

Chapter 8

1. What did the physicians ask Saeeda's mother to do to get well? Did their advice help her? If not, why not?

Ans: In order to get well, physicians asked Saeeda's mother not to eat normal food and kept her under strict orders, to always remain in her small dingy room with doors and windows shut. In this way she would be deprived of sunshine and fresh air. No, the advice did not help. She became critical because she was not getting proper food, sunshine and fresh air which were essential for good health.

2. What did the specialist prescribe in addition to medicine?

Ans: The specialist prescribed a normal diet consisting of anything she wished to eat like chapati, vegetables, milk, fruits etc. In addition, he advised her to leave the dark hovel and occupy a bigger room with doors and windows open, to sit in the sun every morning from eight to nine because sunshine and fresh air are more important than medicine.

3. What did Saeeda tell the sunrays to do?

Ans: Saeeda addressed the last departing ray of the sun in her special language requesting her to come the next day with lots of warmth and brightness as her mother was ill and needed her help to get well soon.

4. Why were the sunrays keen to go down to the earth the next day?^

Ans: The sunrays were keen to go down to the earth the next day because they had given their word to Saeeda whose mother was ill and needed their help. If they stayed back the people of the earth would say that the heavens had turned liars.