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Class: VII Subject: English Topic: Ch- 11 Poetry – A Deserving Substitute

B. 1. a) Mr. Rajiv Kumar was a very important businessman of the town. He had donated a large sum of money to the school and was also the chairman of the Sacred Meadows School Trust.

b) The speaker wanted to wait till the finals because he knew that then Mr. Rajiv Kumar would be invited to be chief guest and Sanjay would have to be included in the game.

c) Tony couldn't substitute Sanjay before the finals because Krishna, the captain of the team, was against it and was ensuring that he doesn't.

2. a) The captain Krishna and Sanjay being the son of the chairman of the school trust were preventing Eric from playing before.

b) Eric's 'eager shoulders' signified his enthusiasm and desire to play in the match.

c) The speaker, Tony, considered Eric to be an excellent player.

C. 1. Krishna was jealous of Eric because Eric was a fine player who would outdo and overshadow Krishna who dreamt of being the Maradona or the Pele of the tournament. Eric was hence a strong rival.

2. 'Sanjay was the weak link in the team's attacking line.' This line can be justified by the following instances from the story: Sanjay bungled each sterling move. He would jump up to head the ball falling flat upon his belly or behind. The ball would bounce upon his shoulders or on his back.

3. The statement 'The defenders guarded Krishna like a precious jewel' means that Krishna was covered and surrounded by the defenders from all sides.

4. The unusual turn in the match was Sanjay getting injured and twisting his ankle, thus making the substitute necessary.

5. Yes, I agree with the title of the story as the story is about the deserving substitute who was not being allowed his place in the team because of corruption.

