

**Clearing in the Sky**

**Q 1: Why didn't the old man follow the advice of the doctors?**

Ans: He did so because he had a strong will power and wanted to raise his five children.

**Q 2: What had the doctors told the old man?**

Ans: Doctors had told him that he had left few days to live, he should live that time with his family.

**Q 3: Where did the old man take his son?**

Ans: The old man took his son to the top of the mountain where he had cleared a piece of soil and grown some vegetables there.

**Q 4: Had the son ever been there before?**

Ans: Yes, with the exception of last three years the son had been there many times.

**Q 5: What were the names of the vegetables the old man grew on his farm?**

Ans: The old man grew potatoes, yams and tomatoes.

**Q 6: Why did the old man take steep path?**

Ans: The old man took steep path to show his son that he was healthy and physically fit.

**Q 7: Why did the son at the age of six cry?**

Ans: The son cried because he had lost his wooden plough that his father made for him.

**Q 8: What were the feelings of the old man at the age of seventy?**

Ans: At the age of seventy, he was happy that he had lived the years the Good Book allows man to live on earth. He thought that he had cheated death many times.

**Q 9: Why had the old man planted his secret garden?**

Ans: He had planted his secret garden to test his health and to taste the vegetables grown in that new land.

| Words         | Meanings      | Words      | Meanings      |
|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| will power    | قوت ارادی     | raise      | اٹھانا        |
| left          | بائیں         | grew       | بڑھا          |
| few           | چند           | farm       | فارم          |
| top           | سب سے اوپر    | potatoes   | آلو           |
| mountain      | پہاڑ          | yams       | اروی، کچالو   |
| cleared       | صاف کیا       | tomatoes   | ٹماٹر         |
| piece of soil | مٹی کا ٹکڑا   | steep path | کھڑا راستہ    |
| grown         | بڑھا ہوا      | physically | جسمانی طور پر |
| vegetables    | سبزیاں        | fit        | فٹ            |
| ever          | کبھی          | cry        | رونا          |
| exception     | رعایت         | lost       | کھودیا        |
| feelings      | احساسات       | wooden     | لکڑی کا       |
| allows        | اجازت دیتا ہے | plough     | ہل            |
| cheated       | دھوکہ دیا     | secret     | خفیہ          |
| garden        | باغ           | taste      | ذائقہ         |