NCERT Solutions for Class 11 English Snapshots Chapter 7 Birth

Question 1.
“I have done something; oh, God! I’ve done something real at last”. Why does Andrew say this? What does it mean?
Answer:
Andrew Manson, just returned from a medical college was quite new in medical practice. He was rather new in every experience of worldly life. He had opened his own surgery in the neighbourhood of drillers and miners. It was not doing very fine as his condition predicts. His lady love also ditched him. That day after spending a very frustrating and disappointing evening with his beloved Christine, he was returning home at mid night. He was very tired in his spirits. He was feeling very dejected.

As he reached home he found Joe Morgan pacing between his surgery and the entrance of his house. Joe wanted to take him home, whose wife was about to deliver a baby. It was their first baby after their married life of 20 years and a long wait of course. Joe picked up his bag and both went along. Andrew promised that all would be right.

After a long struggle the baby took birth at about dawn period. But the most ghastly havoc the luck had played was that the baby was stillborn! In the wake of his promise to Joe and his mother-in-law and in the wake of the hopes of the mother of the child, Andrew felt cheated. After giving the necessary medical aid to the patient, Andrew turned to the child. Seeing the condition, he at once realised that it was a case of asphyxia pallida, the same case he had treated in Samaritan.

Then there was no resting for Andrew for next 2 hours. He instantly gave the child hot and cold bath alternatively. He tried to give artificial respiration and after his long struggle the child responded. Only then he took himself a breath of relief. Finally when the baby returned to natural self, he handed to the nurse and left for his own home. Outside Joe was standing expectant and Andrew told him that all was right.While returning home, when Andrew footfalls joined the footfalls of the night-shift drillers, he felt quite relieved forgetting all about his disappointment at the hands of Christine and uttered these words, “I have done something…” He clearly regarded it a job a doctor is weighed for.

Question 2.
‘There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practising physician.’ Discuss.
Answer:
The statement is aptly said, “There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practising physician.” All would admit the fact that there is a sea

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difference between practical and theory. Theoretically the things could sound different but while taking practical form their form could turn out totally different.Same occurs in the life of Andrew. He was a medical-practitioner.

Though he seems to be novice, but he had undergone various experiences in his short-term medical practice to trust mere theoretical facts in his medical line. The nurse though appears quite oblivious of the difference between theory and practical. So when a case of asphyxia-pallida appears, she fails to understand that the infant could be resuscitated to normal self once again.

While Andrew was trying to follow the required treatment, she just whimpered in consternation, “for mercy’s sake, Doctor…. It’s stillborn.”Later on when the child returned to consciousness, she had no medical explanation for it but just thanked God for having mercy on it. Whereas Andrew knew where to tick the bowl for better sound. He proved that knowledge of mere textbook is not sufficient in their profession. It would be rather quack/shallow, which could prove fatal to some. Had he taken it the case of ‘stillborn’ it would have an end to Joe’s hopefulness in his life and he himself won’t have been able to bring himself to say ,“I have done something…”

Question 3.
Do you know of any incident when someone has been brought back to life from the brink of death through medical help. Discuss medical procedures such as organ transplant and organ regeneration that are used to save human life.
Answer:
Yes, it’s a case of my friend’s mother. My friend Kavinder and his family mem¬bers i.e. his father, mother and one sister Kavita were going for a picnic to a neighbouring village which boasts of its natural beauty for being surrounded by Yamuna river almost on three sides. They were on a deserted road. There was none other than their own vehicle i.e. jeep. His parents were resident doctors at the time in the civil hospital of the town, Ganaur. But by conspiracy of misfortune, one screw in the right side of jeep (front) got loosened and the front tyre went off. As a result their jeep keep careening off. Kavita and Kavinder got crushed under the jeep itself after falling off. Their father Mr. Mahender fell on the pavement.

Their mother Mrs. Meenakshi’s hair and saree got entangled with one of the wheel and was dragged for God knows how long. Her face got totally slashed. Bones ap¬peared. Just then a cart, appeared on the same road and saw the people lying on road on the difference of about 4 kms. He instantly collected all and put them on his cart and took to the hospital. Nobody knew what would happen to Dr. Meenakshi. She had lost her facial features so to say. Kavita and Kavinder could not be restored back to life. Dr. Mahender also survived a fracture in backbone.

A steel rod was planted there. But it was Dr. Meenakshi who was a challenge to the medical science. Then surgeons all over India joined hands and after conducting 21

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skin grafting operations her facial features were restored. It took her 3 and half years to recover. Medically and physically she came out much better off than was expected but her emotions suffered a severe scar. Later both husband and wife made it a mission of their life to serve the needy and the poor in the same village where the tragic incident occurred to them. Dr. Meenakshi's coming to her routine life was a glowing success of medical science.

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