



INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH GOING PLACES

Name: _____

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SHORT QUESTIONS

1 **Why is Sophie attracted to Danny Casey?**

Ans. Danny Casey is a young and successful football player from Ireland. He is also quite handsome, which adds to his popularity among his fans, especially young girls of Sophie's age. Naturally, Sophie is attracted to him. Besides, her family members are also huge football fans and Casey is a hero for them.

2 **How are Jansie and Sophie different from each other?**

Ans. Jansie and Sophie have contrasting characters and an altogether different approach towards life. Jansie is quite practical and her feet are grounded in reality, whereas Sophie is a daydreamer and lives in an imaginary world. Jansie is mature and accepts the truth that people of their stature can only become workers in a biscuit factory. On the other hand, Sophie tries to escape from reality and dreams of becoming an actress, a manager or a fashion designer.

3 **What thoughts came to Sophie's mind as she sat by the canal?**

Ans. Sophie felt doubts stirring inside her, as she sat by the canal waiting for Danny Casey. When she saw no sign of him, she remembered Geoff's words that Casey would not come. She wonders what she would tell her family. She thinks that Geoff would be disappointed. She is saddened by the fact that she will never be able to show her family that they are wrong to cast doubts on her.

4 **Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from entertaining thoughts about the sports- star, Danny Casey?**

Ans. Jansie was a realist, and not a daydreamer like Sophie. She discouraged Sophie from having such dreams because her dreams were wild and impossible. She had neither the means nor the skills to achieve them. She feels sad because she knows that both of them will have to work at the biscuit factory after they pass out of school. It was preposterous for her to live in such a dream world and it could lead to depression or low self-esteem.

LONG QUESTIONS

1 **Sophie was a dreamer. The lesson 'Going Places' reminds us that mere dreams will not help us to accomplish anything. What qualities, do you think, would help Sophie to realise her dreams?**

Ans. Sophie lives in a world of dreams, which is far from reality. It is not unreasonable to have high hopes and ambitions for one's future, but such dreaming can be justified only when one is prepared to work hard to realise one's dreams. Sophie too needs to work hard to achieve her dreams, instead of just imagining a bright and successful future for herself, or fantasising about her meeting with Danny Casey. She should accept the reality that she belongs to a middle class working family. Initially, she would face some difficulties because of her poor financial condition, but if she persists with sincere devotion, she could certainly raise her status to the level from where she would actually have the company of successful people like Danny Casey. Besides, with better educational qualifications, increased opportunities, hard work and more savings, she could even own a boutique in future.

2 **Attempt a character sketch of Sophie as a woman who lives in her dreams.**

Ans. Sophie has been portrayed as the central character in the story 'Going Places'. She perfectly represents the girls of her age who live in poor families. Sophie always lives in a dream world, dreaming impossible things. The opening scene of the



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story clearly tells what sort of girl she is. She is not ready to accept the reality of her family's condition and dreams of having a boutique of her own. She makes up the story of meeting Danny Casey, a charming and upcoming footballer. Nobody believes her but she refuses to accept that it is her dream. Rather, she starts believing that she has met him and to prove that she is telling the truth, she makes up another story that she has fixed a date with him. She is so lost in her dreams that she actually goes to the canal and waits for him. He does not show up. She knows that he will not come, but still she becomes sad. Such is the character of Sophie.