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Glenn Cunningham also captured the hearts of many. He had overcome extreme physical adversity. He was also modest, practiced good sportsmanship and neither drank nor smoked. Fans and sports writers alike loved him. Even though it was an era when many smoked, it is said fans would put out their cigarettes when Cunningham raced out of respect for him. After graduating from the University of Kansas Cunningham moved on to earn a Masters degree in Physical Education from the University of Iowa. And after the 1936 Olympics he continued competing in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) track events even though he was now married and a new father. He also started working toward his PHD. In 1938 he set a new world record for the mile and a new record in the indoor mile. He was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1974.

Cunningham had a chance to win a possible gold medal. His dream wasn't to be. He set a new physical fitness record. He worked several years for the Navy. After this he and his wife opened a gym that helped underprivileged children.

Years later, Glenn Cunningham was inducted into the National Track and Field Athletics Congress (now the National Track and Field Hall of Fame) in Charleston, West Virginia in 1974. In 1978 Madison Square Garden named him the most outstanding track and field athlete in its first 100 years.

When Glenn Cunningham died in 1988 he left behind a legacy of accomplishment. And Kansas University continues to honor this man every year when it presents its annual Glenn Cunningham Award to the track athlete who best demonstrates triumph over adversity.

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# Glenn Cunningham

1) How does paragraph one succeed in catching readers' attention instantly?

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2) What factors, as \_\_\_\_\_ win people's hearts?

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3) Narrate an instance from your own experience which demonstrates "triumph of determination over adversity".

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# Glenn Cunningham

4) a. Write the meanings of the words given below and frame sentences using these.

arduous - \_\_\_\_\_

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miraculous - \_\_\_\_\_

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b. A person who \_\_\_\_\_ do we call a person who doesn't drive \_\_\_\_\_

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5) The central message of the text is \_\_\_\_\_ the attitude and strong will, you can develop \_\_\_\_\_ e that we draw from the text.

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