

English

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Lesson 3: WHY BOYS FAIL IN COLLEGE

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❖ Exercise Short questions:

1. According to the author there are some boys who fail because they do not try. Who are they? Can we help them?

Ans: They are boys who either lack interest or do not make effort despite having ability. Only the boy himself can overcome this, but teachers and parents can guide and encourage him.

2. How does mistaken ambition on the part of boys and their parents lead to the failure of the boys?

Ans: Boys may follow careers chosen by parents against their interests, which makes them unwilling to work hard, leading to failure.

4. There are some boys who have done well at school but fail to make their mark at college. Who are they? Do you have such boys in college in your country?

Ans: These are bright boys who relied on natural ability at school but never learned real application. Yes, similar cases exist where students fail to adapt to harder college work.

5. How does financial pressure lead to the failure of students described in the lesson? Do you have similar cases in your country?

Ans: Students working long hours to earn money get exhausted and cannot focus on studies, leading to failure. Yes, in many countries, some students face similar financial difficulties.

6. To what extent does the question of health lead to failure at college? How far can the college authorities with their medical officers help students in such cases?

Ans: Poor physical or mental health can prevent students from studying effectively. College doctors can diagnose problems and recommend treatment to help students improve.

7. What place would you accord to sportsmen in colleges?

Ans: Sports and athletics have their place but should not distract students from their main academic responsibilities.

8. There are some students who join college for the fun of it. Should they be allowed to stay?

Ans: They may be allowed to stay temporarily, but if they show no serious interest, it is better for them to leave and learn life lessons outside college.

❖ Important Short Questions:

1. Who are the two main classes of boys who fail in college?

Ans: Those who try but fail, and those who do not try at all.

2. Why do some boys find it difficult to concentrate on their studies?

Ans: Because of nervous habits and inability to sit calmly and focus on tasks.

3. What is an example of a nervous habit that wastes study time?

Ans: Sharpening pencils repeatedly before starting work.

4. Can anyone besides the boy himself eradicate his fidgety habits?

Ans: No, only the boy himself can overcome such habits.

5. How can a boy cultivate poise and calm while studying?

Ans: By practicing self-discipline and controlling fidgety behavior.

6. What is a common cause of failure related to parents' expectations?

Ans: Parents forcing boys to pursue careers that do not match their interests.

7. Why do some boys follow directions set by their parents against their own interests?

Ans: They want to please their parents or feel pressured to follow their chosen path.

8. Give an example of a career a boy might prefer over what his parents want.

Ans: A boy may prefer to be a theatrical manager, businessman, or illustrator instead of a doctor or engineer.

9. Can reason always control a boy's choice of career?

Ans: No, personal interests often outweigh reason.

10. What happens if a boy does not like the work assigned to him in college?

Ans: He may not try seriously and could fail.

11. Who ultimately decides in cases of conflicting ambitions between boy and parents?

Ans: The boy usually wins if he is determined to follow his own interests.

12. Why is a bright boy who has never worked hard at school prone to failure in college?

Ans: Because he relies on natural ability and has never learned real application or hard work.

13. How can a bright boy who relies only on natural ability overcome failure?

Ans: By changing his attitude and developing new disciplined study habits.

14. What role does attitude play in academic success?

Ans: A positive and disciplined attitude helps students focus, work hard, and achieve success.

15. How does physical and mental health affect a student's college performance?

Ans: Poor health reduces concentration, energy, and ability to perform academically.

16. Why is a thorough physical examination important for students with poor academic work?

Ans: It can identify health problems that are causing academic difficulties.

17. Name some health issues that can be diagnosed to explain academic difficulties.

Ans: Tuberculosis, bad tonsils, sleeping sickness, poor digestion, and mental or nervous problems.

18. Can poor health prevent a student from applying his knowledge effectively?

Ans: Yes, without physical vigor, knowledge alone is of limited value.

19. Why is financial pressure a serious problem for ambitious college boys?

Ans: It forces them to work long hours, affecting health and study time.

20. How can parents help reduce the financial burden on their children?

Ans: By providing reasonable financial support for college expenses.

21. What are the dangers of students working long hours while studying?

Ans: Poor living conditions, inadequate sleep, reduced study time, and health problems.

22. How do scholarship funds help students at risk of failure due to money problems?

Ans: They provide financial support, allowing students to focus on studies without overworking.

23. What effect do athletic and literary activities have on college students?

Ans: They are engaging and enjoyable but can distract from serious academic work.

24. What is a “lazy bluffer” and how does he usually fare in college?

Ans: A student with no real interest or effort; he usually drifts through college and may fail.

25. How is the role of a college dean compared to that of a physician?

Ans: The dean diagnoses problems in students’ academic and personal lives and helps them improve, similar to how a physician diagnoses and treats illness.

Note:

This chapter is designed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge, with the goal of deepening understanding and encouraging further exploration of the subject. The content has been carefully selected to support effective learning and inspire students to engage with the topic more deeply.

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