

Chapter # 9 ALL IS NOT LOST

1. Why did the nurse ask Hira's sister to come and talk to her?

Answer: The nurse asked Hira's sister to come and talk to her because she thought that the voice of a near and dear one might activate her nearly dead neurons.

2. Why did the nurse disagree with the doctor's point of view?

Answer: She disagreed with the doctor's point of view because he had a professional indifference and was disappointed about Hira's recovery. Leaving a human being in misery and disability for life time was insignificant for him.

3. Why did the nurse ask herself the question: "Was it worthwhile to oppose and fight the decision of senior and more qualified surgeons?"

Answer: The nurse was sympathetic and humane enough not to let her patient fend for herself. But she was also not sure whether her efforts would prove fruitful or not. She knew that in case of failure, her own career would be at risk.

4. Describe some qualities of the nurse in the story.

Answer: The nurse in the story was a very fine human being. She had faith in Allah Almighty and believed in selfless service of humanity. She was

very compassionate and humane. She also had a strong will-power and determination.

5. Why did the nurse say: "Where there is a will, there is a way?"

Answer: The story reveals the strength of human determination and how it can make the impossible happen. It was only due to her will-power that the nurse was able to resuscitate her patient. That is why she said: "Where there is a will, there is a way."

6. What is an ICU in a hospital?

Answer: ICU stands for Intensive Care Unit. It is a special ward where patients in very critical condition are kept under strict observation and professional care.

7. To what extent does the recovery of a patient depend upon the doctor and the nurse?

Answer: The recovery of a patient depends on the doctor and the nurse to a very great extent. Along with their experience and knowledge of the medical field, their attitude and devotion also count a lot.

8. What do you infer about her professional skills from the expression: "Try once for her?"

Answer: I think it was not the professional skills of the nurse that made her do it. It was a purely human aspect in the nurse that urged her to oppose her seniors. Her patient recovered simply due to her devotion and will-power.