

**CBSE TEST PAPER-02**  
**Class - 12 English Core (Going Places)**

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**General Instruction:**

- Question No. 1 to 7 carry Three marks,
  - Question No. 8 to 10 carry Six marks.
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1. Which was the only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person?
2. What thoughts came to Sophie's mind as she sat by the canal?
3. Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from entertaining thoughts about the sports star Danny Casey?
4. Why did Sophie wriggle when Geoff told her father that she had met Danny Casey?
5. "Damn that Geoff, this was Geoff thing, not a Jansie thing," Why did Sophie say so?
6. Does Geoff believe what Sophie says about her meeting with Danny Casey?
7. What story did Sophie concoct about her meeting with Casey?
8. What were Sophie's plans for her future? Why would you call her dreams unrealistic?
9. 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 realize her dreams?
10. What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to? What are the indicators of her family's financial status?

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**Answers**

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1. The only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person was when she went to watch the match with her family. Sitting amongst the spectators, Sophie saw Casey from a distance. The power of her imagination was such that she concocted a story of her brief encounter with him and almost got an autograph from him.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Sophie knew that her classmate Jansie poked her nose into every matter. She was a rumour monger. Jansie came to know about the Sophie-Casey encounter through Frank, her brother, who was friends with Geoff. Sophie was annoyed with Geoff because this story was meant only for him. Sophie knew that Jansie would spread this information like wildfire and it could draw lots of people to her house to enquire about Casey.
6. Geoff does not believe Sophie's story about her meeting with Danny Casey, the Irish football star. Although he had a strong bond with his sister, as she shared all her secrets with him, he dismissed the whole story as a most unlikely thing. He does not hesitate to tell her that Casey would never keep his promise of meeting her again to give her his autograph.

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7. Sophie imagines that she has met Danny Casey, the Irish football prodigy, at Royce's. She cooked up details about his appearance and said that she asked him for an autograph but could not get it as neither of them had paper or pen. They talked for a while about the clothes in the shop. Casey promised to meet her again next week.
  8. Sophie planned to open a boutique after she passed out of school. When Jansie told her that it would require a lot of money, she said that she would become a manager and save money for her boutique. She later also added that she would either become an actress or a fashion designer. For a girl from a lower middle class family such dreams are certainly far from reality. Sophie's friend Jansie, who is quite practical, knows that they will ultimately have to work in the biscuit factory. She even dissuades Sophie from indulging in such childish fantasies. Sophie wants to materialize all those things which were simply not possible practically. Never for once in the story does the girl think practically or come out of her dream world.
  9. 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 realize 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 fantasizing 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.
  10. There are many indicators that point that Sophie belonged to a middle class socio-economic background. The first indicator was 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 entered her house, she saw her father's face still grubby and sweaty after a day's hard work. Third, she observed her mother stooping over the sink. Their 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

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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.