

Q/Ans

The bazaar of Hyderabad

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- A) 1) The merchants sell all kinds of expensive clothing and artefacts of turbans and tunics of vibrant colours, mirrors with panels of amber and daggers with handles of jade.
- 2) The vendors are weighing lentils and rice. They are weighing saffron them because these items are sold by weight.
- 3) Pedlars are people who go from place to place selling things. In the poem, they are selling chessmen and ivory dice.
- 4) The fruit men are selling citrons (lemons), pomegranates and plums.
- 5) The flower-girls are wearing the garlands for the bridegroom, and also for the dead.

D) The phrase 'richly displayed' describes the wares themselves rather than the way they are displayed. The wares look grand and exotic and thus the poet says that they are richly displayed.

In the olden days, pigeons were used as messengers. The bells tied to their feet scared other animals away and so alerted the receiver of the message. The usage blue ~~peri~~ pigeons signify that these pigeons belonged to the royalty. The goldsmiths are making gold bells for these royal pigeons.

The bazaars of Hyderabad as described in the poem are very different from the present-day market. In these bazaars people from all sections of the society gathered to sell their wares, be it the rich merchants and goldsmiths or the fruit sellers and the flower girls.