Reading (7 Marks)

A woman Who Loves Boxing

Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

Laila Ali, the daughter of the famous boxer Mohammed Ali, was born in Miami Beach, Florida, on December 30, 1977. She was the daughter of two famous people. Her mother was a model, Veronica Porche Anderson, and her father was Muhammad Ali. When Laila was nine years old, her parents were divorced, and she moved with her mother to California.Laila had a difficult time as a teenager. She was a **defiant** girl. When she was 16, she was caught shoplifting. Luckily, Laila did not have to go to jail for this crime, but she continued to get into trouble. Eventually she realized that she did not want to end up in jail. So Laila changed her life and went to college. After college, she started her own business, a nail salon.

One day, Laila saw a boxing match on TV and was thrilled. Interestingly enough, it was not one of her father's matches. It was a women's boxing match. From that moment, she realized that this was what she wanted to do. She wanted to become a professional boxer, she sold her business and began the **rigorous** training needed for the sport. At the age of 21, Laila had her boxing **debut**. After only 31 seconds in the very first round, she knocked out her opponent and won the match. Laila won her next seven matches by knockout too, which earned her a chance to face the champion, Kendra Lendhart. Laila was not able to knock Lendhart out, but she still won—the judges voted unanimously that she was the winner.

It wasn't long before people everywhere took notice. They compared Laila to her famous father. Suddenly there was pressure to live up to her famous name. But it did not bother her. She was proud of her father, and she had reason to be equally proud of her own **accomplishment**. She won and defended the title of Super Middleweight Champion. Laila later won the Light Heavyweight title. She earned the nickname of "She Bee Stinging," which reminded people of her father who was graceful, like a butterfly, but his punch was powerful, like the sting of a bee. Laila also wrote a book based on her own life, called Reach, where she encouraged other young women to reach for their dreams. She also started the Reach Foundation so that disadvantaged young women are helped to go to school.

Like her father, Laila Ali rose quickly to become one of the greatest in her sport. She reached for and achieved an amazing dream. And, she accomplished these things in a sport that is usually associated with men. But, thanks to Laila's success, that image may change.

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A) Now answer the following questions.(4 marks)

1- What happened when Laila Ali was nine years old?

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2-What was Laila Ali's first business?

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3-Why was Laila Ali called "She Bee Stinging"?

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4-Who is the Reach Foundation designed to help?

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B) **Match the following words with their definitions. Write the words in the spaces provided. (3 marks)**

Defiant- rigorous- debut -accomplishment

1- ---------- The first public appearance of a performer or sports player.

2- ---------- The impressive thing that is done or achieved after a lot of work.

3- ---------- Done carefully and with a lot of attention.

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