



## LESSON 13

### A RELENTLESS KILLER – DISEASE

#### SOLUTIONS:

#### Comprehension

##### 1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

i. From whom had Jamuna contracted HIV?

**Ans:** Jamuna had contracted HIV from her husband, Gopal.

ii. What did Gopal's best friends do to him one day?

**Ans:** Gopal's best friends charged him with dishonesty.

iii. Why could Gopal pay no attention to his lessons?

**Ans:** Gopal could not pay attention to his lessons because he was anxious to meet his friends at the end of the school and go to the wood to inject heroin.

iv. Whom did Gopal's parents blame for the change in his character?

**Ans:** Gopal's parents blamed his adolescence for the change in his character.

v. Did Gopal love his love?

**Ans:** Yes, Gopal loved his wife.

vi. What is life full of?

**Ans:** Life is full of pitfalls that will swallow us up in an abyss of pain and misery.

##### 2. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each:

i. What kind of boy was Gopal before he became an addict?

**Ans:** Gopal was a very smart, gentle, well-mannered, intelligent and studious boy before he became an addict. He was popular among his teachers and friends.

ii. Why was Gopal upset one day?

**Ans:** Gopal was upset one day because at school, one of Gopal's best friends, who was actually jealous of him, charged him with dishonesty.

**iii.** Why could Gopal not keep himself away from heroin?

**Ans:** Gopal could not keep himself away from heroin because the drug got hold of his life and he became a hard-core heroin addict.

**iv.** In what way did Gopal's character change after he became an addict?

**Ans:** After Gopal became an addict, he avoided his former friends and kept company with a new set of friends. He began to steal money from his parents and often quarreled with his mother for money.

**v.** What did Gopal's parents do to cure their son?

**Ans:** Gopal's parents did all to get their beloved son cured of his habit. They put him in rehabilitation centre several times, but every time Gopal came out, he relapsed to his old deadly habits.

**Vi** How is heroin addiction a curse for humanity?

**Ans:** Heroin addiction is a curse for the humanity. Those who are addicted with heroin not only harmed themselves, they bring untold pain to their near and dear ones.

**vii.** How should we look on life?

**Ans:** We should know that life is beautiful and glorious. We should live and celebrate the joy of living and struggle to attain the highest glory in life.

**viii.** Why should young men be careful?

**Ans:** Young men should be careful because life is full of pitfalls and they should guard themselves against these pitfalls.

**3. Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words each:**

**i.** Write how Gopal injected himself with heroin one day.

**Ans:** Gopal's best friends charged with him dishonesty. He felt very upset and couldn't be cheerful for several days. One day after the school, three of his classmates approached him and told that they had medicines to make him forget his sadness and make him happy again. Gopal fell for it. They all went to the woods and there Gopal injected with heroin for the first time.

**ii.** In what way did Gopal become a different boy from what he formerly was?

**Ans:** Gopal was a smart, gentle, well-mannered, intelligent and studious boy before he became an addict. He was popular among his friends and teacher. But after he became an addict, he avoided his former friends and kept company with a new set of friends. He began to steal from his parents and often quarreled with his mother for money.

**iii.** How was Jamuna's life affected by Gopal?

**Ans:** Before marriage, Jamuna knew that Gopal was an addict but she thought she would be able to bring him in the right path in course of time. Gopal could not let go of his old habit even after marriage. After the birth of the second son, Gopal was sick and after examination it was found that he had AIDS. Jamuna and his two were suffering from this deadly disease. Thus, she had a terrible fate because of Gopal's addiction.

**iv.** Describe the beauty as well as the pitfalls of life.

**Ans:** Life is beautiful and glorious. We should live and celebrate the joy of living and struggle to attain the highest glory in life. On the other hand, life is full of pitfalls that will swallow us up in an abyss of pain and misery. So, we should guard ourselves against these pitfalls

**4. Match the groups of words in A with those in B to make complete sentences :**

A	B
i. Gopal's parents silently suffered	but he found it was not easy to do so.
ii. Some wicked friends	but that did not make life
iii. Gopal tried to give up the addiction	the pain of losing their son eldest.
iv. Gopal had a government job	drugs are indeed unfortunate.
v. People who fall victim to	tricked Gopal into tasting heroin



## Vocabulary

### 5. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box:

Temptation	celebrate	Addiction
Miserable	adolescence	irresistible

- i. We should always be on guard against drug .....addiction.
- ii. Drugs like heroin makes life miserable..... .
- iii. Guard yourself against the temptation..... of tasting drugs.
- iv. Gopal tried hard to keep away from the drug, but its pull was ...irresistible.....
- v. Adolescence is a period when young men should guard themselves against going the wrong way.
- vi. We all should celebrate... the joy of living.

### 6. The words in the boxes have similar meanings (synonyms) with the words listed below. Match them:

Able	alone	ask	Fetch
Error	harmless	mutual	Rely

Enquire	.....ask.....	capable	.....able.....
Depend	.....rely.....	common	.....mutual.....
Bring	.....fetch.....	solitary	.....alone.....
Innocent	.....harmless.....	mistake	.....error.....

## Language Work

### 7. Look at the following sentence:

The next day after school Gopal could not resist the temptation of meeting the three friends and sharing the needles with them.

The underlined words 'meeting' and 'sharing' are the present participle

forms of the verbs 'meet' and 'share', but here they are used as nouns. Such nouns are called *Gerunds* sometimes they are also called *Verbal Nouns* because they are verbs that behave like nouns.

**Learn that: –**

A *gerund* can be the *subject of a verb* in a sentence.

Example: *Swimming* is a good exercise.

A *gerund* can be the *object of a verb* in a sentence.

Example: I love *dancing*.

A *gerund* can be the object of a preposition in a sentence.

Example: I am tired of *eating* the same food daily.

Now, fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the gerund forms of the verbs given in the box:

bother	smoke	spend	See
Buy	run	answer	

**Ans:**

- i.        *Seeing* ..... is believing.
- ii.       I enjoy *running*... in the open.
- iii.       We do not like your *smoking*.. in the hall.
- iv.       I have thought of *buying*..... a second-hand car.
- v.        He is annoyed of *answering*... the phones again and again.
- vi.       I am busy, please stop *bothering*.. me.
- vii.       We cannot approve of your *spending*. so much of money.



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