

"Going Places"

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# Short Question and Answers :-

1. Where was it mostly likely that the two girls would find work after school?

Ans. It was mostly likely a biscuit factory where the two girls would find work after school.

2. What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of? Why does Jessie discourage her from having such dreams?

Ans. The options that Sophie was dreaming of, were - having a boutique, becoming a manager, an actress or a fashion designer.

Jessie discourages her from having such dreams because Sophie's dreams were wild and impossible. She wants her to behave sensibly. She should think practically.

She has neither means nor skill to fulfil them. She wants her to live in the present and face the reality.

3. Why did Sophie wriggle when Geoff told her father that she had met Danny Casey?

Ans → Sophie wriggled when Geoff told her father that she had met Danny Casey because she did not want Geoff to tell this to her father. She thought that her dream would come to an end. She got afraid that her father might not believe her and find out the truth.

4. Does Geoff believe what Sophie says about her meeting with Danny Casey?

Ans → Yes, Geoff finds it hard to believe what Sophie tells him about her meeting Danny Casey.

5. Does her father believe her story?

Ans → No; her father does not believe her story.

6. How does Sophie include her brother Geoff in her fantasy of her future?

→ Sophie includes her brother Geoff in her fantasy of her future by saying that it was she who broke first. She does not know where her

brother goes. That unknown world and people attracts her. She believes that someday he would take her there. She imagines herself in yellow dress riding behind Geoff.

7. Which country did Danny Casey play for?

Ans → Danny Casey played for Ireland.

8. Why didn't Sophie want Jansie to know about her story with Danny?

Ans → Sophie didn't want Jansie to know about her story with Danny because she knew that Jansie was a stupid girl and she would spread news in the whole neighbourhood. People would come queues round her house asking her father, "What's this about Danny Casey?" Her father would murder her.

9. Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey?

Ans → No, Sophie didn't really meet Danny Casey. It was her imagination only. She imagined that she met him because she wanted to meet him.

10. Which was the only occasion when she got to see Danny Casey in person?

Ans → The only occasion when she got to see Danny Casey in person was on Saturday. The whole family had gone to see the United. She saw Danny Casey in person in the stadium.

### # Long Question and Answer :-

1. Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. What were the differences between them that show up in the story?

Ans → Sophie and Jansie were friends and classmates. There were many differences between them that show up in the story. Sophie was a dreamy girl. She had the tendency to think about future prospects. She was an adolescent who believed in fantasising and hero worship. She dreamed of having her own boutique, becoming a manager, a fashion designer and an actress etc. On the other hand Jansie was practical. She wanted to live in the present. She believed in reality. She knew it very well that they were both earmarked for the biscuit factory. She

but he heard her patiently. He could keep her  
to her he was a symbol of a hero, a brave  
handsome and strong young man.

4. What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to? What are the indicators of her family's financial status?

As:- Sophie belonged to a lower middle class family. Jessie rightly estimated that they were both 'earn-mark' & for the biscuit factory. Sophie's ~~was~~ father is a physical worker. His face is plump, still grimy and sweat-marked from the day. He eats shepherd's pie which is considered to be a cheap food. Dirty washing is heaped in a corner. Little Derek's shoe is seen lying on the sofa. The small room is filled with steam from the stove. It was cluttered with the heavy breathing man in his vest at the table. Her mother is bent on the sink washing dishes. Geoff, her brother, is an apprentice mechanic. All these indicators show that she belongs to a lower class middle family.

was melancholic. She wished Sophie wouldn't think these things. She tried to discourage her from having such wild dreams.

2. How would you describe the character and temperament of Sophie's father?

Ans → Sophie's ~~was~~ father was a hard working person. He had a great deal of experience of the world. He didn't believe Sophie's wild stories. He didn't take it seriously what Sophie told about her meeting with Danny Casey. He knew it very well that Sophie was in the habit of fantasising. He was somewhat harsh too. Sophie did not want to tell her father all about this. He scolded her for telling wild stories. Sophie's father liked watching T.V. He also liked football matches.

3. Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person? From her perspective, what did he symbolize.

→ If Sophie had a secret to share, she told it to her brother Geoff. Other members in the family do not believe in her wild stories. But Geoff heard her. Though did not take her stories serious