

(J) → (M&P) →

## Q4: A Shocking Accident Graham Greene.

I Short answers :-

- 1) Jerome's father was a writer.
- 2) (J)'s ~~friends~~ <sup>friends</sup> at public school found the death of his fthr funny.
- 3) (J) is worried that Sally would laugh at the news of his father's death.

II Long answers :-

- 1) When (J) hears of his fthr's accident from his house master, how does he imagine his fthr has died?
  - A) ... died due to gun shot in a police encounter.
  - B) How did (J)'s fthr die?
  - C) (J)'s fthr died when a big fell on him as he was walking along a street in Naples.
- 2) 'He shook a little with emotion' what 'emotion' do u think is Mr. Wordsworth shaking with?
  - A) (Mr) struggles to tell (J) about the death of his fthr as it was funny. (Mr) shake with laughter.

- 4) Y do u think that the story has been titled as A Shocking Accidental?
- A) ... bcz the accident which caused (T) kathy's death was due to a pig which fell on him. It is ironic bcz no one expected that a pig that fell from a third floor would keep a man.
- 5) what bothers (T) about his aunt?
- A) (T)'s aunt is a woman of a yet old age who has no sense of humor. (T) was worried that his aunt would narrate the story of his father's death to SALLY which would provoke laughter in her.
- 6) Do u think SALLY is an ideal companion for (T), y/n
- A) ... as she is the only 1 who sympathized with (T) on his father's death when he just narrated the events dramatically. Her reaction made (T) appreciate his fear forever.
- 7) what are the 2 reasons of his father's death that (T) narrates? & y does he do so?
- A) 1<sup>st</sup> version of narration (T) gently up to a violent, so that by time it was disclosed the listener was so well prepared that the death came really as an anti climax. The 1<sup>st</sup> version involved describing about peoples & how a neapolitan man looks like
- 8) Do u notice the black humour in this story?
- A) Blk humor is a form of humour that distinguishes human buffoonery like pain (loss). The laughter arises from skepticism. A 'shocking accident' has blk humor as it clearly ends death in a humorous way. In the story, (T)'s father gets killed in an accident b/c they seems to be funny to people. So he decides to hide the truth as his father's death.
- 9) Explain the symbolism of pig in the story
- A) In the story pig symbolized death of it caused the death of (T)'s father, it also symbolizes going to pain as (T) imagine a heroic death for his father but it turned out to be different. So the description of his father's death made him an object of ridicule. After

This accident (J) was known as Pig in sch.  
Also pig is also a symbol of Laziness.

10) Describe (J)'s inner conflicts about his father's death & his attempts to overcome them?

A) (J) felt that the circumstances of his father's death were comic only when he disclosed it to a friend & then he realized how it affected others. His aunt's dramatic description of events leading to the death of her brother made him miserable. (then answer of 7th a). Then later when his aunt disclosed the events she reacted in a different way sympathizing with (J). Her reaction made him ignore his fears forever.

11) Explain how the story conveys the idea that life is absurd?

A) The theme is illustrated by the absurd death of (J)'s father, who was walking down the streets of Naples when he was killed by a pig falling from a balcony. When (J) is given the news, he initially assumes that his father was shot in the heart. When Sally is given the news, she immediately assumes that the 'biggest accident' involves a car crash. Even though his view of the circumstances of his father's death does not change, he still develops as a character.