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CH-8



A Let us find the ~~answer~~ answer the poem.

1. What do the merchants sell?

Ans The merchant sell all kind of expensive clothing and artefacts: turbans and tunics of vibrant colours, mirrors with panels of amber and daggers with handles of jade.

2. What are the vendors weighing? why are they weighing them?

Ans The vendors are weighing saffron, lentil and rice. They are weighing them because these items are sold by weight.

3. Who are pedlars? what are they selling?

Q Pedlars are people who go from place to

place selling things. In the poem, they are

selling chessmen and ivory dice

4. What fruits are the Fruitmen selling?

Ans The fruit men are selling citrons (lemons),

pomegranates and plums.

5. Who are the flower-girl weaving the

garlands for?

Ans The flower-girl are weaving the garlands

for the ~~bride~~ bridegroom, and also for the

dead.

B Let us read between the lines

1 why does the speaker say that the ~~rich~~ waves of the merchant are richly displayed?

Ans The phrase 'richly displayed' describes the waves themselves rather than the way they are displayed. The waves look grand and 'eccentric' and thus, the poet says that they are 'richly displayed'.

2 why are the goldsmiths making bells for the feet of blue pigeons

Ans In the older days, ~~pigeon~~ pigeons were used

as messengers. The bells tied to their feet scared other animals away and also alerted the receiver of the message. The usage blue pigeons signify that these pigeons belonged to the royalty. The goldsmiths are making gold bells for these royal pigeons.

- 3 In the bazaars of Hyderabad, there are sellers of all kinds: merchants, fruit sellers and flower-~~ing~~ girls. What does this tell you about the bazaar?

Ans, The bazaars of Hyderabad as described in

the form are very different from the ~~present~~ present-day markets. In these bazaars, people from all sections of the society gathered to sell their wares, be it the rich merchants and ~~goldsmiths~~ goldsmiths or the fruit sellers and flower girls.