



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

## Billie Jean King: A Champion for Fairness



A tennis player once changed sports with her powerful racket and voice. That person is Billie Jean King, a true legend.

Billie Jean Moffitt was born in Long Beach, California, in 1943. She started playing tennis at age 11, quickly showing great talent and dreaming of being the world's best.

King became one of the greatest tennis players, winning 39 Grand Slam titles. Her most famous match was the "Battle of the Sexes" in 1973. She beat male player Bobby Riggs, proving women athletes were strong.

A big challenge Billie Jean faced was that women tennis players were paid less than men. She fought for equal pay and respect, helping create the Women's Tennis Association (WTA).

Today, Billie Jean King is remembered as a brave pioneer for fairness. Her courage helped many women and girls believe in themselves.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where was Billie Jean King born?

- (A) New York   (B) California   (C) Florida   (D) Texas

(2) Billie Jean King started playing tennis when she was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.



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**(3) What does the word "pioneer" mean as it is used in the passage?**

- A** someone who is very good at sports
- B** someone who is the first to do something important
- C** someone who travels to new places
- D** someone who teaches others how to play tennis

**(4) Why do you think Billie Jean King fought for equal pay even after winning many titles? Use details from the passage.**

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**(5) How has Billie Jean King's work changed the world of sports? What can we learn from her life?**

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