

Patol Babu, Film Star Previous Year Questions

(with model answers)

Q1. Read the following excerpts and answer the questions briefly.

‘Counting your chickens again before they’re hatched, are you? No wonder you could never make a go of it.’

‘But it’s the real thing this time! Go and make me a cup of tea, will you? And remind me to take some ginger juice tonight. It’s very good for the throat.’ **[CBSE 2024]**

(i) Identify the phrase that gives an impression that the speaker does not have any faith in Patol Babu.

Ans. The phrase is “No wonder you could never make a go of it.”

(ii) How does Patol Babu try to convince his wife?

Ans. He convinces her by saying that that time it was the real thing.

(iii) What does the phrase ‘counting your chickens again before they’re hatched’ mean?

Ans. It means to rely on something before being sure of it.

(iv) Why was Patol Babu not successful, according to his wife?

Ans. He took things for granted without being sure of them.

Q2. In the lesson ‘Patol Babu, Film Star’, what kind of values are being upheld by Patol Babu? Quote instances to show his sincerity and dedication. [CBSE 2020]

Ans. In the lesson ‘Patol Babu, Film Star’, the values that are being upheld by Patol Babu are that one should not underestimate their job and should give full efforts and finish it with dedication, commitment, meticulousness and the satisfaction of completing the work with utmost honesty is not compatible with anything even money. One should make the most of the opportunity. Earlier Patol Babu thought that he was given a very small dialogue. Later on, he recalled his Guru Gogon Pakrashi’s words and was ready to perform without any hesitation. He involved himself in the part and practiced so hard to deliver the dialogue “OH”. He did not receive his payment and went home. For him, self-satisfaction was much better than money. He did not wait for the money and did justice to the role.

Q3. “Patol Babu, Film Star,” by Satyajit Ray emphasizes the valuable contribution of a mentor in changing a negative mind-set into a positive one. Describe how Mr. Pakrashi’s advice helps Patol Babu in performing his role. [CBSE 2018]

Ans. Mr. Prakash was the mentor and guru of Patol Babu. He always told Patol Babu that whatever small part he was offered he should never consider it below his dignity to accept it. As an artist, his aim should be to make the most of the opportunity and squeeze the last drop of the meaning of his lines. When Patol Babu was given only a single dialogue 'oh' to utter, he thought of quitting. But when the words of wisdom of his mentor echoed in his ears, he came to terms with the small role. He did it so well that everyone was all praise for Patol Babu. He did it with commitment and perfection.

Q4. What was Gogon Pakrashi's advice to Patol Babu on how to become a successful actor? [CBSE 2017]

Ans. Never turn down a job, no matter how minor it may be. An artist should constantly strive to maximise their opportunities, extract every last bit of significance from their dialogue, and decide to give their all for every position, no matter how small.

Q5. What changed Patol Babu's mind about the small role allotted to him? [CBSE 2017]

Ans. Patol Babu was chosen to play a part in a movie. Sadly, his only dialogue in the scene was a "Oh!" Disappointed Patol felt devastated and thought that he was being ridiculed when he learned about this. But afterwards, upon recalling his mentor Gogon Pakrashi's advice to accept any minor role, no matter how insignificant, Patol did so and prepared to perform it with remarkable precision and perfection.

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