8.Going Places (Flamingo) by A.R.Barton

Study Material

Word Meaning

1.prodigy genius

2.chuffed happy

3.solitary all by itself

4. elm a tree in England

5.arcade a circular structure

6.amber glow reddish glow

7.wharf platform on river for loading or unloading ships

8.pangs of doubt doubtful; unsure

Sophie indulges in fantasies or day-dreams. She belongs to a low-middle-class family where several jobs are on in one cramped room.

She wishes to have a boutique---be manager of a boutique or be an actress.

Her friend Jansie reminds her that they are earmarked for the biscuit factory.

Her father, elder brother Geoff and Derek go every Saturday to witness the soccer matches.

About 50,000 people are there to see their champion Daney Casey play soccer winning, securing goal on goal.

Sophie dreams:

She dreams that she goes riding on the pillion seat of her brother Geoff’s motorbike dressed beautifully. When they alight or get off, there is thunderous clapping.

Her main dream is about Daney Casey. She imagines she meets hin near ‘Royce’s window’, a garment store, asks him for an autograph for her younger brother Derek, but there is no pen or paper.

She later, informs everyone she has a date with Daney Casey near the canal near the solitary Elm tree. She waits for Daney, but he does not come. Her teenage fantasising does not convince anyone.

She is disappointed in her mind.

Reasons for her fantasies:

Sophie misses a rich household and desires to live in a world of riches and glamour. Her dreams make her believe it is the reality.

People who disbelieve her:

Her father, elder brother Geoff, her friend Jansie all disbelieve her.

Geoff’s posters:

Geoff has posters of Danny Casey in his room. Sophie has seen these. She has seen his poster closely and can boast about his looks.