**MALALA’S SPEECH**

**Summary**

When Malala was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, she delivered an acceptance speech. Malala describes her mission in her speech. While most girls are unable to speak up against the fact that they are not allowed to study, Malala speaks about how she is fighting for the right of every girl to go to school.

**Understanding the Text**

1. **Choose the correct option to complete these sentences:**
   1. **Malala was speaking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**  
      a. at a meeting of politicians  
      **b. on the occasion of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize**  
      c. in the Parliament  
      d. at the United Nations
   2. **Malala thanked her father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**  
      **a. for giving her freedom**  
      b. for bringing her to Norway  
      c. for taking her to Swat  
      d. for speaking to people about her struggle
   3. **Malala had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**  
      **a. shot by the Taliban**  
      b. rewarded by the Taliban  
      c. made to surrender to the Taliban  
      d. made to give her Peace Prize to the Taliban
2. **Answer these questions:** 
   1. **What kind of support did Malala get from her parents?**

**Ans**: They gave her a lot of love and allowed her to follow her dreams, taught her to speak the truth and to be patient.

* 1. **Why was Malala proud to receive the Nobel Peace Prize?**

**Ans**: She was proud as she is the first Pashtun and Pakistani and the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Prize.

* 1. **Who was Malala named after?**

**Ans**: Malala was named after Malalai of Maiwand, a Pashtun freedom fighter, often referred to as the Pashtun Joan of Arc.

* 1. **What is Malala fighting for?**

**Ans**: Malala is fighting for the education of girls.

* 1. **Who else received the Nobel Peace Prize along with Malala?**

**Ans**: Kailash Satyarthi from India received the Nobel Prize for Peace along with Malala.

1. **Answer these questions with reference to the context:**
   1. ***‘… today is a day of great happiness for me. I am humbled that the Nobel Committee has  
      selected me for this precious award.’***  
      **a. Who is the speaker here?  
      b. Why is the day ‘a day of great happiness’ for the speaker?  
      c. Which award has the speaker been chosen for?  
      d. Why has the speaker been chosen for this award?**

**Ans**:

**a.** Malala Yousafzai is the speaker here.  
**b.** It is a day of great happiness for her because she has received the Nobel Peace Prize.  
**c.** She has been chosen for the Nobel Peace Prize.  
**d.** She has been chosen for the war for fighting for the education of girls.

* 1. ***‘I am proud that we can work together, we can work together and show the world that an Indian  
     and a Pakistani, they can work together and achieve their goals for children’s rights.’***  
     **a. Who does ‘we’ refer to?  
     b. Who is the Indian and who is the Pakistani mentioned in these lines?  
     c. Which rights of children are being referred to here?**

**Ans**:

**a.** ‘We’ refers to Malala Yousafzai herself and Kailash Satyarthi.  
**b.** Kailash Satyarthi is the Indian and Malala is the Pakistani mentioned in the line.  
**c.** The right to education is being spoken about.

* 1. ***‘I chose the second one. I decided to speak up.’***  
     **a. Who is the speaker here?  
     b. What does the ‘second one’ refer to?  
     c. What was the ‘first one’?  
     d. What did the speaker speak up for?**

**Ans**:

**a.** Malala is the speaker here.  
**b.** The ‘second one’ refers to the choice of speaking against oppression.  
**c.** The first one was the choice of remaining silent in the face of oppression.  
**d.** She spoke up for all the girls who were being denied an education.

1. **Think and answer:** 
   1. **What qualities of Malala’s character come across from the speech she made while receiving the Nobel Peace Prize?**

**Ans**: Malala’s speech tells us that she is courageous, articulate, clear-thinking, determined and humble.

* 1. **Why is it important for the world to support the cause Malala stands for?**

**Ans**: It is important for the entire world to support Malala’s cause because no nation can progress if its women are not educated.