



KITE VICTERS ONLINE CLASS SUPPORT MATERIAL

Class: 10

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Class : 32Topic: The Best Investment I
Ever Made -5

Review and Assignments based on Victers First Bell Online Class 32 on 12/11/2020, Thursday 11.30 am

Previous Assignments based on Victers Online Class on 10/11/2020

Dear students please check your assignments with these possible answers

ACTIVITY 1

Read paragraphs 10, 11, 12 and 13 and answer the following questions.

1. 'I was awakened by a loud banging on the door.' Who was banging on the door? Why?

Ans: The sergeant of police was banging on the door seeking his help to attend a young man who has committed suicide in a nearby lodging.

2. What did the doctor do to save the life of the young man?

Ans: The doctor continuously worked for one and a half hours. He, with the help of the sergeant began the work of resuscitation. At first it seemed a hopeless action. Finally with redoubled efforts the doctor was able to bring the youth back to life.

3. 'Utterly friendless, he had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets....' What does the author mean by this statement?

Ans: The young man was an orphan. He had no friends. He made bad companions and thereby ruined his life.

4. Why did the young man try to commit suicide?

Ans: The young man had taken a sum of money from the office for final gamble. But he failed in that attempt. For fear of prosecution he tried to commit suicide.

5. What could be the matter the young man whispered in Cronin's ear?

Ans: The young man whispered in Cronin's ear the incident of his committing suicide and how the doctor saved his life 25 years ago.

6. Why did the sergeant of police come to meet A. J. Cronin?

Ans: The sergeant of police came to tell him about a suicide case.

7. Where was the suicide attempt made?

Ans: In the lodging around the corner.

8. Where was Dr. Cronin practising?

Ans: Dr. Cronin was practising in a working class district in London.

9. What smell did Dr. Cronin get while mounting the staircase of the old building?

Ans: His nostrils were stung by the sick-sweet odour of illuminating gas.

10. When he regained his consciousness, what did he tell A J. Cronin?

Ans: He told them where he was working and what led him to commit suicide..

11. How did he lose all his money?

Ans: He began to bet on horses and thus lost all his small savings.

12. Where did he get the money for a final gambling?

Ans: He stole some money from his office safe.

ACTIVITY 2

When he regained his consciousness, he told Dr. Cronin his story. Here is a likely conversation between Dr. Cronin and Mr. John. Complete the conversation suitably.

Cronin	:	How foolish you are! Life is very precious. What made you think of such an attempt.
Mr. John	:	You don't know how unlucky I am. I lost my parents when I was young.
Cronin	:	Who helped you then?
Mr. John	:	My uncle helped me find a position in a lawyer's office.
Cronin	:	That was a good job. Then why did you try to commit suicide?
Mr. John	:	Sir, you should listen to my story. I was alone and didn't have friends. I fell victim to the loose society of the streets. I made bad companions.

Cronin : It was quite unfortunate. What happened then?
 Mr. John : I was eager to taste the pleasures far beyond my means. I began to bet on horses. Soon I lost all my savings
 Cronin : Quite natural. What did you do?
 Mr. John : I made an effort to recoup. I took some money from the office safe for a final gamble. I was sure to win.
 Cronin : Did you win?
 Mr. John : No, I failed again. I was terrified of the prosecution. I sank in despair. So I shut myself in my room and turned on the gas.
 Cronin : How senseless.

ACTIVITY 3

Imagine that you are the young man. Narrate the story in your own words.

I was an orphan. My parents were dead when I was young. One of my uncles had found me a job as clerk in a London solicitor's office. I came to this city only six months ago. I have no friends. So I had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets, and made bad companions and like a young fool, eager to taste pleasure far beyond my means, I started to bet on horses. Soon I lost all my small savings. I had pledged my belongings and owed the book-maker a disastrous amount. In an effort to recoup recoup the money, I took a sum of money from the office safe for a final gamble. I was sure to win, was certain to win. But even this this last resort too had failed. I was afraid of the prosecution that must follow and the punishment. I am madly sick at heart, I am sunk in despair, so I decided to kill myself and himself in his room and turned on the gas.

Review and Assignments based on Victers Online Class on 12/11/2020

Dear students,

Did you watch the English class today? (12/11//2020). If not, **Click on the image** to watch the video. After watching the video try the following assignments. Hope the following explanation will help you to have a feedback of today's class. The class dealt with paragraphs 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the anecdote 'The Best Investment I Ever Made by A. J. Cronin. Comprehension questions, Paragraph and diary entry were the assignments



The Best Investment I Ever Made

'The Best Investment I Ever Made' by A.J Cronin is an anecdote which tells us how the author's act of kindness transformed a man's life. An act of kindness can change one's life. It blesses both the giver and the recipient. It can throw out roots of love and virtues in all directions. The roots may spring up and new trees may grow. We become human beings only when we help others without expectation. The seeds of kindness can grow into many folds later.

