

Class- 12th.

Sub.-English

Chap- Going Places

Write and learn the following.

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Q. 5. How did Sophie include her brother Geoff in her fantasy of the future ?
Ans. Sophie lived in fantasy. She trusted her brother Geoff. She wished that he might take her with him to show her unknown and unseen places and people. In this way she included her brother in fantasy of her future.

Q. 6. Why did Sophie call Jansie noseey?
Ans. Sophie told her brother Geoff the secret of her meeting with Danny Casey. Geoff shared it with Jansie's brother, Frank. Jansie asked Sophie what she had been telling. Though it wasn't an inquisition, still it showed that Jansie was noseey.

Q. 7. Why was Sophie glad seeing the bicycle of her father standing against the pub wall ?
Ans. Sophie went to meet Danny Casey. When she returned home, it was very late in the dark night. She was glad to see the bicycle of her father standing against the pub wall because he would not be there when she got home.

Q. 8. Which was the only occasion when she got to see Danny Casey in person?
Ans. The only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person was when her family went to watch United on Saturday. She saw him in person at the football ground.

C. Answer the following questions in 125 words each :

Q. 1. Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. What were the differences between them that showed up in the story?
Ans. Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends but there were following differences between them:

- (i) Sophie lived in fantasy and fairyland while Jansie was a practical girl who understood the reality of her family.
- (ii) Sophie dreamt of having a boutique while Jansie knew that it would need a lot of money.
- (iii) Sophie wanted to become a manager to earn money but Jansie knew that it was not possible to become a manager directly.
- (iv) Sophie wanted to become an actress while Jansie realised it needed some qualities and her father would not permit this. Jansie knew they were both earmarked for the biscuit factory.
- (v) Sophie was ambitious and resorted to telling lies in order that she might enjoy a high social position while Jansie did not believe in such things.

Q. 2. Sophie's real world is different from her fantasies.Explain.
Ans. Yes, Sophie's real world is different from her fantasies. She belongs to a lower middle class family. She lives in a small house. The environment at home is not healthy, it is very dirty. But Sophie always lives in fantasies. She is a day-dreamer. She dreams of becoming a boutique owner, a manager, an actress-cum-boutique owner and a fashion designer. She wishes to know the unknown, to see the unseen, and to meet strangers. She fancies the world greeting and applauding them (herself and Geoff). Finally she fancies that she has a lover — Danny Casey, an Irish football player. She visits a lonely place for lovers and sits on the solitary wooden bench under the tree. She waits for Danny Casey but there is no one because it is one sided love.

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Q. 3. What did Sophie tell her brother Geoff about Danny Casey?

Ans. After returning home, Sophie went to her brother, Geoff's room. Geoff was working with a motorcycle part. She told him that she met Danny Casey, an Irish football player. She was a big fan of Danny. Geoff was surprised at hearing Sophie. He turned to her to know where she met him. She told Geoff that she met him in arcade. Geoff didn't believe it. Geoff was the first to know her secrets. To know the reality, he asked Sophie how Danny looked like. Sophie replied "He has green eyes. His eyes are gentle. He is not so tall as you think." Geoff tried to make her realise that she was still a school going girl while Danny Casey must be having strings of girls. But Sophie denied this and said that Danny was quiet and he was not in contact with any girl.

Q. 4. Comment on the aptness of the title 'Going Places'?

Ans. The title of the story 'Going Places' is quite apt. It is because in the story Barton takes his readers to different places through his main young female character Sophie. First of all, Sophie takes the readers in search of work. She fancies becoming a boutique owner or manager or an actress-cum-boutique owner or a designer. This upsets Jansie, Sophie's close friend. In the second phase, she fancies unknown things, unseen places, and unknown people or strangers. She imagines a vast world and sees herself riding there behind her brother, Geoff. He wore new shining black leathers and she (Sophie) wore a yellow dress with a kind of cape that flew out behind. In the final phase she takes us to Royce's window, and then to the place where she goes to meet Danny Casey.

D. State True or False :

1. Jansie keeps all information and secrets to herself. (True/False)
2. Sophie's brother is an apprentice mechanic. (True/False)
3. Sophie fantasizes about Gareth Bale, an Irish football player. (True/False)
4. Sophie wanted to buy a decent house for her parents. (True/False)

Ans. 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False

E. Creative Writing :

Q. 1. If you were Danny Casey, what would you think about Sophie?

Ans. If I were Danny Casey, I would understand that Sophie is a teenager. She knows nothing about the reality. It is natural for a teenager to live in the world of fantasy. Hero worship is also a trait of teenagers. I would explain to her that it is not her fault. It is due to her age and hormone. I would suggest her not to lose herself in this aimless way and that she must concentrate on her studies and make her future bright.

Q. 2. It is natural for teenagers to have unrealistic dreams. What would you say are the benefits and disadvantages of such fantasizing?

Ans. It is natural for teenagers to have unrealistic dreams. These dreams have some benefits as well as disadvantages :

Benefits :

- (1) They help them make plans for their future.
- (2) They give them courage to work in the direction of fulfilling their dreams.

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