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Class-XII

English

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Chapter-8

Going Places

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Part - 5

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Comprehension

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Question 1. Where was it most likely that the two girls would find work after school?

Answer : It was most likely that the two girls - Sophie and Jansie would find work in a biscuit factory after leaving their school.

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Question 2. What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of? Why does Jansie discourage her from having such dreams?

Answer. Sophie wanted to open a boutique. It would be the most amazing shop that city had ever seen. Alternatively, she would become an actress and have the boutique as a side business.

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She also thought of being a manager.

Jansie wanted Sophie to be sensible and drop all her plans because all of them required much money and experience.

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Question 3. Why did Shopie wriggle when Geoff told her father that she had met Danny Casey?

Answer. Sophie knew her father well. He would be angry if he knew of her meeting with the young Irish footballer, Danny Casey. She didn't tell him. When Geoff told his father about it, she did not expect it. She became little uncomfortable, so she wriggle.

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Question 4. Does Geoff believe what Sophie says about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Answer. No, Geoff doesn't believe what Sophie says about her meeting with Danny Casey. First, he looks around in disbelief and says, "It can't be true". Again he says, "I don't believe it."

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Question 5. Does her father believe her story?

Answer. No, Sophie's father does not believe her story. When Geoff tells him that sophie met Danny Casey, his father looked at Sophie with disdain. He ignores her totally. He thinks that it is yet another "wild story'. He begins to talk about Tom Finny, another great football player.

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Question 6. How does Sophie include her brother Geoff in her fantasy of her future?

Answer. She suspected areas of his life about which she knew nothing. She longed to know them. She wished that someday he might take her with him. She saw herself riding there behind Geoff.

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Question 7. Which country did Danny Casey play for?

Answer. Danny Casey played for Ireland.

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Question 8. Why didn't Sophie want Jansie to know about her story with Danny?

Answer. Jansie was very interested in things that did not concern her. She wanted to know other people's affairs. She would spread the news in the whole neighbourhood. So, Sophie didn't want Jansie to know about her story with Danny.

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Question 9. Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey?

Answer. No, Sophie didn't really meet Danny Casey, who was a great Irish football player. Her meeting with Danny in an arcade, her proposed meeting for the next week, all this was just her imagination.

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Question 10. Which was the only occasion when she got to see Danny Casey in person?

Answer. The only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person was when the family went to watch United on Saturday. Sophie, her father and little Derek went down near the goal. Geoff went with his mates higher up. United won two-nil.

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Question 11. Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. What were the differences between them that show up in the story?

Answer. Sophie and Jansie were class - mates 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.

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(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.

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(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 occupy top rank in social ladder while Jansie did not believe in such things.

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Question 12. How would you describe the character and temperament of Sophie's father?

Answer. Sophie's father has a plumpy face looking grimy and sweaty. He doesn't seem to be a soft or sophisticated man. Sophie fears his aggressive manliness. He is a realist and does not believe in his daughter's wild stories.

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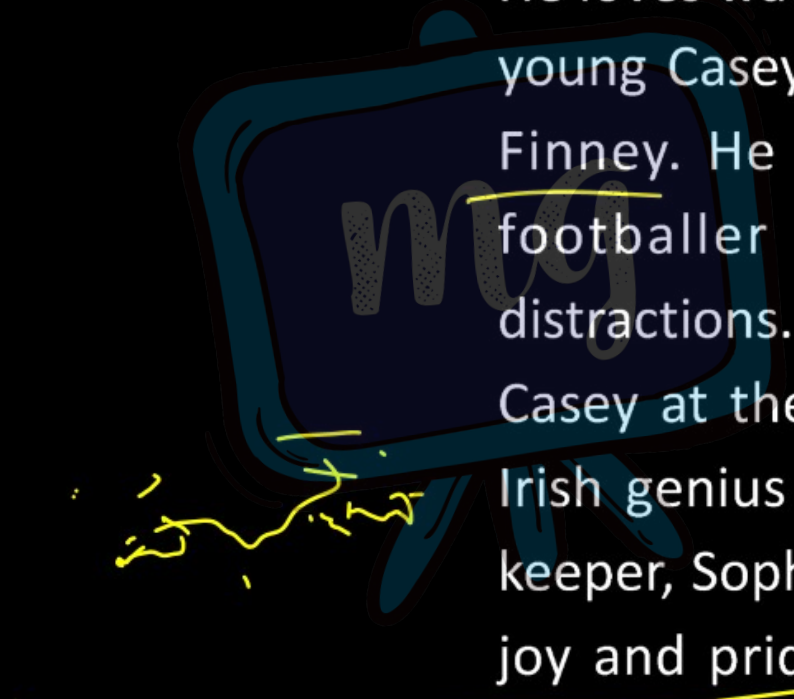

He loves watching football. He hopes young Casey will be as good as Tom Finney. He wishes that the young footballer keeps away from all distractions. He shouts instructions to Casey at the playground. When the Irish genius beats the hesitant goal keeper, Sophie's father screams with joy and pride. He goes to a pub to celebrate the victory.

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Question 13. Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person? From her perspective, what did he symbolise?

Answer. Geoff is the only person who listens to Sophie's fantasies and long cherished dreams. Her father is too bossy and aggressive. He hates Sophie's fantastic stories. Even little Derek makes fun of her growing rich.

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Her classmate Jansie is 'nosey' and can't be trusted with a secret. Only Geoff can be trusted to keep all the secrets of Sophie to himself.

From her perspective, Geoff symbolizes an elder brother who has grown up and visited places unknown to her. She wished that someday her brother might take her to those places.

