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Jodga - festival of Eid

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Get going

1) Let us find the answers from the story.

1) Describe the errands the villagers are busy with before going to the mosque.

Ans- The village is agog with excitement is up early to go to the Eidh 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 for oil to grease it. They are dumping fodder before their oxen.

2) What are the things that tell us how poor Hamid is?

Ans- Hamid is poorly dressed, thin and famished-looking. Hamid has no shoes on his feet; the cap on his head ~~has~~ is

soiled and tattered: its gold thread has turned black.

3) Why? Aameena worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself?

Ans- Aameena 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.

4) How are the 'village rustics' different from the other people arriving in the town?

Ans- While others arrived in the town on tongas and motor cars wearing expensive dresses and perfumes, the village rustics were dressed in simple clothes and had come walking.

5) What do the people do after the prayer is over?

Ans. The people embrace and greet each other after the prayer is over. They also visit different stores and purchase sweets, toys and other items.

6) How does Hamid respond when his friends make fun of him for buying a pair of tongs?

Ans. Hamid bravely defends his choice of buying a pair of tongs by giving witty reasons that proves that his purchase is better than their toys.

7) Describe the fate that befalls Wasey's lawyer.

Ans. Wasey's lawyer met an end befitting his grand status. He ~~was~~ was waving a fan over his toy when it fell from the plank on which it was kept. It could ~~be~~ have been either the breeze or the fan that was responsible for this ~~one~~ accident.

On falling to the ground, the lawyer was reduced to dust.

8) How does Mahmood change his constable into a holy man? Why does he have to make the change?

Ans- Mahmood changes his ^{constable} ~~comfortable~~ 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) Give evidence from the story to prove that Hamid is not only thoughtful but also a very intelligent boy.

Ans- Hamid shows his intelligence at two places in the story: when he bargains with the shopkeeper and ~~he~~ buys a pair of tongs with three pice and when he outwits other children in defending

his choice of buying a pair of tongs.

10) Complete the table about the toys the children buy at the fair. Then describe each of the toys.

Sns-	Name	Toy	Description
	Mahmood	police man	khaki uniform, red turban and a gun on the shoulder
	Mohsin	water carrier	Back bent, water bag on the back
	Naseer	lawyer	Black gown, long white coat, gold watch chain in the pocket and a law book in hand

3) Let us read between the lines

1) What does the ~~same~~ author mean when he says that Ismail is the Happiest of the boys?

Ans- Hamid is the happiest of the boys because he thinks that his father has gone to earn money with sack load of silver and his mother will bring gifts ~~from~~ him from Allah.

2) When Mishin teases Hamid about the ~~see~~ same candy, the others have a 'jolly good laugh' at Hamid. What does this tell us about them?

Ans- ~~that~~ The children join in making fun of Hamid when Mishin teases him about the sesame candy. This shows that the children are insensitive and don't care much for Hamid.

3) What makes Hamid realise that the tongs are the ~~most~~ best thing to spend his three pice ~~on~~ on? What does this tell us about him?

Ans- The thought that a pair of tongs will help to save granny's hands from burning makes Hamid realise that the tongs

are the best way to spend his three pice. It shows that ~~at~~ Hamid is a loving and thoughtful child.

4) why do you think the ~~the~~ shopkeeper initially refuses to sell the tongs to Hamid and then sells them at a much lower price?

Ans- The shopkeeper initially refuses to sell the tongs to Hamid as she thinks the tongs are of no use to a child as young as Hamid, but later sensing Hamid's ~~pette~~ feeling for a family member, he sells them at a much lower price.

5) There is a sudden change in Hamid's demerance and self-confidence after he buys the tongs. why ~~dog~~ you think this happens?

Ans- There is a sudden change in Hamid's demerance 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.

6) find the sentences from the story that show how well Aameena understands the sacrifice little Hamid makes for her.

Ans- Aameena starts crying, seeing little Hamid's sacrifice. She spreads her apron and beseeches Allah to bless the little child.

7) Let us go beyond the story.

1) Why is the prayer described as a 'wonderful spectacle'? What, in your opinion, makes it so special?

Ans- The prayer is done in perfect coordination. Hundreds and thousands of heads bow together in prayer, and ^{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.

that all people irrespective of their wealth and status, stand together to offer their efforts makes it so special.

2) Imagine Hamid having as much money as the other children. How do you think he will spend it? Do you think his behaviour will be any different?

ans- 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 grandpa.