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| <b>Class: VIII</b>      | <b>Department: ENGLISH</b> | <b>December 2023</b>                   |
| <b>Worksheet No: 27</b> | <b>Topic: BIO-SKETCH</b>   | <b>Note: To be written in notebook</b> |

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

A biographical sketch means an account of the life and activities of an individual or family. It would include information about the person's name, place of residence, education, occupation, life and activities and other important details. A biographical sketch is always written by someone else other than the person on whom it is written.

#### The main points that need to be incorporated while writing a bio-sketch are:



Full name, date of birth/age, place of birth



Major personality traits



Educational details highlighting any major achievements or awards.



His/her contribution to society



Any special interest



Why/What is he/she famous or known for?



#### ❖ A SAMPLE BIO-SKETCH

**Q1. St. George's School, Madurai is celebrating its Annual Sports Day. Former Indian Table Tennis champion, Indu Puri is the Chief Guest on the occasion. As Priyanka/Pratyuksh, the Sports Captain of the school, introduce the Chief Guest by giving a brief bio-sketch in 100 words. You may use the information given below.**

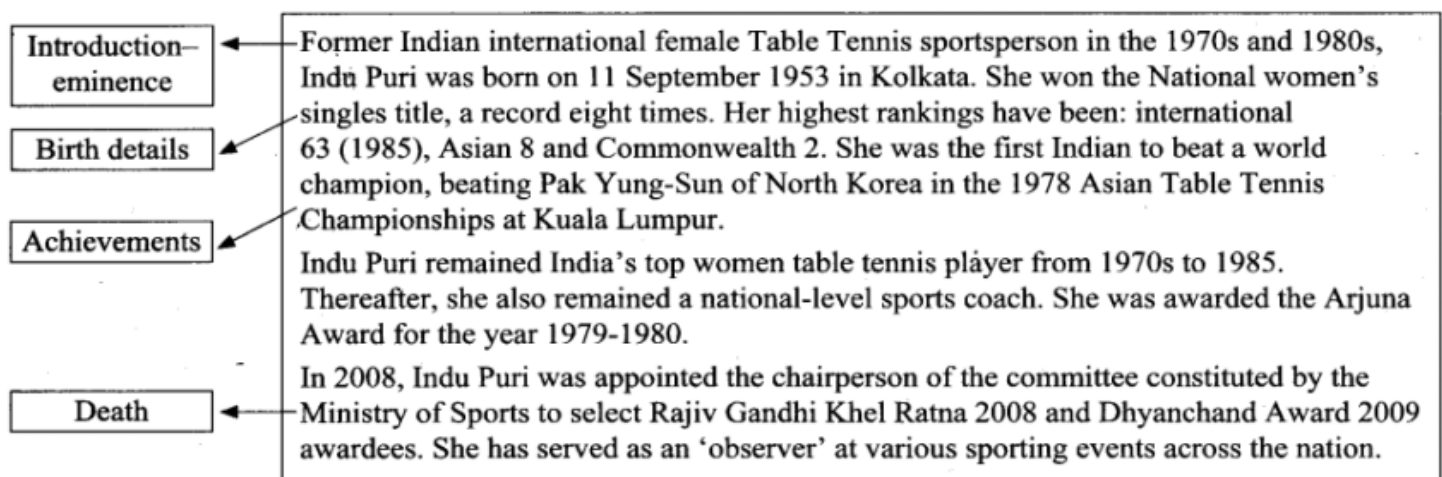
### Indu Puri

- born 11 September 1953, Kolkata, West Bengal
- former Indian international female Table Tennis sportsperson – 1970s and 1980s
- won National women’s singles 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 Championships at Kuala Lumpur

### Awards and Achievements

- Chairperson of Committee selection of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2008 and Dhyanchand Award 2009 awardees
- ‘observer’ at various sporting events across the nation
- Arjuna Award for the year 1979-1980

## ANSWER



## EXERCISE

Q 1. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Sachin Tendulkar in not more than 100 words.

### Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar

**Birth:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India 1973; called the Little Master or the Master Blaster

**Achievements:** one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket; highest run-scorer in both Test matches and ODIs; 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.

**Honors:** Padma Vibhushan award, India’s second-highest civilian award, and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, India’s highest sporting honor; given rank of Group Captain in the IAF.

**Q 2. Sunita Narayan, a well-known environmentalist, visited your school for a talk on sustainable development. As the editor of the school magazine, give a brief bio-sketch in around 100 words of the visitor.**

**Sunita Narayan**

- Environmentalist and political activist
- The proponent of the green concept of sustainable development
- Working with Centre for Science and Environment since 1982 – Director.
- Publisher of the fortnightly magazine, ‘Down To Earth’.

**Publications**

- 1989 Towards Green Villages Advocating Local Participatory Democracy as the Key to Sustainable Development.
- 1991 Global Warming in an Unequal World: A Case of Environmental Colonialism
- 1992 Towards a Green World: Should Environmental Management be Built on Legal Conventions or Human Rights?

**Awards**

- 2005 Awarded Padma Shri by the Government of India

**Q 3. Given below are some notes about the life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of India’s Constitution. Write a brief paragraph about Dr. Ambedkar to be read out on Ambedkar Jayanti.**

**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**

- 1891 Born – Mhow, Madhya Pradesh
- 1913 Awarded a Baroda State Scholarship
- 1915 Passed MA Economics – Columbia University, New York – obtained PhD.
- 1921-23 Obtained MSc from London School of Economics; obtained DSc.
- 1940-42 Served in Governor-General’s Executive Council as Labour Member
- 1948 As Chairman of the Constituent Assembly’s Drafting Committee and Law Minister in the Nehru cabinet; submitted the first draft of the Indian Constitution.

**WEB RESOURCE:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-vL-e9GYLeg>