



Chapter Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers

Directions:- Read and Write the following Chapter Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers in about 30-40 words each.

Q.1. Who was Andrew? Who had come to meet him and why?

Ans. Andrew was a young doctor who had just started his practice in the Welsh mining town of Blaenelly. Joe Morgan, a driller, had come to meet him. He wanted the doctor to help his wife, Susan, to deliver their child.

Q.2. How did the doctor feel when he accompanied Joe to his house?

Ans. While accompanying Joe to his house, the doctor felt dull and listless. He had no idea that this particular night was going to be momentous for him.

Q.3. Why didn't Joe go inside his house with the doctor?

Ans. Joe was a man under great stress. His wife was expecting a baby after nearly twenty years of marriage and he was worried. He had full faith in the doctor's ability, but he could not watch his wife suffering from the pains of labour.

Q.4. Why did Mrs Morgan's mother offer to make a cup of tea for the doctor?

Ans. The mother was an old experienced lady of nearly 70 years. She was afraid that the doctor might not wait and make an excuse to leave the case, saying he would come later. For him to stay, she made tea for him.

Q.5. What was Dr Manson preoccupied with while he waited? Which words tell us the state of his mind?

Ans. The expression 'His thoughts were heavy, muddled' tell us the confused state of his mind. He was thinking about the episode he had witnessed at Cardiff station and dismal failures of marriages of some of his friends for various reasons.

Q.6. How did Andrew look at the state of marriage? (Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers)

Ans. Andrew considered marriage as an idyllic state, a perfect state where you trusted your partner, who neither deceived you nor acted like a shrew. He didn't want marriages to end in separation or failure.

Q.7. What was Mrs Morgan's desire, according to her mother, about the birth of her child?

Ans. Susan Morgan did not want chloroform to be given to her as it might harm her unborn baby. She wanted to give birth to a very healthy child.

Q.8. Why was Andrew horrified when the child was born?

Ans. The child was born lifeless, and the mother was also in a desperate state. He was faced with the dilemma of choosing between saving the life of the child or his mother's first. He had promised a safe delivery, and now he had to save two people.

Q.9. What was his instinctive reaction to the situation Andrew was caught in?

Ans. Blindly and instinctively Andrew handed over the child to the nurse and turned his attention to Susan Morgan. He gave her an injection immediately, worked unsparingly to restore her pulse and make her heart start working again. He then turned his attention to the child.

Q.10. Where was the child? What was his condition? (Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers)

Ans. The nurse had put the child under the bed. It was a perfectly formed boy with a lifeless though warm, white body. The doctor guessed the condition was due to lack of oxygen in his blood, called asphyxia pallida.

Q.11. How did the doctor try to save the child? (Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers)

Ans. The doctor immersed the child alternately in basins of cold and hot water. Then he rubbed his body with a rough towel, pressing the chest with his hands till the child gave out a cry.

Q.12. Explain the doctor's mental condition as he walked back home.

Ans. Though he was physically exhausted, his mind felt elated with a sense of achievement. He had saved two lives and 'done something real at last.'

Q.13. Describe the scene at Joe's house when the doctor arrived there.

Ans. When the doctor reached Joe's house, the latter was walking impatiently at the entrance of his house and his wife was about to deliver their first child. Mrs Morgan's mother, a lady of nearly seventy, along with a stout midwife, was waiting beside Mrs Morgan's bed.

Q.14. Why did the doctor remember a case in Samaritan? How did it help him?

Ans. Seeing the white face of the supposedly stillborn child, he concluded it to be the case of lack of oxygen. He immediately remembered the similar case he had witnessed in Samaritan and the treatment that had been used. Using the treatment of immersing the child, first in hot and then in cold water, and rubbing the child's body with a rough towel, he was able to save him.

Q.15. 'His dilemma was so urgent that he did not solve it consciously.' Explain the statement in your own words.

Ans. Mrs Morgan had delivered a lifeless child and she herself was in a desperate state. For the doctor, the dilemma was so urgent that he instinctively handed over the child to the nurse and decided to save the mother first.

Q.16. Why had the nurse put the child under the bed? (Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers)

Ans. Thinking that the child was born still, the nurse had put the child under the bed, while Mrs Morgan was being revived by the doctor.

Q.17. 'Don't fret, mother, I'll not run away.' Who says this to whom and why?

