

8. An Interview with P. V. Sindhu

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Vishwanathan Anand is an Indian Chess Grandmaster and the current World Chess Champion. He has won the World Chess Championship five times. He has been the undisputed World Champion since 2007.

Vishwanathan Anand was born on 11 December 1969 at Mayiladuthurai in Tamil Nadu. Soon, his family moved to Chennai where he grew up. His father, Vishwanathan Iyer, is a retired General Manager from Southern Railways while his mother, Susheela, is a housewife. He was taught to play chess by his mother and a close family friend Deepa Krishnan. Vishwanathan completed his schooling at Chennai and later got a degree of Bachelor of Commerce from Loyola College, Chennai.

His hobbies are reading, swimming and listening to music. He is married to Aruna Anand and has a son named Abhil. He focuses completely on the game and plays at a very good speed. Anand is sometimes called the 'Tiger of Madras' by the people. He is also called 'Vishy' by his friends.

Anand's rise in the world of Indian chess was remarkable. At the national level, he won the National Subjunior Chess Championship first in 1983 at the age of fourteen. He became the youngest Indian to win the first title of International Master at the age of fifteen in 1984. At the age of sixteen, he became the National Chess Champion and won this title two more times. He was awarded the Padma Shri at the age of eighteen. He became India's first grandmaster in 1988. He continued to play chess at the national and international levels. He held the FIDE World Chess Championship from 2000 to 2002 and became the undisputed World Chess Champion in 2007. He became the world number one for the first time in 2007 at the age of 37.

Vishwanathan Anand received the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1991-92, India's highest sporting honour. In 2007, he was awarded India's second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan.

He has defeated many stalwarts of the chess world like Vladimir Kramnik, Boris Gelfand and Gary Kasparov in the past. Anand continues to reign as an exceptionally good player in the world of chess.

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Vishwanathan Anand was taught to play chess by

(a) his friends.

- (b) his mother and a close family friend Deepa Krishnan.
- (c) his father.
2. At the national level, Vishwanathan Anand won the first title named
- (a) National Subjunior Chess Championship.
- (b) Inter-school chess contest.
- (c) Chess contest in Chennai.
3. At the age of sixteen, Anand became the National Chess Champion and won this title
- (a) only once. (b) never again.
- (c) two more times.

B. Complete the following sentences by adding suitable words.

1. Vishwanathan Anand has won the World Chess Championship _____

2. Vishwanathan Anand was born on _____ at _____
in _____.
3. Anand completed his degree of _____
from _____.
4. Anand became the youngest Indian to win the title of International Master in
_____.
5. He was awarded the _____ at the age of eighteen.
6. He held the FIDE World Chess Championship from 2000 to _____.

C. Answer the following questions in brief.

1. What are Vishwanathan Anand's hobbies?

2. What do Vishwanathan Anand's friends call him?

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Complete the following sentences using appropriate types of conditional clauses.

1. _____, she can't survive for long.
2. When you _____, you feel drowsy.
3. If you spend wisely, _____.
4. If I _____, I would have been the captain of my house.
5. If the roof _____, some of the people sitting in this room would die.

B. Fill in the blanks using will or would with a suitable form of the verb given in brackets.

1. If these shoes fit my feet, I _____ them. (buy)
2. If he were a tutor, he _____ lot of money. (earn)
3. I _____ a lot of money, if I get that job. (earn)
4. If she doesn't hurry up, we _____ the bus. (miss)
5. If he tries harder, he _____ his goals. (reach)
6. If you switch on the lights, you _____ not _____. (fall)
7. If we had seen you, we _____ have _____. (wait)
8. If you drop the vase, it _____. (break)
9. If I hadn't studied, I _____ not _____ the exam. (pass)
10. We _____ the match, if we don't play well. (lose)

C. Identify whether the highlighted words are prepositions or conjunctions.

1. The examination will continue **till** next Friday.
2. He was reading continuously **for** two hours.
3. You should finish the work **before** the sun sets.
4. The President held the office **until** his death.
5. The young mother is running **after** her baby.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING SKILLS

A. Match the words under Column A with their meanings under Column B and use them in sentences of your own.

Column A

1. ambition
2. conscience
3. transparency
4. empathy
5. accountability

Column B

- responsibility
- that part of mind that judges the morality of your own actions
- ability to share one's feelings
- the characteristic of being easy to see through
- strong desire for success

B. Give two words/phrases which are based on the following suffixes. To help you, the meaning of the given suffixes has been given against each.

Suffix	Meaning		
1. -age	result of some action	_____	_____
2. -tion	action; state; result	_____	_____
3. -ful	to a great extent	_____	_____
4. -ship	position, quality, state	_____	_____
5. -logy	science	_____	_____
6. -ician	expert	_____	_____
7. -ate	verb suffix	_____	_____
8. -ible	can be, able to be	_____	_____
9. -cide	killing	_____	_____

C. Write two words each for the following suffixes.

1. -tion _____
2. -ible _____
3. -phobia _____
4. -logy _____
5. -ism _____