

## BIO – SKETCH

### Exercise (A)

A bio-sketch means biographical sketches in which a person's physical appearance, age, habits, qualities, etc., are mentioned. A bio-sketch can be constructed with the help of clues. It is always written by someone else other than the person on whom it is written. Most bio-sketches are interpretive; they not only present the facts but also tell what those facts mean.

- Title should always be given to the Bio-sketch

**1) With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Indupuri in 80-100 words.**

**INDUPURI**

- Born 11 September 1953, Kolkata, West Bengal
- Former Indian International female table tennis sportsperson-1970s and 1980s
- Won National women's single title a record eight times; highest rankings: International 63 (1985), Asian 8, and Commonwealth 2
- First Indian to beat a world champion, beating Pak Yung- Sun of North Korea in the 1978 Asian Table Tennis Championship at Kuala Lumpur

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Chairperson of Committee selection of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2008 and Dhyan Chand Award 2009 awardees
- 'observer' at various sporting events across the nation
- Arjuna award for the year 1979-1980

**2) With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar in 80 words**

**SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR**

- Birth: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India 1973; known as the Little Master and the Master Blaster
- Achievements: One of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket; highest run scorer in both Test matches and ODI, Wisden ranked him the second greatest Test batsman of all time next only to Sir Donald Bradman, and second greatest one-day International (ODI) batsman of all time next only to Sir Viv Richards.
- Honours: Padma Vibhushan award, India's second highest civilian award and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, India's highest sporting honour; given rank of group Captain in the IAF

**3) Write a bio-sketch of Harivansh Rai Bachchan on the basis of the following notes given in the box. (80 words)**

**HARIVANSH RAI BACHCHAN**

- Born as Harivansh Rai Srivastava on 27 November 1907; 'Bachchan' pen name
- Distinguished Hindi poet, best known-early work Madhushala; father of Bollywood film star, Amitabh Bachchan
- Taught briefly at Allahabad University; producer for All India Radio, Allahabad; joined the Ministry of External Affairs, the Government of India
- Bachchan was nominated to the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of the Indian Parliament in 1966, and received the Sahitya Academy award three years later. In 1976, he was honored with Padma Bhushan. In 2003 an Indian postage stamp was released in his memory.