

Mythical Festival of Eid

1) The village is ~~aggy~~ with excitement and everyone is up early to go to the Eidgah mosque. One finds a button missing from his shirt and is hurrying to his neighbour's house for thread and needle. Another finds that the leather of his shoes has become hard and is running to the oil ~~press~~ press for oil to grease it. They are dumping fodder before their oxen.

2) Hamid is poorly dressed, thin and famished-looking. Hamid has no shoes on his feet, the cap on his head is soiled and tattered, its gold thread has turned black.

3) ~~Amn~~ Ameera is worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself because Hamid is only four and the Eidgah is four miles away. Besides he has no she is also concerned about Hamid getting lost in the crowd.

to the ground, the lawyer was reduced to dust.

8) Mahmood changes his constable into a holy man by cutting its one leg to match the broken leg and making him sit in one place as if he was guarding the village. He is forced to do so when the constable slips and falls from its makeshift palanquin and breaks its legs.

9) Hamid shows his intelligence at two places in the story: When he bargains with the shopkeeper and buys a pair of tongs with three ~~rupe~~ pice and when he outwits other children as defending his choice of buying a pair of tongs.

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- 1) Hamid is the happiest of the boys because he thinks that his father had gone to earn money with sack loads of silver and his mother will bring gifts for him from Allah.
 - 2) The children join in making fun of Hamid when Mohsin teases him about the sesame candy. This shows that the children are insensitive and don't care much of Hamid.
 - 3) The thought that a pair of tongs will help save granny's hands from burning makes Hamid realize that the tongs are the best way to spend his three pice. It shows that Hamid is a loving and thoughtful child.
 - 4) The shopkeeper initially refuses to sell the tongs to Hamid as he thinks the tongs are of no use to a child as young as Hamid, but later sensing Hamid's feeling for a family member he sells them.

at a much lower price.

a) There is a sudden change in Hamid's ~~ice~~ demeanour and self-confidence after he buys the tongs as the thought of doing something for his poor old granny fills his heart with joy and pride.

b) Amreena starts ~~to~~ crying, seeing little Hamid's sacrifice she spreads her apron and beseeches Allah to bless the little child.

c) 1) The ~~low~~ prayer is done in perfect coordination. Hundreds and thousands of heads bow together in prayer and then they all stand erect bow down and sit on their knees. The scene looks as if hundreds and thousands of electric bulbs are switched on and off at the same time. It is referred to as a spectacular sight. Thought that all people irrespective of their wealth and ~~status~~

status, stand together to offer their prayers makes it so special.

2) In my opinion, Hamid would have spent a little money to buy a few things he wanted for himself, but at the same time, he wouldn't have forgotten to buy something for his old grandma too.