

# **St. Andrews Scots Sr. Sec. School**

**9th Avenue, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi – 110092**

**Session: 2024-2025 (Notes)**

**Class – VIII. Subject – English Literature Topic- ‘ Get Sst Go’**

## **RTS:**

### **B. Answer these questions with reference to the context:**

**1. An opportunity.....pride.**

- a. Opportunity of being the first Indian woman to skydive on the North Pole and plant the Indian flag.**
- b. She was proud to be the first Indian woman to do it.**
- c. It was her dream and an experience of a lifetime.**

**2. Life took .....dinner.**

- a. With her husband who was Capt. Shamsher Singh, from the Parachute Regiment and they were celebrating Raising Day at the Para Centre Mess of the regiment.**
- b. Her dream of learning to skydive was coming true.**
- c. The event was significant as the discussion was about the new institute that was to initiate training for skydiving, and she felt as if destiny was going to fulfil her dreams.**

**C. Answer the following questions briefly:**

- 1. As a child, the writer often fantasised soaring high up in the sky like the eagles because she was mesmerised by the sky and it always had this special magnetic attraction, beyond explanation. She knew there lay her freedom and happiness.**
- 2. Born in a small town to middle-class parents in the mid-50s with certain professions having taboos attached to them at that time and women specifically being expected to be obedient and submissive. She dreamt to be a pilot as first choice and if not, then an airhostess. Her mother commanded to either tame her obnoxious dreams or leave the house.**
- 3. This refers to the contrast character that she was strong willed, focused, and determined to make a career in flying despite the fact that she was a woman, considered to be soft and subtle.**
- 4. The phrase means that her destiny was turning all odds into her favour and secretly bringing favourable circumstances together to make it happen for her.**
- 5. The writer was undeterred because she was simply following her dream not calculating the returns it would yield. Her willingness and determination made it happen.**

