

Short-Answer Questions

Q.1. Why did Sophie wish to become an actress?

Ans. Sophie was interested in a boutique. For this, she needed money. So, she thought that she should become an actress as there was real money in that. Then she could have a boutique too.

Q.2. What was Geoff doing and how did he go to his work?

Ans. Geoff was Sophie's elder brother. He had been out of school for three years and was almost grown up. He was an apprentice mechanic. He used to travel to his work each day to the far side of the city on his motor bike.

Q.3. "And she was jealous of his silence." Why was Sophie jealous of Geoff's silence?

Ans. Sophie's brother Geoff spoke very less. She was jealous of him as she thought that when he was not speaking it was as though he was away somewhere out there in the world in those places she had never been to.

Q.4. What was the special fascination of the teenager Sophie?

Ans. The unknown outlying districts of her city, unknown places beyond her country, and the world of places where she had never been were great fascination for Sophie. She wished to know about exotic places. She hoped to go there with her brother Geoff.

Q.5. What did Geoff mean by saying, 'Casey must have strings of girls'?

Ans. Sophie wanted Geoff to promise not to tell daddy about her meeting with Danny Casey. He would get angry at her badly. Then Geoff told that Casey must be having a large number of girls in his contact, and she was still a school girl. But Sophie pointed out that Casey was quiet. He did not have strings of girls.

Q.6. What was the autograph riddle? Could it be solved?

Ans. On first meeting, Danny Casey at Royce's window, Sophie asked his autograph for little Derek. But neither had a paper nor a pen. In the second real meeting at the Royce's, the same riddle stood unsolved—the autograph couldn't be given—neither had a pen.

Q.7. What was Jansie's attitude towards Sophie on hearing about her meeting Danny Casey?

Ans. Geoff told Frank that Sophie met Danny Casey. Frank's sister Jansie was nosey. She asked Sophie about the meeting. It surprised Sophie because she had termed it a secret. She felt at ease when she realised that Geoff had not let her down.

Q.8. Write a character sketch of Jansie.

Ans. Jansie belonged to a middle class family. Though she was sensible and practical, she was nosey. She loved to gossip. She did not have high ambitions in life like Sophie. She knew that she was earmarked to work in a biscuit factory.

Q.9. What was going on in Sophie's mind about people and places unknown to her?

OR

What were Sophie's views about the vast world around?

Ans. The unknown far off places even beyond the surrounding country had a great attraction in Sophie's mind. She wanted to see, meet exotic and interesting people of whom Geoff never spoke. She was impatient to know them. She thought the world was waiting to welcome her.

Q.10. What did Sophie tell Geoff about Danny Casey?

Ans. Danny Casey was a young Irish player of the United first squad. Sophie told Geoff of the meeting Danny Casey at Royce's window. It surprised him and he wanted to know the truth. She told about Danny Casey's gentle green eyes. She told him that she talked with him first and also asked for an autograph. But they had neither pen nor paper. So he promised to do it next week, if she cared.

Q.11. Why did Sophie like Danny Casey?

Ans. The young Irish Danny Casey was a sports icon. He was gentle and calm. He was handsome and always impressively dressed. He was tall and handsome with a strong dark face. She imagined him to be fit for her love.

Q.12. What did Sophie imagine about her meeting with Danny Casey?

OR

Write Sophie's description about her first meeting with Danny Casey.

Ans. Sophie told that she met Danny Casey at the Royce's window. She was looking at her clothes there. He came and stood beside her. She spoke to him first and asked if he was Danny Casey. He confirmed, she asked for an autograph but neither had paper nor a pen. They talked a bit. He assured her of an autograph next week, if she cared.

Q.13. What was the weekly pilgrimage in the story 'Going places'?

Ans. Their weekly pilgrimage on Saturday was to watch the United match. Actually she got interested in Danny Casey and wanted to see his game and watch him playing at the United on Saturday. Sophie with her father and little Derek sat near the goal, and Geoff went up with his friends. They boost up Danny's morale and got thrilled at his scoring goal.

Q.14. What did Sophie tell Jansie about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Ans. Next week when Jansie met Sophie, she asked her about meeting Danny Casey. Though Sophie got surprised and damned her brother Geoff, yet she called it something special between them. Something secret but not a Jansie type. Jansie promised to keep it a secret. Sophie told it was a little thing, she asked for an autograph but neither had a pen.

Q.15. 'It was a perfect place, she had always thought so.' Which is the place described and what made it so perfect?

Ans. For the fancy date, Sophie walked by the canal in the evening. She used to play there in her childhood. She reached the wooden bench beneath the solitary elm tree. She sat and waited there for Danny Casey. It was a perfect place for the lovers, who wished not to be observed.