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UNIT IV - PEOPLE
LESSON A
PULLING CHILDREN OUT OF NEPAL'S PRISON - I

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISES

1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

- a. **Why does Pushpa Basnet not need an alarm clock?**

Ans: Pushpa Basnet does not need an alarm clock because every morning the sounds of 40 children wake her up in the two-storey home she shares with them.

- b. **Why does Pushpa say that it is not fair for the children to live in prison?**

Ans: Pushpa says that it is not fair for the children to live in prison because they have not done anything wrong.

- c. **What did one baby girl do to Basnet when she visited a women's prison?**

Ans: When Basnet visited a women's prison, one baby girl grabbed her shawl and gave her a big smile.

- d. **What was the initial attitude of Pushpa's parents when she wanted to start a day care home for the children?**

Ans: When Pushpa wanted to start a day care home for the children, initially her parents were against the idea as she had no job or way to sustain it financially.

- e. **In Pushpa's Butterfly Home, what do the older children do?**

Ans: In Pushpa's Butterfly Home, the older children help in taking care of the younger ones.

- f. **When is Pushpa Basnet happy?**

Ans: Pushpa Basnet is happy when she is with the children who are pulled out of Nepal's prison.



2. Answer the following questions briefly:

- a. **How did Pushpa Basnet save the lives of the 40 children who lived in her children's home?**

Ans: The 40 children who lived in Basnet's children's home were brought from various prisons with the consent of the imprisoned parents there. When she heard about an imprisoned child, she would visit the prison even if it was in a remote area of Nepal and told the parents what she could provide. If the parents agreed she would bring the child to her home. Thus, she saved them by removing them from the prisons.

- b. **“My mission is to make sure no child grows up behind prison walls.”
How did Pushpa Basnet fulfil her mission?**

Ans: “My mission is to make sure no child grows up behind prison walls.”

Pushpa fulfilled her mission by taking children out even from remote prisons with the consent of the imprisoned parents. She also started a non-governmental organization and ran a day care programme for children under 6 and a residential home where mostly older children had the chance to live a normal life.

- c. **Why does Pushpa Basnet consider herself fortunate and what does she want to do of her life?**

Ans: According to Pushpa Basnet, she had a very fortunate life with a good education and she wanted to give it to somebody else.

- d. **Write how Pushpa Basnet furnished her new organization the Early Childhood development Centre.**

Ans: Pushpa Basnet got friends who donated money, with whose help she housed her organization **Early Childhood Development Centre** and she furnished it largely by convincing her parents that they needed a new refrigerator or kitchen table at their house. When her parents' replacement would arrive, she would then whisk the old one to her centre.

- e. **Why do the children call Pushpa ‘Mamu’?**

Ans: The atmosphere at the Butterfly Home is like that of an extremely large family, a feeling that is fostered by Basnet. She smothers them with love and they reciprocate by calling her ‘Mamu’ which means ‘Mommy’.

- f. **‘When Basnet hears about an imprisoned child.....’**

What does Pushpa do when she hears about an imprisoned child?

Ans: When Pushpa hears about an imprisoned child, she will visit the prison wherever it is and tell the imprisoned parents what she can provide to the child. If the parents agree, she brings the child with her to her centre.