

CBSE TEST PAPER-04
Class 12 English Core (Going Places)

General Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
 - Question No.1 to 7 carries 3 marks each.
 - Question No. 8 to 10 carries 6 marks each.
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1. What was Sophie's dream to do after schooling?
2. Why was Sophie jealous of her elder brother?
3. What was the weekly routine of the family?
4. What were the views of Sophie's brother Geoff about Irish prodigy Danny Casey?
5. Who was Jansie? What were her views about getting a job after school?
6. When Sophie met Danny Casey at the arcade, what all did they discuss?
7. Why did Sophie wriggle when Geoff told her father that she had met Danny Casey?
8. Who was Danny Casey? What was his relationship with Sophie?
9. When Sophie went to meet Danny Casey for a date, did she meet him and what did she finally decide?
10. What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to? What are the indicators other family's financial status?

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Answers

1. After schooling, Sophie's dream was to open a boutique in her hometown. She had unrealistic dream of starting a boutique with the money she would earn as a manager. She visualized herself as the English fashion designer, Mary Quant, with the best shop in the city or of becoming an actress. In fact, she wanted to do something that she thought was 'sophisticated'.
2. Sophie was jealous of her elder brother because he did not take her into his confidence. He also didn't share any secrets with her. To her it seemed that when he was quiet, he was in those places she had never been. Since he was very handsome, she thought that he must be knowing a lot of interesting people and she longed to know them.
3. The weekly routine of the family was to go to the city to watch the football match played by their beloved team 'The United'.
4. Sophie's brother Geoff was a great fan of Irish prodigy Danny Casey. He was highly impressed by his game and the way he scored goals.
5. Jansie was a friend of Sophie. She was also her classmate. She was not a dreamer but a practical person. She knew that she belonged to a lower middle class family and the best job they could get was in a biscuit factory.
6. When Sophie met Danny Casey at the arcade, she asked him for an autograph for her younger brother Derek. They discussed about the clothes in Royce's window. He also asked her for a date.
7. When Geoff told her father about Sophie's chance encounter with Danny Casey, Sophie wriggled because she knew that her father wouldn't believe it. Her father was a practical, realistic person and Sophie was sure that he would be angry with her and reprimand her for concocting such stories. She feared that she would have to add more details to the story to make it sound authentic.
8. Danny Casey was an Irish soccer player who was with the United, the best team in the country. He was a genius footballer and was liked by all in the younger generation. Though in reality he had no relationship with Sophie. However, in her dreams Sophie had been meeting Danny Casey at the Arcade opposite Royce's Window. Sophie would ask him his name and there would a conversation between them about autographs. But

both didn't have pen. Finally, Casey would ask her if she would like to meet him next week i.e. would she go for a date with him.

9. When Sophie went to meet Danny Casey for a date, she didn't meet him. If we look at the reality of the situation, there was no relationship between Sophie and Danny Casey. She had been meeting him in her dreams and even fixed a date with him. Though the date was fixed in her dreams, she was so much besotted by the thought of meeting him that she went to the appointed place and waited for him. Since he didn't come, she decided that she wouldn't tell the people that he didn't come. She and Danny only knew the reality and others were not supposed to be know the facts.
10. Sophie belonged to a middle class socio-economic background. There are many indicators that point towards that. First indicator is Jansie's and Sophie's conversation about them working, after leaving school. Sophie longed for a good life but Jansie knew that they were both earmarked for the biscuit factory. She also told Sophie to first buy a 'decent house' to live in before buying a boutique. Second, as Sophie enters her house, she sees her father's face still grubby and sweaty after a day's hard work. Third, she observes her mother stooping over the sink. The small room was steamy from the stove and cluttered with the dirty washing piled up in the corner. Fourth, her brother Geoff was an apprentice mechanic. Fifth, they travelled by bus to watch United play. Last, on her way back home from the solitary place where she spent time in the evening sometimes, outside the pub, she passed her 'father's bicycle' propped against the wall. All these details point towards their middle-class status.