Ans. These lines have been spoken by the doctor who had come to help Mrs Morgan deliver her first child after twenty years of marriage. The doctor says these words to Mrs Morgan's mother, who from her experience, could guess that there is time for the delivery and offers to make tea for the doctor. She is afraid that doctor would leave saying that he would come later.

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Q.1. 'Birth' celebrates the miracle of life shining through clouds of death. Explain.

Ans. 'Birth' is a story of a young doctor bringing a newborn child back to life. The main theme is the birth of a baby and its consequences for all those connected with it. The Morgans had been married for twenty years and were expecting their first child. The child's birth was of great significance for them.

Both mother and father were filled with apprehension and expected the doctor to help Mrs Morgan in having a safe delivery. For the doctor, the birth of the baby became a challenge and an ordeal. At the time of birth, the baby was lifeless and the mother critical.

The doctor first saved the mother and then struggled for half an hour to resuscitate the child. His quick diagnosis of the child's condition and his frantic efforts, resulted in miracle and the child survived. The doctor felt immense satisfaction of having done something real by saving the life of the mother and her child. The story celebrates birth and survival.

Q.2. Dr Andrew had almost lost his belief in marriage. He thought marriages were dismal failures. Why did he think so?

Ans. Dr Andrew became sceptical about marriages due to what he had seen happening to couples around him. The episode he had seen at Cardiff station depressed him and it still obsessed him. He thought of Bramwell who foolishly loved a woman who betrayed him.

Edward Page was married and stuck with a shrewish wife, Blodwen. Denny was another man living unhappily, separated from his wife. All the above marriages of men he knew were dismal failures. It made Andrew very unhappy as he was in love with Christine and wanted a peaceful, idyllic married life. He could not think of conflict with Christine. His loving heart and his doubting cynical mind were in conflict, leaving him confused and bitter.

Q.3. How do Joe Morgan, the old lady and the midwife show their concern for the birth of the baby in different ways?

Ans. Joe Morgan's wife, Susan Morgan, was going to give birth to their first child after about twenty years of their marriage. Everyone close to the family was deeply concerned about the delivery. Joe Morgan was pacing in the street and refused to go inside the room as he could not see his wife in pain.

Mrs Morgan's mother, a seventy-year-old lady, was standing against the wall in the room where the doctor was treating her daughter. Her lips were moving continuously in prayers. Elderly midwife waited beside the patient, observing doctor's expressions as he moved about the room. They were all very anxious about the childbirth.

Q.4. Miracles do happen. Explain the miracle that happened in the doctor's life.

Ans. In the story, 'Birth', Dr Andrew experienced a miracle in his life. Miracles do happen, but Dr Andrew had not anticipated that it could happen to him. At that time he was just a graduate and visited Morgans to help Mrs Morgan deliver their first child after about twenty years of marriage. The birth of the child became a challenge and an ordeal to the doctor because the child was stillborn and the mother, critical.

He was in a dilemma about whom to save first. Instinctively he gave the child to the nurse and worked non-stop to save the mother. After her pulse was restored and her heart started working, the doctor turned his attention to the child whom the nurse had put under the bed, thinking it to be dead.

He examined the child, diagnosed the problem and immersed the child first in hot and then in cold water, then rubbed his body with a rough towel. Miraculously, the child gave a cry. Though the doctor was physically exhausted, yet he felt elated as he had saved two lives and he considered it a miracle.

Q.5. Give a character sketch of Doctor Andrew Manson. (*Birth Class 11 Extra Questions And Answers*)

Ans. Andrew Manson was a young doctor who had just started practice, after completing his graduation, in the Welsh mining town of Blaenelly. Dr Andrew did not believe in marriage as most of the people, known to him, had unsuccessful marriages. He was greatly distressed because he was a man of words and in love with Christine.

He wanted to lead a successful married life. Dr Andrew, although a fresher in his trade, was a hardworking and a knowledgeable doctor. Even in a dull and listless mental state, he could save two lives - the baby assumed to be stillborn and the mother who was critical. In the most challenging situation, he did not lose his patience and was able to save both the mother and the child.

For him 'work is worship,' and after saving two lives, he felt great satisfaction for having done something real in his life. It filled him with a great sense of achievement making something impossible possible. All this could be done due to his never say die-hard spirit and his belief in perseverance.

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