

## **CHAPTER- 22**

### **ON THE MOVE AGAIN**

#### **2 MARK QUESTIONS**

**1. Did all the farmers in Dhanu's village have their own land?**

**ANSWER:**

No, only some of the farmers in Dhanu's village have their own land.

**2. During what time of the year did Dhanu's family get work in the village? During what time did they not have work?**

**ANSWER:**

Dhanu's family gets work from before the rainy season till Dussehra. During the remaining six months, when there is no rain, they do not get work.

**3. Do you know of any families like Dhanu's, who have to leave their villages for months in search of work?**

**ANSWER:**

Yes, I know many of such families who have left their village for months in search of work.

**4. Dhanu's family and many others from the village go far away for work but some people stay back in the village. Why does this happen?**

**ANSWER:**

Some people need to stay in the village so that they can protect the house and cattle. They also need to take care of elderly people who prefer to stay back in the village.

**5. When Dhanu and other children leave the village for six months, what happens in the village school?**

**ANSWER:**

When Dhanu and other children leave the village for six months, the village school gets students from the families of big farmer's only.

**6. What arrangements are made at your home for old and unwell family members when everyone goes for work?**

**ANSWER:**

In my family everyone does not go for work and my mother takes care of old and unwell family members.

**7. What happens when you are not able to go to school for a long time?**

**ANSWER:**

When I am unable to go to school for a long time, I am unable to grasp the concepts which were already taught.

**8. Dhanu has to go with his village people to other places. Can there be some arrangements during that time so that Dhanu continues his studies? What kind?**

**ANSWER:**

Yes, Dhanu can get enrolled in a school in the new town. He can look for evening schools.

**9. Do you know of any jobs/work for which people have to stay away from their families for many months? Look for examples from this book and write.**

**ANSWER:**

Yes, due to job or work, people have to stay away from their families for many months. They include jobs in military force, people who work in the navy and people who do business. It also includes students who study in boarding schools.

## **5 MARK QUESTIONS**

**1. What are the similarities and differences in the lives of different kinds of farmers?**

**ANSWER:**

Similarities and differences in the lives of different kinds of farmers.

**Similarities**

1. Most farmers are fully dependent on farming for their livelihood
2. All family members are engaged in farming
3. Most of them are illiterate
4. They use old and primitive methods of farming

**Differences**

1. Some farmers have their own land
2. Some of the family members are engaged in farming
3. Some of them are literate
4. They use modern and new methods of farming

**2. If people in Dhanu's village did not leave the village in search of work, what difficulties would they face in their own village?**

**ANSWER:**

If people in Dhanu's village did not leave the village in search of work, they would face many difficulties. They would not be able to earn enough money to fulfil their basic needs like food, clothes and shelter. They would not be able to provide education for their children.

**3. Why does Mami wish that Dhanu should go to school for the whole year and study?**

**ANSWER:**

Mami wanted Dhanu to study well and get a good job so that he could work independently. Mami wished Dhanu to become a rich person and earn money and reputation from the society. Mami did not want Dhanu to suffer like other family members. Thus, Mami wished Dhanu should go to school.

**4. In Dhanu's village, there can be no farming when there is no rain. Do you think farming can be done even without rain water? How?**

**ANSWER:**

Yes, farming can also be done without rain water. Modern methods of irrigation technology can be used to provide required water for the crops. Canals, tanks and bores can be constructed to store water for irrigation.

**5. Do you know of any jobs/work for which people have to stay away from their families for many months? Look for examples from this book and write.**

**ANSWER:**

In the book, Dhanu's family and many others migrate to work in sugarcane fields for several months. This seasonal migration is a common example of jobs/work that require people to stay away from their families for an extended period.

**6. What are the similarities and differences in the lives of different kinds of farmers?**

**ANSWER:**

Similarities among different kinds of farmers may include dependence on agriculture, facing challenges related to weather and

crops. Differences can be seen in terms of land ownership, crops grown, and the nature of farming practices. For example, Damjibhai and Hasmukh may have distinct farming methods and challenges based on their specific circumstances.

