NCERT Solutions for Class 11 English chapter 7 Glory at Twilight

Q.1: Give reasons for the following

a. Satyajit attending the village wedding.
b. Satyajit's recollection of the forger when he was on the train.
c. Srinath and his family members' eager expectation of Satyajit's arrival.
d. Srinath's disappointment with Satyajit.
e. Satyajit's feeling that he was an impostor.
f. Satyajit not disclosing his present financial status to his uncle.

Ans :
a. Satyajit was attending the village wedding because he was among those well off gentleman's in the village who was respected by everyone. Thus, being an eminent figure he was attending the village wedding.

b. The forger was the topic in Satyajit's mind as he was thinking that he could have given him a chance. This all is a consequence of thinking about the comparison between the duration of the downfall and the fame. It is said that if you are suffering from downfall, fame shall come soon and vice versa.

c. The eager expectation is because of the give and take relationship existing among the two.

d. The reason behind the disappointment is high expectations. It was a general belief in the society that Satyajit helped them financially and in return enjoyed the respect. Thus, when the financial value came down, the disappointment was genuine.

e. This feeling arose in Satyajit's mind when he gave a thought of the villager's anticipation towards him. He thought that he was deceiving them.

f. Satyajit was not disclosing his present financial status to his uncle as he felt ashamed of how the change had happened. He knew that wanted him to help them financially, but presently he was unable to do so.

Q.2: Describe the cycle of events in Satyajit's life that brought him back to where he began.

Ans : Satyajit's life has been full of various ups and downs and majorly luck had played an important feature in the uprising. He started his job as a clerical figure in a bank. It was only after that he caught a forgery, he was promoted to the post of managing director. This was when he realized that the post that he acquired was just by chance and not by his hard work. This is the realisation that stuck him when the thought that fame and downfall go hand in hand. Thus, when the wheel of fortune turned, his destiny changed completely. Now he became ashamed of discussing his financial conditions.

Q.3: It is difficult to adjust to a fall from glory.

Ans : This statement is completely justified and there are clear evidence provided in the chapter how Satyajit fell from being an influential figure to the time when he was even ashamed to discuss anything about his financial conditions. Falling from a great height and recollecting yourself is not an easy task. It is usually observed that when a person experiences a downfall,

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along with the financial status, moreover the pride is collapsed. It's easier to build a fortune than recollecting the individual's pride. Everyone around you knows you because of the positives, thus the chances are high that no one understands the downfall and thus it becomes difficult to cope with the same.

Q.4: 'Failure had a tempo faster than success.'

Ans : It is a universal rule that the tempo of failure is faster than that of success. A person can achieve success easily but then it's in no time that failure will knock your way. Also, that human destiny plays a key role in the life cycle. Achieving success can be either a result of the hard work or a mere chance of luck. But the destined failure shall come to an individual as per the rules that are written in the books. When failure arrives, it's nothing can an individual do, just accepting the fate and making adjustments alongside is the option left to the humans under the scope of destiny.

Q.5: Satyajit should have revealed his predicament to his uncle.

Ans : Predicament is the unpleasant difficulty or an unexpected problem that a person has to deal with. Here in this chapter, the predicament that Satyajit was facing that he was in a fix between his own financial status and the villagers. As the ongoing tradition, Satyajit was considered as the Godly figure who enjoyed the status and respect as he helped the villagers financially. Yes, it is true that he should have revealed this problem to his uncle as without the disclosure he was simply fooling them. He enjoyed the status and the respect and in return, he had nothing to provide them with. Had he told the uncle about the predicament, it would have been easier for him to deal with the social circumstances that otherwise grew problematic for him.

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