

CLASS – 8TH

SUB – ENGLISH

CHAPTER NAME -THE NEVER NEVER NEST

Write the answer of the questions given in your book exercises:

B. 1. What made Aunt Jane worry about her gift cheque?

Aunt Jane had given a cheque for 200 Pounds as a wedding gift to Jack and Jill. But when she came to their house, she saw that they had a pretty lounge with fine furniture, a piano and a car. This made Aunt Jane think that she must have mistakenly written 2000 pounds instead of 200 in the cheque and that is why they could buy all these luxury items. This thought worried her.

2. What arguments did Jack give in support of purchasing a house on instalments?

Jack gave the argument saying that it was uneconomic to go on paying rent year after year, when one can buy and enjoy a home of one's own for a minimum of cash down and a few quarterly payments as instalments. He also quoted saying why should one be Mr. Tenant when one can be Mr. Owner.

3. Why did Aunt Jane refuse to sit on the furniture?

Aunt Jane refused to sit on the furniture because it belonged to Mr. Sage, from whom they had bought it on instalments. Since only a part of the sofa belonged to Jack and Jill and the rest belonged to Mr. Sage, Aunt showed her disapproval of their way of living their life.

4. How did Jack and Jill plan to pay their instalments when they exceeded their income?

They planned to borrow the rest of the money for the payments of their instalments if it exceeded their income from the Thrift and Providence Corporation.

5. Why was Aunt Jane reluctant to travel in Jack's car?

Aunt Jane hesitated to travel in Jack's car because he owned only some parts of the car. The other parts belonged to the man who sold it to him on instalments. Her hesitation reflected her disapproval of their way of thinking and living their lives.

6. Aunt Jane gave jill a cheque as she was leaving What did Aunt Jane want them to do with the cheque?

Aunt Jane gave Jill a cheque as she was leaving because she wanted them to make at least one thing in their house their own by paying for it fully.

7. Why did Jill send the cheque to Di Martin?

Jill sent the cheque to Dr Martin because she wanted to make the final payment of the hospital bill and make the baby their own. This way she tried to fulfil the desire of Aunt Jane who wanted them to use the cheque to make 'something' in their house their own.

8. In what way does Jack represent the modern consumerist society?

The modern consumerist society believes in living a comfortable life on their own terms and conditions, on their own whims and fancies. They try to live a life of comfort today without bothering about tomorrow. Jack clearly represents this society when he buys all the luxuries of life on instalments.

C2. What did the King do with the doctors who could not diagnose his illness?

Actually, it is the story of every household in the contemporary world. Instead of creating heroes, it is important to help everyone relate to it in today's time. With this intent, I think the author has chosen common names like Jane, Jack and Jill for his characters.

3. But he pensively rubbed his sagacious nose Why was the doctor pensive as he gave his diagnosis?

Aunt Jane lived her life cautiously and believed that one must live frugally and within one's means. Therefore, one must set healthy boundaries in real life according to what one has currently whereas Jack and Jill lived only for the present without bothering about the loans they were incurring. They believed that the future would take care of itself. They were driven by sensory pleasures and wanted to buy material things for their comfort and personal satisfaction. On the contrary, Aunt Jane had a say over her senses and a firm attitude to live her life on her own principles and not just following the herd mentality.