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NOTES

Class:VIII

Subject - English

Topic: The Power of Determination

Q1. RTC-

1.

a)He refers to the young boy, Glenn Cunningham.

b) 'He' was in the hospital after suffering major burns in a schoolhouse fire.

c) The doctor and his mother were speaking quietly so that Glenn would not be able to hear the doctor delivering bad news to his mother that he would be a cripple for the rest of his life.

2.

a) The first time Glenn made a resolve was right after he was brought to the hospital with the lower half of his body severely burned. He resolved that he was going to survive.

b) His strengthened resolve the second time was that he would not be a cripple confined to a wheelchair. He would soon walk like he did before.

c) His bravery and determination helped him make this resolve.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly -

1. Glenn Cunningham had the job of coming to school early each day so that he could use kerosene to start the fire and warm the room before his teacher and his classmates arrived. However, one cold morning, someone mistakenly filled the kerosene container he used with gasoline, which started a fire and burned Glenn severely.

2. No, the doctors were not hopeful of a recovery for Glenn because he was severely burned, especially in the lower half of his body. The doctors had not expected him to survive the burns

3. Glenn, through his daily massages, iron persistence and resolute determination, developed the ability first to stand up, then to walk haltingly with help, then to walk by himself, and then, miraculously, to run. He began to run to school, and ran everywhere that he could. Later in

college, Glenn made it to the track team where his tremendous determination paid off. He eventually received the nickname "Kansas Flyer".

4. The three factors that helped Glenn achieve his goal were his iron persistence, resolute determination and daily massages.

5. In February 1934, in New York City's famed Madison Square Garden, Glenn Cunningham ran the mile in four minutes and eight seconds, the world's fastest indoor mile.