Lesson 6

The Reward (Lord Dunsany)

Q.1: What was the subject discussed at the club?

Ans. The subject discussed at the club was whether opportunity or determination was needed for success.

Q.2: What did Terbut think of Jorkens' argument?

Ans. Terbut disagreed with Jorkens'. He was of the opinion that opportunity was needed for success.

Q.3: How did Jorkens convince that a man can become a skating champion of the Sahara?

Ans. Jorkens said that he would make money. He would build a skating-rink in the Sahara and organize a competition there. He would be skating champion all right if he really gave all his time to it.

Q.4: How did Gorgios persuade his people to make his country strong?

Ans. Gorgios persuaded his people to make his country strong by creating a post of court acrobat. He told the people how the position of court acrobat will increase the glory of their country and its ancient throne. It will strengthen and enable their soldiers finally to win the just rights of the nation in victorious battle against their accursed neighbours.

Q.5: What was the viewpoint of the parents of Gorgios?

Ans. The parents of Gorgios were of the view that both opportunity and determination were needed to succeed in life.

Q.6: What were the arrangements made for the function of inauguration?

Ans. The great throne room had been turned into a kind of gymnasium, with the members of the Royal House seated along a raised platform at one end, and the principal officers standing beside and behind them. Great curtains of red and gold were hung along the walls, and the high swings of acrobats hung down with gilded ropes from the ceiling, and a row of neat hurdles was arranged on the polished floor.

Q. 7: Describe the scene of inauguration. Write five sentences.

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Q.8: What were the feelings of Gorgios on the occasion?

Ans. Gorgios was feeling sad and accomplished at the same time. He was sad because of his continuous struggle. He looked towards the royal platform with a slightly sad expression on his face. He achieved his aim but had lost his age.

Q. 9: Did Gorgios use any shortcut to achieve his ambition?

Ans. No, Gorgios did not use any shortcut to achieve his ambition.

Q.10: How long had Gorgios to stick to get his ambition achieved?

Ans. Gorgios had to stick for more than sixty years to get his ambition achieved.

Q.11: What is the lesson that the story teaches?

Ans. The story teaches us that perseverance and determination lead us to success. One who keeps on wins the race.

Q. 12: How did Gorgios achieve his ambition?

Ans: Gorgios was a determined person. He achieved his ambition by sticking to it and by going into politics.

Q. 13: How did Gorgios become the court acrobat?

Ans: Gorgios became the court acrobat by sticking to his ambition and going into politics. He made speeches and told the people how the position of court acrobat will increase the glory of their country and its ancient throne. It will strengthen and enable their soldiers finally to win the just rights of the nation in victorious battle against their accursed neighbours.