Glossary (Refer to the glossary while reading the text. It will help you comprehend the passage well)

- concluded - come to an end (അവസാനിപ്പിച്ചു)
- halting - bring or come to an abrupt stop (നിർത്തി നിർത്തിയുള്ള, തുടവിട്ടുള്ള)
- confession - a formal statement admitting that one is guilty of a crime (കമ്പസാരം, ഏറ്റുപറച്ചിൽ)
- gruffly - in a rough and unfriendly manner (പരുഷമായി)
- paltry - very small (തുച്ഛമായ)

- thrown away - destroy (നശിപ്പിക്കുക)
- pause - a short stop (നിർത്തുക)
- witness - a person who sees an event, typically a crime or accident, take place (സാക്ഷി)
- tragedy - an event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress (ദുരന്തം)
- fresh start - new life (പുതു ജീവിതം)
- resolved - decided (തീരുമാനിച്ചുകൊള്ളുക)
- board - live and receive regular meals in a house in return for payment or services (താല്ക്കാലിക താമസവും ഭക്ഷണവും ലഭിക്കുക)
- contribution - a gift or payment to a common fund or collection (സംഭാവന)
- tender - sensitive to pain (ലോലമായ)
- gesture - an action performed to convey a feeling or intention (ആശ്യാം)
- reflect - think over (ഓർത്തെടുക്കുക)
- dividends - a payment divided among a number of people (ലാഭ വിഹിതം)
- worldly - of or concerned with material values (ലൗകികമായ)
- turned out - prove to be the case (വ്യക്തമായി വന്നു)
- immensely - to a great extent; extremely (വളരെ)
- profitable - beneficial; useful (ലാഭകരമായ)
- speculations - investment in stocks, property, etc. in the hope of making profit (ഊഹകച്ചവടം)
- producing - cause to happen (ഉളവാക്കുക)
- anxiety - a feeling of worry, nervousness (ജിജ്ഞാസ)
- disappointment - sadness or displeasure caused by the non-fulfilment of one's hopes or expectations. (നിരാശ)
- frustration - the feeling of being upset or annoyed (മോഹഭംഗം)

ACTIVITY 1

Read paragraphs 14 – 17 of the anecdote and answer the following question

[A long bar of silenceproducing only anxiety, disappointment and frustration.]

1. Who were the witnesses of the tragedy?
2. How much had he stolen from the office safe?
3. Pick out a word from the passage which means ‘in a rough and unfriendly manner.’
4. What did the narrator, landlady and sergeant decide?
5. How did the sergeant of police help him?
6. What did the landlady offer him?
7. What was the doctor’s contribution?
8. Why does the author say that it was the best investment he had ever made?
9. The sergeant, the land lady and the narrator helped the young man.

Complete the following table.

Persons who helped John	How they helped	The risks involved
Sergeant		
Landlady		
The Narrator		Loss of seven pounds and ten shillings

ACTIVITY 2

10. Write a paragraph about the appropriateness of the title.

[The following questions will help you to write the paragraph]

- What does the word investment mean?
- How much was the narrators investment?
- What could he gain with this investment?
- How did it become an investment?
- What according to A. J. Cronin is the best investment he made? Why?

Consolidate all these points and write a paragraph about how the title of the story is appropriate

ACTIVITY 3

Suppose the doctor writes a diary entry on the day he saved the life of Mr. John. What may be the diary entry like? Attempt the likely diary entry.

Features of Diary Entry

- Write the day and date. [e.g. Wednesday, 23 August 2020]
(ദിവസം, തീയതി, വർഷം എന്നിവ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുക)
- Opening sentence of the diary should be a phrase describing the impact of the day on the writer.
(ദിവസം, തീയതി, വർഷം എന്നിവ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുക)

You may use the following

- * What a memorable day!
- * What a terrible experience!
- * Today id the happiest day in my life!

- Use first person narrative. The first person pronouns are used [I, my, mine, we, our, ours]
(പ്രഥമ പുരുഷ സർവ്വനാമങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കുക)
- Language should be simple and emotive. [e.g. wonderful, memorable, unbelievable]
(വൈകാരികത ഉള്ളൂന്ന വാക്കുകൾ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുക)
- Use Exclamatory sentences to express strong feelings.
(ആശ്ചര്യത്തെ പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ എക്സക്ലമേറ്ററി സെന്റൻസ് ഉപയോഗിക്കുക)

See a sample diary written by Mr. John after meeting the narrator for the second time.

Sunday, 5th June, 2020

What a memorable day! It was by sheer luck that I met the doctor who gave my life back 25 years ago. Thank god...Oh! I was on the verge of death. A real god appeared before me in human form, for the second time. He couldn't recognise me. His presence gave me immense pleasure which I am unable to express through words. I revealed my identity in front of him. He was spell bound.... He was the one who wished to see me successful in life. If I could attain anything in life, it's because of the great man. I feel very much excited.

Dear students, do these Assignments and send it
Thank You & Stay Home, Stay Safe
