1. When I first landed in Ladakh in 2013, I knew no one.

2. Caught in a web of emotions, insecurities are suffocating him.

3. Defense of the nation begins with control of skies.

4.We must maintain the dignity of workers.

5.We need to promote India globally as an integrated tourism product.

**Answers** :  
(i) She considered marriage the least important thing in her life.  
(ii) She threatened her parents not to marry forever if she did not get a good education.  
(iii)  She left home to get an education in Delhi.  
(iv) Her parents refused to pay for her education in Delhi because they did not want their daughter should live away from home.  
(v) She planned to do part time job to pay her school fee.

**Ans.** Santosh Yadav is the only woman in the world who has conquered Mt Everest twice. She is a woman who got this distinction rising up from a rural background.

**Ans.** The girl was given the name Santosh, which means contentment’. But Santosh was not always content with her place in the traditional way of life. She began living life on her own terms from the start.

**Ans.**Santosh was born in Joniyawas, a small village in the Rewari District in Haryana. The society in this region was rigidly patriarchal and gender-biased. The birth of a girl was generally unwelcome and people strictly adhered to conservative traditions.

**1. Write a brief character sketch of Santosh Yaday.**

**Ans**. Santosh Yadav was born in a traditional family. She was born in the small village of Joniyawas in Haryana. The girl was given the name Santosh, which means ‘contentment.’ But Santosh was not always content with her place in a traditional way of life. She began living life on her own terms from the start. Where ever other girls wore traditional Indian dresses. Santosh preferred short. Santosh did not yield to the traditions. In opposition to her family, she enrolled herself in a school in Delhi. When her parents refused to pay for her education, she politely informed them of her plans to earn money by working part-time to pay her school fees. This shows that she was a determined child. She developed a love for mountaineering. She saved money and enrolled herself in a course of mountaineering. She scaled Mt. Everest twice. This is the achievement of her heroic character.