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### Get Going

A) Let us find the answers from the story.

Q1. Describe the errands the villagers are busy with before going to the mosque.

The village is agog with excitement. Everyone is up early to go to the Eidgh 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 shoe has become hard and is running to the oil press to oil to grease it. They are dumping fodder before their door.

Q2. What are the things that tell us how poor Hamid is?

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

Q3. Why is Ameena worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself?

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

04. How the "village rustics" different from the other people arriving in the town?

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.

05. What do the people do after the prayer is over?

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

06. How does Hamid respond when his father friends make fun of him for buying a pair of tongi?

Hamid bravely defends his ~~to~~ choice ~~of~~ buying a pair of tongi by giving witty reasons that

prove that his purchase is better than their toy.

07. Describe the fate that befalls Nooney's lawyer.

Nooney's lawyer met an end befitting his grand status. He was waving a fan over his toy when it fell from the plank on which it was kept. It could have been the breeze on the fan that was responsible for this accident. On falling to the ground, the lawyer was reduced to the dust.

08. ~~Describe~~ How does Mahmood change his constable into a holy man? Why does he have to make the change?

Mahmood changes ~~it~~ 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 his makeshift palki and breaks its legs.

09. Give evidence from the story to prove that Hamid is not only thoughtful but also a very intelligent boy.

Hamid shows his intelligence at two places in the story. When he bargains with the shopkeeper and buys a pair of tongs with three pice and where 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!

Name	Toy	Description
Mahmood	Police	The police was in khaki with a red turban on his head and gun in his shoulder.
Mohsin	Water-carrier	His back bent under the weight for of the water bag.
Noorey	Lawyer	He was wearing a black gaus over a long, white coat and a fat volume of some law books.

B) Let us go beyond between the lines:

- Q1. What does the author mean when you he says that Hamid is the happiest of the boys?

Hamid is the happiest of the boys because he thinks that his father has gone to earn money with sack loads of silver, and his mother will bring gift for him from Allah.

02. When Mashin teases Hamid about the sesame candy, the others have a "jolly good laugh" at Hamid. What does this tell us about them?

The children join in making fun of Hamid when Mashin teases him about the sesame candy. This shows that the children are insensitive and don't care about Hamid.

03. What makes Hamid realise that the tongs are the best thing to spend his three pice on? What does it tell us about him?

The thought that a pair of tongs will help save his granny's hands from burning makes Hamid realise that the tongs are the best way to spend his three pice. It shows that Hamid is a loving and thoughtful child.

Q4. Why do you think the shopkeeper initially refuses to sell tongs to Hamid and then sells them at a much lower price?

The shopkeeper initially refuses to sell 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 to a family member, he sells that at a much lower price.

Q5. There is a sudden change in Hamid's demeanour and self confidence after he buys the tong. Why do you think that happen?

There is a sudden change in Hamid's demeanour and self-confidence after he buys the tong as the thought of doing something for his poor family <sup>poor</sup> old granny fills his ~~joy~~<sup>heart</sup> with joy and pride.

Q6. Find sentences from the story that show how well Ameera understands the sacrifice little Hamid makes for her.

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

C) Let us go beyond the story.

1. Why is the prayer described as a "wonderful spectacle"? What in your opinion makes it so special?

The prayer is done in perfect coordination. More than hundreds of heads bow to bow together. Then they stand erect. The scene looks as if hundred of electric bulbs are switched on or off at the same time. It is referred as a spectacular sight. Thought that all people irrespective of their ~~work~~ status and wealth stand together to offer their prayers makes it so special.

2. Imagine Hamid having as much a money as the other children. How do you think he will spend it? Do you think his behaviour will change?

Hamid would have spent money buying things for himself but something for his old granby too.