

A J CRONIN

I. Read paragraphs (10-11) in the text book and answer the questions given below

a) Where was Dr. Cronin practising?

b) Who banged on the door?

c) Why did the sergeant of police come to meet A.J.Cronin?

d) Where was the suicide attempt made?

e) What smell did Dr. Cronin get while mounting the staircase of the old building?

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II. Some words and their meanings are given in the table. Match them suitably.

WORD	MEANING
Derelict	Anxious and nervous
Recoup	The act of bringing someone back to consciousness
Muffle	In a bad condition
Resuscitation	To get back an amount of money that you have lost
Agitate	A room or space just below the roof of a house
Attic	To make a sound quieter

III. Imagine you are the young man in the story. Narrate the story in your own words.

You may begin like this :

I was an orphan...

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IV. The young man told his story to the narrator. What might be the conversation between them. Prepare the likely conversation.

Dr.Cronin : a)_____?

The young man : I lost my parents when I was young.

Dr.Cronin : Who helped you then?

The young man :**b)** ______ .

Dr.Cronin : That was a good job. Then why did you try to commit suicide?

The young man : **c)_____**.

Dr.Cronin : It is quite unfortunate. What happened then?

The young man : I lost all my small savings and owed the book maker a disastrous amount.

Dr.Cronin: d)_____?

The young man : I made an effort to recoup. I took some money from the office

safe for a final gamble, because I was sure to win.

Dr.Cronin : Did you win ?

The young man : **e)_____**.

Dr.Cronin : How senseless !

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