**GOING PLACES**

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• Sophie’s Ambition and Unrealistic Dreams

– wants to start a boutique

– to earn money by becoming a manager, an actress or even a fashion designer

– she belongs to weak socio-economic background

– doesn’t have decent house.

• Her Friend Jansie

– simple and nosey

– wants Sophie to be happy and realistic

– can’t keep information or secrets to herself

• Sophie’s Dad

– is strong, sweaty and hardworking

– Loves to watch football matches

– Does not believe in Sophie’s imaginary stories.

• Sophie’s brother - Geoff

– is an apprentice mechanic

– speaks less

– Sophie trusts him and shares her secrets with him

• Sophie lives in a world of her own/her fantasizing

– Sophie is fond of hero worship and fantasizing

– Sophie’s hero is an Irish player Danny Casey

– Dreams of meeting him

– Is so much obsessed with meeting him

– Starts believing her imaginations as real

– Nobody believes her

– Feels disappointed

– She still believes that she has met him.

**Answer the following in 30-40 words each. (2 marks each)**

1. What does Sophie dream of doing after leaving school?

2. How are Jansie and Sophie poles apart though they are friends?

3. What does the description of Sophie’s home reveal about her family’s socio-economic status?

4. What work is Geoff engaged in? How does he differ from his sister Sophie?

5. Why did Sophie feel jealous of Geoff’s silence?

6. How did Sophie want to be a part of Geoff’s world?

7. Who is Danny Casey? How do Sophie’s brother and father react to her claim of meeting Danny Casey?

8. Do you think Sophie had actually met Danny Casey? Why? Why not?

9. What range of emotions did Sophie undergo as she waited for Danny Casey?

10. Who is responsible for Sophie’s tears? Why do you think so?

**Answer in about 125-150 words each. (10 marks each)**

1. “Going Places” is a story that borders on fantasy and reality. Discuss.

2. The meeting of Sophie with Danny Casey is a figment of her imagination. Do you agree? Why? Why not?

3. Do you think that Sophie is a representative of unguided adolescent? Discuss.