## **FILL IN THE BLANKS**

1. Dhanu's family celebrates Dussehra, and since his father is the eldest, all the \_\_\_\_\_ are celebrated at their house.  
**(festivals)**
  
2. The women in Dhanu's family make Puran Poli, a sweet roti made from jaggery and gram, along with a spicy \_\_\_\_\_ dish.  
**(kadi)**
  
3. The mukadam, who is an agent for sugarcane factories, provides details of the \_\_\_\_\_ taken by each family in the village.  
**(loan)**
  
4. Dhanu's family works on the lands of big farmers till Dussehra, and during the remaining six months, they borrow money from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(mukadam)**
  
5. Dhanu and many children like him cannot go to school for six months when their families move to work in \_\_\_\_\_ fields.  
**(sugarcane)**
  
6. In the village, the old and ill people stay behind when families like Dhanu's leave for \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(work)**



7. The huts near the sugarcane fields are made of dry sugarcane and its \_\_\_\_\_ where Dhanu's family settles during their work season. **(leaves)**

8. Dhanu's father gets the sugarcane weighed at the factory and takes a receipt, which is a note to indicate how much \_\_\_\_\_ they have given. **(sugarcane)**

9. Dhanu's mami buys laddoos and some sweets for the children when they go to the nearby village market to buy \_\_\_\_\_ and oil. **(atta (flour))**

10. Mami wants Dhanu to study and become somebody, so she suggests leaving him with his \_\_\_\_\_ and chachi during the migration period. **(dadi)**

## **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

**1. What do Dhanu's relatives celebrate at his house?**

- a) Diwali
- b) Holi
- c) Dussehra
- d) Christmas

**Answer:** c) Dussehra

**2. What are puranpoli made from?**

- a) Wheat and spices
- b) Jaggery and gram
- c) Rice and lentils
- d) Barley and honey

**Answer:** b) Jaggery and gram

**3. Who is the mukadam in Dhanu's village?**

- a) Village head

- b) Priest
- c) Money lender
- d) Sugarcane factory agent

**Answer:** d) Sugarcane factory agent

**4. What do families like Dhanu's do during the rainy season when there is no farming?**

- a) Work in sugarcane fields
- b) Travel for leisure
- c) Start a small business
- d) Relax at home

**Answer:** a) Work in sugarcane fields

**5. During the migration period, where do the families settle near the sugarcane fields?**

- a) Brick houses
- b) Huts made of sugarcane and its leaves
- c) Apartments

d) Tents

**Answer:** b) Huts made of sugarcane and its leaves

**6. What does Dhanu's father do at the sugarcane factory?**

- a) Cooks sugarcane
- b) Cuts sugarcane
- c) Sells sugarcane
- d) Weighs sugarcane and takes a receipt

**Answer:** d) Weighs sugarcane and takes a receipt

**7. Where do Dhanu and his family go to buy atta and oil during their work season?**

- a) Supermarket
- b) Village market
- c) Online store
- d) Local bakery

**Answer:** b) Village market

**8. What does Mami buy for Dhanu in the village market?**

- a) Toys
- b) Books
- c) Laddoos and sweets
- d) Clothes

**Answer:** c) Laddoos and sweets

**9. Why does Mami want Dhanu to stay back in the village during the migration period?**

- a) To work in the fields
- b) To play with friends
- c) To continue his studies
- d) To learn a trade

**Answer:** c) To continue his studies

**10. What is Dhanu's grandmother referred to as in the story?**

- a) Dadi
- b) Nani
- c) Amma
- d) Chachi

**Answer:** a) Dadi

## **SUMMARY**

The story "On the Move Again" revolves around Dhanu's family and their annual migration from their village in search of work. The narrative begins with the festive celebration of Dussehra at Dhanu's house, where relatives gather, and traditional sweets are prepared. However, the joy is short-lived as preparations for migration begin in the evening. Dhanu's family, like many others in the village, relies on seasonal agricultural work and borrows money from the mukadam, an agent for sugarcane factories, to sustain themselves during the non-farming months.

The migration involves settling near sugarcane fields in huts made of sugarcane and its leaves. Dhanu's family works in the fields, cutting sugarcane, and the earnings are weighed at the factory. The mukadam keeps track of the loans and provides them with money for weekly expenses. During this period, Dhanu misses school, and his mami expresses a desire for him to stay back and continue his education.

The story sheds light on the challenges faced by families engaged in seasonal migration for livelihood, disrupting the education of children like Dhanu. It also highlights the importance of education and the aspirations of family members for a better future. The narrative prompts reflection on the impact of migration on children's education and the need for solutions to ensure continuous learning for these communities.