

Chapter- 1

The Lost Child

QUESTION BANK:

1. Why did the child go with his parents? What did he want there?
2. Parents were in a hurry to reach the fair but the child was delaying them. How?
3. Why did the little boy lag behind?
4. Why didn't the boy wait for an answer after he had pleaded for sweets?
5. What happened when the lost child reached the temple door?
6. How did the mother distract the child's mind from the toy-seller?
7. What plea did the child finally make to his parents? Was his plea heard?
8. What happened when the 'lost child' entered the grove? How did he enjoy there?
9. What was the first reaction of the child when he realized that he had lost his parents?
10. How did the child react when there was no sign of his parents?
11. How was the child separated from his parents?
12. Who rescued the lost child? What did he offer to buy him?
13. Why did the lost child refuse to take his favourite things in the fair after losing his parents?
14. How do you know that lost child was a nature-lover?
15. Compare the attitude of the child before and after his separation from his parents.
16. How did the man who found the little boy in the fair, try to soothe him?
17. How does the author introduce the lesson?

18. How has the child been introduced?
19. His mother, melted by the free spirit of the day was tender and giving him her finger to hold said, “look child, what is before you!” Explain.
20. What were the excuses that the child’s envisage that his parents would make?
21. What difference do you notice in the child’s behaviour before and after he gets lost?
22. Describe the character of the little boy’s parents.
23. How do you know child was fond of nature?
24. What impression of the man, who picked up the little boy, comes to your mind? Is it safe to accompany strangers?
25. How did the boy try to catch the dragon fly?
26. What happened when the child entered the grove and what was his reaction?
27. What was the child’s reaction when they neared the village?
28. What was the reaction of the child when he saw a flower-seller?
29. How did the father divert the boy from the toy shop?
30. Enlist the things the boy asked his parents to buy for him.
31. What did the child see at the corner of the entrance of the fair?
32. What was the child’s reaction on seeing a man holding a pole with yellow, red, green and purple balloons?
33. How did the child feel seeing the snake-charmer? Why did he go away from him?
34. The child made a bold request : “I want to go on the roundabout, please, father, mother”. What was response of his parents?
35. What did the child do when he got no response on the part of his parents? What was his condition?

36. Who helped the child after losing his parents? What did he offer to buy him?
37. How was the lost child in the fair?
38. What was the condition of the lost child till he was noticed by a kind-hearted man who lifted him in his arms?
39. The kind-hearted stranger tried his best to calm down the lost child but failed. Why did the child remain inconsolable?
40. Describe the change in the child towards sweets, balloons, flowers, the roundabout and the snakecharmer after he lost his parents.
41. Describe, in brief, the theme or the message of Mulk Raj Anand's story 'The Lost Child'?
42. Justify the title 'The Lost Child'.
43. Write a character-sketch of the lost child.
44. How did the child's father and mother react when pleaded that he wanted toy?
45. What did the child see when his mother told him to look at what was before him?
46. What happened when the child entered a grove?
47. What did the child see when he and his parents neared the village?
48. How did the child react when he neared the sweetmeat shop?
49. Why did the child move on despite being interested in the 'burfi'?
50. What was the reaction of the child on seeing the variety of coloured balloons at a balloon seller's stand?
51. How alarmed was the child when he suddenly discovered that there was no sign of his parents when he looked around him?
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