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Class - VIII Subject - English Topic: Small Steps for Big Changes (NOTES)

B. Reference to context:

- B1 a) 'They' are Saaket and Salil Jajodia.
b) People would want to donate their time and resources for being agents of change.
c) They would act as agents of change by joining the NGOs and helping the less fortunate.

2. a) Ananya is being referred to in the line.
b) For the past three years she was visiting the Ladakh region sharing her skills as a volunteer either teaching or helping set up libraries and playgrounds in tiny villages.
c) She has used crowdfunding to raise money which will be used to set up nineteen libraries in the region. She can also help children gain education.

C. Answer the following questions:

1. Saaket and Salil wished to do something useful during their summer break. They were looking for opportunities to do some volunteer work with an NGO. They were left disappointed because despite spending hours searching for information on the internet, making phone calls and even visiting NGO offices, they were not happy with the results of their effort.
2. Saaket and Salil designed a mobile app and a web-based platform Donate My Time (DMT) which shares information about NGOs and their requirements with volunteers.
3. According to Saaket and Salil, volunteering enables people to show compassion and empathy towards those who are less fortunate. They believe that encouraging people to do little acts of kindness will bring about a positive change in society.
4. Ananya volunteered for the NGO 17000 ft Foundation and taught children Leh, Liksey, Turturk, and Tialing. She has also helped set up libraries and playgrounds in tiny villages.
5. She wants to bridge the gap between children living in remote hamlets of Ladakh and other developed regions of the world.