

## THE BIRTH

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

**Answer:** Joe Morgan was a driller in Balaenelly. He was big, stout and heavy built. Susan, the wife of Joe Morgan, was expecting a baby after twenty years of their marriage. She was at the final stage of her pregnancy. It was a critical/complicated case as she was middle aged and very weak. So, Joe visited Dr. Andrew Manson and requested him to attend the case.

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

**Answer:** Andrew really worked hard for the successful delivery of a baby. Unfortunately, when the baby was born, they found it was a stillborn baby though it was completely formed/developed. It was warm and soft as tallow but with no life. A shiver of horror passed over the doctor when he saw the latent body.

**Q 3.** What effort did Andrew make to revive Susan?

**Answer:** Susan's condition was critical after the delivery of a stillborn baby. Her strength was ebbing down with every passing moment. Her strength was ebbing. With a feverish effort, Andrew smashed a glass ampoule and administered/ injected a hypodermic syringe. Fortunately, the medicine worked and her strength was restored.

**Q 4.** Why did Andrew felt listless and dull when heading with Joe Morgan to his house?

**Answer:** Dr. Andrew Manson felt dull and listless while heading to the house of Joe Morgan. First it was past midnight and he could not take a proper sleep. Secondly when he came out, it was chilly outside and the air was hitting hard against them.

**Q 5.** What was the mental status of Dr. Andrew Manson before he attends the case of Mrs. Joe Morgan?

**Answer:** Dr. Andrew Manson was waiting for the right time before he goes for the delivery. He was lost in his own thoughts. There were many thoughts and emotions that passed his mind. He thought of Bramwell, Edward Page and Denny whose marriages were dismal failure. Now he pondered about his relation with Christine whom he loved and wanted to marry with.

**Q 6.** How did Andrew Mansion took marriage and why was he in dismay?

**Answer:** Dr. Andrew Mansion was in dismay to think about Bramwell, Edward Page and Denny whose marriages were dismal failure. He takes marriages as an Idyllic state where both have a harmonious relation. Suddenly his mind is full of hope when he thinks about Christine whom he loves and wants her as his life partner.

**Q 7.** Who was the old woman in the room and how was her reaction?

**Answer:** The old woman presented in the room was the mother-in-law of Joe Morgan. She was very excited and frightened as well to think about the prospects. She also wanted to see her baby beget a bay after twenty years of her marriage. But she was also very concerned about the health of her daughter and the baby. She told the doctor that Susan did not want him to give her any chloroform as it might harm the baby.

**Q 8.** What was the dilemma that Dr. Andrew Mansion was facing after the birth of the child? How did he come out of it?

**Answer:** Dr. Andrew Mansion was frightened to see that all his effort went for nothing as what he got was a still born baby. On the other hand, the mother had lost a lot of blood and her strength was ebbing fast. He was torn between his desire to save the mother or resurrect the baby first. Finally, he handed the child over to the nurse and turned to save the life of the mother first.

**Q 9.** How was the life of the newborn finally saved?

**Answer:** Immediately after reviving the mother, Dr. Andrew Mansion started his effort for the resurrection of the baby. He dipped the baby in hot and cold water one by one. Then he rubbed little pigmy chest with rough towel. For next few minutes, he kept crushing and releasing his chest with both hand until the baby gave a cry.

**Q 10.** "He had no premonition that the night call would prove unusual, still less that it would influence his whole Future in Blaenelly." Elaborate.

**Answer:** Dr. Andrew Mansion was a young doctor and dreamt for a successful career. He had no premonition that this call from Joe Morgan would change his life forever. He had saved two lives; first Susan who had lost a lot of blood after the deliver and then the

resurrection of the newborn baby. This success of him would help him establish himself as a prominent doctor.

**Q 11.** I have done something; oh god! I have done something real at last' why does Andrew say so?

**Answer:** 'The birth' is the story of a man's real struggle to help a woman for a safe delivery. The doctor Andrew Manson did a praiseworthy job. Susan, the wife of Joe Morgan, was at the final stage of her delivery. But she was so soft, pale and weak that made the case more complicated.

Andrew passed through series of emotions during the whole episode/instance. Susan had lost a lot of blood and her strength was ebbing fast. She was almost pulse less and unconscious. Andrew was divided between his desire to save the mother or resurrect the newborn baby first. He gives the baby to the nurse and turns all his attention to the mother who was laying listless and unconscious. He gives him a hypodermic syringe that works well to restore her lost strength. Then he turns to the baby. He shots orders to bring two bowls with hot and cold water in each. He dip the baby in them but of no use. Now he rubs the baby with a rough towel. He also crushes and releases the little pigmy chest of the baby with both hand until it gave a cry of resurrection. Finally the baby starts gasping and catches breath with his tiny nostrils.

**Q 12.** "you work for the happiness of other and you get satisfaction out of your job" elaborate in the story "The Birth.

**Answer:** The birth is a touching story that shows the struggle of a woman and the determination of a doctor who help her getting a baby. The story also gives a significant massage that if you work for the happiness of others, you get the real satisfaction out of your job. Susan was expecting a baby after twenty years of their marriage. Joe, Susan and the mother had high hopes to see the baby. They had waited for twenty long years to see this happy moment. Moreover, Susan was a middle aged and weak woman that made the case more complicated. There was no space of any mistake. Dr. Andrew Mention could see both, a fear and high expectation in mother's eyes who was standing against the wall. Unfortunately the baby was still born and the mother was in a dying state. but the doctor did not give up. He used all his experience and different methods to revive the mother and resurrect the baby. Finally he save the both and feels the satisfaction of doing a noble job.