

**SRI RAMKRISHNA ASHRAMA INSTITUTE (HIGH SCHOOL)**

**CLASS-VIII**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**Chapter's Name: The Great Escape**

**Summary:** In Sugata Bose's "The Great Escape" we find Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose under house arrest. His nephew Sisir was the only one who was allowed to visit him. Subhas Chandra Bose planned calculatedly along with Sisir to escape in disguise as Md.Ziauddin. Initially, after leaving Elgin Road, they drove to Bararee, to the house of Sisir's brother. Next day Subhas saw Sisir off at Gomoh station. The exciting and the courageous escape of Subhas Bose from the clutches of the British to continue his struggle for India's freedom is well narrated in this prose piece.

**WORD-CHART**

WORD	SYNONYM	ANTONYM
Subdued	Quiet and rather reflective manner (especially of a person)	Cheerful
Cabled	Sent message to someone by telegram	X
Disguise	A different appearance in order to conceal one's identity	X
Precincts	Boundaries of a particular place	X
Gait	A person's manner of walking	X

**Important Questions & Answers:**

**1. What task did Subhas Bose entitle upon Sisir ?**

**ANSWER:** Sisir, Subhas's nephew, was the one who regularly visited his uncle. Subhas entitled him a task, which included a plan to carry out Subhas's escape from India. He would have to drive his uncle in the dark night to a railway station far away from Calcutta.

## **2. What means of escape was finally decided by Subhas and Sisir ?**

**ANSWER:** Subhas and Sisir discussed various means of escape. Finally they decided to drive out in the most natural way, through the main gate. Uncle Subhas and nephew Sisir chose Sisir's German Wanderer for their journey.

## **3. Who was Akbar Shah?**

**ANSWER:** Akbar Shah was a co-worker in the freedom struggle against The British Raj. He operated in the North Western Frontier provinces. Before escaping from Subhas's Calcutta home, he had cabled Akbar Shah to meet him at Calcutta. He helped Subhas to escape.

## **4. How did Subhas and Sisir escape in the cool winter night of January 16th?**

**ANSWER:** Subhas and Sisir had maintained total secrecy about the plan of escape. Subhas's niece Ila and a male cousin Dwijen however were aware of the plan. Around half past one in the mid-night, as per Dwijen's signal, both Subhas and Sisir was assured that no policemen was near by. They tiptoed down the back stairs to the car and drove out as usual.

## **5. What false identity did Subhas put on and why?**

**ANSWER:** Subhas put on the false identity of Md.Ziauddin, Travelling Inspector, the Empire of India Life Insurance Co.Ltd.

Subhas had to put on a false identity because being under house arrest, he would not have been able to escape from the country otherwise he would be recognized and caught by the British police.

### **HOME-WORK**

**Answer the following questions:( To be done in your class work copy)**

- 1. What was the additional excuse that Subhas gave to meet Sisir?**
- 2. Why had Subhas cabled Akbar Shah?**
- 3. What items were purchased for Subhas to be carried with him on his journey?**
- 4. What did the policemen prefer on the night of January 16th?**
- 5. Describe Sisir's last sight of Subhas.**

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