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Class 11 English (Snapshot) Notes

BIRTH

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

7 Birth

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The doctor in the story is an exemplary figure. Brushing aside his personal issues and disturbed state of mind, he performs his role with utmost dedication and sincerity. He makes all the possible efforts to save the life of Mrs. Morgan and the still born baby. His presence of mind and action yield remarkable results. One must not lose hope and depend upon one's learning and use it in real life. Satisfaction and contentment of people around give one happiness and a sense of achievement.

A. Short Answer Type Questions (30 to 40 words)

Q.1. Who was Joe Morgan? Why was he waiting for Dr. Andrew Manson?

Ans. Jeo Morgan was a driller in Blaenelly, a minning town. He and his wife Susan, were married for nearly twenty years and now they were expecting their first child. He was waiting for the doctor to help Susan in the delivery of the child.

Q.2. Why did a shiver of horror pass over Andrew?

Ans. Dr. Andrew Struggled for more than an hour is help the mother Susan Morgan for the safe delivery of the baby. But when the child was born he was lifeless. As Andrew gazed at the still born baby, a shiver of horror passed over him.

1. 'Eh Doctor, I'm glad to see you.' Why did Joe Morgan say this to Dr. Andrew Manson?
2. What thoughts (related to marriage) were running in Andrew's mind?
3. How do you conclude that the meeting between Andrew and Christine was an unpleasant one?
4. How was Joe's house maintained?
5. Why did Susan not want to be injected chloroform?
6. 'As he gazed at the still born a shiver of horror passed over Andrew.' Explain
7. How was Susan brought back to consciousness?
8. The old lady offered Andrew a cup of tea. Why did he smile at her offer?
9. What decision did Andrew make as he drank the tea?
10. Why were Andrew's thoughts on marriage confused and resentful?

11. 'She's awful set upon the child. Ay, we all are, I fancy' Why did the old lady say so?
12. What dilemma was faced by Andrew when he saw the still born child?
13. Why was the midwife frightened on being asked for the stillborn child?
14. How did Andrew revive the stillborn child?
15. What made Andrew say, 'I've done something real at last'?

B. Long Answer Type Questions (120 words)

1. Describe at length how Andrew revived the stillborn child.
2. What made Andrew exclaim, 'I have done something; Oh God!'?
3. Justify the title of the story, 'Birth'.
4. What does the story highlight about the essence of true happiness and fulfillment through Dr. Andrew's experience? Discuss with reference to the story.
5. The greatest lesson, we can learn from Dr. Andrew's life is, 'Never give up'. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.