

## QUESTION BANK

### Nine Gold Medals

#### A. Answer in brief.

What was the aim of the athletes who came to participate in the sprint running event?

**Ans:** Each participant aimed to win the gold, silver or bronze medal.

#### B. Answer in detail.

What is the shift in the description from the first stanza?

**Ans:** In the first stanza the speaker describes the athletes, while the second depicts the venue of the event. The third shifts from the gallery to the blocks and the final moves to the field and the participants of the race.

#### C. Choose the correct answer.

*In real life what does the boy who stumbles and fall represent?*

- a. The weaker sections of society
- b. A typical athlete's victories and failures
- c. The constant failures in life

**Ans:** a

#### D. Read the lines and answer the questions.

*Then all the nine runners joined hands and continued*

*The hundred-yard dash now reduced to a walk*

*And a banner above that said 'Special Olympics'*

*Could not have been more on the mark.*

- a. What major change has taken place in the race?
- b. In this stanza, what is the significance of the word 'special' in the banner, 'Special Olympics'?
- c. What made this an unusual race?

**Ans:** a. The special athletes did not run for the sake of winning the race, but walked together reminding others that compassion is an important and essential virtue, in society.

- b. It refers to the special athletes who made this a special moment in time.
- c. All nine runners held their hands and ran together towards the finish line, surpassing the rules of a race and giving supreme importance to empathy and not the race in itself, though they had trained for a long time.

#### E. Answer in brief. (Think and Answer)

What is the theme of the poem?

**Ans:** Life and sports is not all about winning; it is also about participating, sharing, contending and supplementing, and most of all about showing compassion.