspects of life. He felt that God had made him special because He had designed a special path for him.

d. What are the three stories that Steve Jobs highlighted in his motivational speech delivered at Stanford University on 12 June, 2005? Discuss.

Ans. The first story is about connecting the dots. We can't connect the dots looking forward. We can only connect them looking backwards. So we have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in our future. We have to trust in something - our gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. The second story is about love and loss. Sometimes life hits us in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. We've got to find what we love. And that is as true for our work as it is for our lovers. Our work is going to fill a large part of our life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what we believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what we do. If we haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, we'll know when we find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until we find it. Don't settle. The third story is about death. Our

time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out our own inner voice. And, most importantly, have the courage to follow our heart and intuition. They somehow already know what we truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.

e. “Whatever happens, happens for our good.” Discuss an incident from your own life or from someone whom you know that reflects the truth of this statement.

**Ans.** This is a purely subjective question to which the student must answer from his own deeply personal experience.

f. It is said “Life is what we make it.” Discuss the important principles and values you think are crucial to attain success in life.

**Ans.** Success is something that we all want to attain. It's a station of life that we dream about. Success can boil down to the principles we live by to make our dreams a reality. The following principles help us accomplish the goals we are striving for. Firstly, even the most prepared-for journey can have unexpected twists and turns. Being totally committed is a key ingredient to reaching our final destination, regardless of hitting any bumps along the road. Secondly, we must always do what makes us love ourself. It's always really important to fill our life with doing things that make us happy with who we are. If we don't have a passion for what we're doing, it's easy to get tired of our situation quickly. If we do what makes us love ourself, we may feel more balanced and in sync. Thirdly, we must always think bigger. It's important to keep in mind that unexpected hurdles can come our way, and although many things can be possible if we put our mind to them, things might not go according to plan. The key is establishing a happy medium when it comes to our mindset. Fourthly, success is a problem-solving, solution-driven situation, and that's where growth comes from. Circumstances can change as we move through life. Things don't always go as expected, but we learn and grow along the way. Even when we're going through a bad time, we may work it out, take away a valuable lesson, and grow that much stronger in the process. Fifthly, we must be persistent in action, determination toward the outcome, and resilience to overcome. Finally, success is about having vision. Vision will allow us to aim where we need to go. Our vision should be the blueprint for what we are going to actually do to succeed. Clarity is everything.

g. The armed forces of India have a motto. What is it? How did Captain Mahendranath Mulla follow it?

**Ans.** The motto of the Indian Armed Forces is ‘Service Before Self.’ Captain Mahendranath Mulla was a shining example of this because he followed it till his last breath. During the 1971 war with Pakistan, Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla displayed a rare personal example of courage. He was an officer in the Indian Navy. He was the Commanding Officer and captain of the INS Khukri,

which was torpedoed by the Pakistani submarines. With less than three minutes left to evacuate the ship, Captain Mulla tried to save as many sailors as he could. Then instead of abandoning his ship, he chose to go down the sea with it. For his courage and devotion to duty, he was honoured with Maha Vir Chakra by the Government of India. In the 1971 Indo-Pak War, Captain Mulla was assigned a task force of two ships of the Western Fleet. The task force was given the mission to hunt and destroy enemy submarines in the North Arabian Sea. On 9th December 1971, at 20:50 hours his ship INS Khukri, was hit by a torpedo fired by an enemy submarine. Since the ship was badly hit and was sinking, Captain Mulla ordered all the sailors to immediately leave the ship. He assisted in getting many of his men who were in the lower decks, to come up and abandon the ship. Finally he went back to the bridge to ensure if everyone has evacuated to safety. Then he chose to stay and go down with the ship, in the best tradition of navy. There was only three minutes to leave the ship. Many of the crew were trapped below and could not extricate themselves at such short notice. Captain Mulla set a great personal example of personal courage by choosing to go down alive with his ship to the bottom of the sea. He will always be remembered as a war-hero.

h. Do you think great leaders are born or made? Discuss the traits and characteristics that leaders display from a young age.

Ans. Some great leaders are born while others are made. The traits and characteristics that leaders display from a young age are as follows: 1. **S e l f - c o n f i d e n c e** - Self-confidence is the fundamental basis from which leadership grows. Trying to teach leadership without first building confidence is like building a house on a foundation of sand. It may have a nice coat of paint, but it is ultimately shaky at best. Self-confidence is the foundation of leadership and one of the 5 characteristics of a good team leader. After all, leaders must have followers and no one will follow someone who doubts their own skills and competence. Rather, team members seek a leader who believes in themselves and in their ability to make good decisions. 2. **D e c i s i o n m a k i n g s k i l l s** - It's inevitable that a leader will be faced with many decisions which is why good decision making skills is one of the 5 characteristics of a good team leader. Some decisions will be small and personal. Other decisions will be great and will impact the entire team. What differentiates a good leader from a mediocre leader is the simple ability to choose the best option. Successful leaders aren't afraid of making decisions because they know how to evaluate options and choose the best one. 3. **E f f e c t i v e c o m m u n i c a t i o n s k i l l s** - Leaders need to be able to clearly explain their own thoughts and feelings with the team. They also need to be able to explain what they expect from the team. At the same time, they also need to be effective listeners. Leaders need to listen to the needs and ideas of the team. Collaboration is an important aspect of teamwork and leadership, and it's impossible without effective communication skills. Team leaders should learn how to compliment their teammates. Leaders who compliment are more likely and regularly able to inspire those they lead. 4. **C o u r a g e** - "Courage is the unwavering feeling within us that allows us to overcome fears, take risks, and go beyond the boundaries where our ultimate

goal lies.” Courage is another one of the 5 characteristics of a good team leader for three reasons. First, leaders need to have the courage to take risks knowing that they’re just as responsible for failure as they are for success. Secondly, just as leaders are praised more often for their success, leaders are also criticized more often for failure. Courage will help a leader stay positive amidst the criticism. Thirdly, leaders need to have the courage to question the norm and choose to do what’s right over what’s popular. After all, a courageous leader has the power to make what’s right popular.

**5. Strong Morals** - People with strong morals make successful leaders for two reasons. First, morally adept leaders are more likeable and therefore win more followers. People don’t like people who make excuses, who lie, who boast about their accomplishments, etc. People like people who practice qualities such as accountability, humility, and integrity. It’s evident that people don’t follow people whom they don’t like. Secondly, leaders need strong morals because they set an example for the rest of society. If our leaders are morally corrupt, the rest of the world will follow suit.