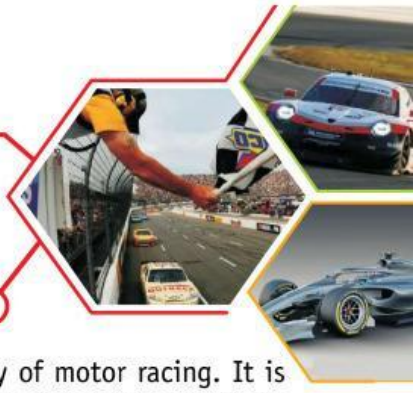

Chapter 13

Motor Sports

The Formula 1 World Championship is governed and owned by a world body of motor racing. It is based in France, called the International Automobile Federation, or FIA. The commercial rights to F1 are leased by the FIA to a British man named Bernie Eccles. NASCAR is owned by the France family — as opposed to the country — although it is a private racing series.

Aerodynamics – A modern Formula One car has almost as much in common with a jet fighter. It does with an ordinary road car. Aerodynamics has become the key to success in the sport. The teams spend tens of millions of dollars on research and development in the field each year.

Cornering – Cornering is vital to the business of racing cars. Formula one is no exception. On straight, the battle tends to be determined by the power of the engine and brakes. But it comes with the corners and the driver's skill. It's the area where an ace pilot can extract the tiny advantage that makes the difference between winning and losing.

Brakes – Formula One cars are surprisingly closely related to the road-going cousins. Indeed as ABS anti-lock-braking system have been banned from Formula One racing, most modern road cars can lay claim to having considerably cleverer retardation.

Flags – Marshals at various points around the circuit are issued with a number of standard flags. It is known as a GPS marshalling system. He also lights up with the relevant flag colour, as the driver passes the affected section of track.

Think Fast

Answer the following questions :

1. What is the nationality of the current champion? _____
2. Which brand of car the current champions of Formula One Race own? _____
3. How many consecutive championships Schumacher won? _____
4. In which year did Michael Schumacher win the first Formula One Championship? _____
5. Which country does Michael Schumacher belong to? _____
6. Who won the Formula One Championship 2019? _____

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