

QA: Q1Ans

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

ans:- The village is agog with excitement. Everyone is to go to the Idgah 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 oven.

Q2. 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 is soiled and tattered. Its gold thread has turned black.

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

ans:- Ameena is worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself because Hamid is only four years old and the Idgah is four miles away. Besides, he has no shoes. She is also considered about Hamid getting lost in the crowd.

Q4. How are the 'village rustics' different from the other people (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.

Q5. What do the people do after the prayer?

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.

Q6. 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 prove that his purchase is better than their toys.

Q7. Describe the fate that befalls Noorey's lawyer?

ans:- Noorey'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 either the breeze or the fan that was responsible for this accident on falling to the ground, the lawyer was reduced to dust.

Q8. How does Mahmood change his constable into a holy man? Why does he have to make the change?

ans:- Mahmood changes his constable into a holy man by cutting his one leg to match the broken leg and making him sit 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 leg.

Q9. 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 2 places in the story. When he bargains with the shopkeeper and buys a pair of tongs with 3 pieces and when he outwits other children in defending his choice of



buying a pair of tongs.

Q3: Q1Ans

Q1. What does the author mean when he says that Hamid 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 loads of silver and his mother will bring gifts for him from Allah.

Q2. When Mohsin teases Hamid about the sesame candy, the others have a 'jolly good laugh' at Hamid? What does this tell us about them?

ans:- 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 for Hamid.

Q3. What makes Hamid realise that the tongs are the best thing to spend his 3 piece on? What does this tell us about him?

ans:- They thought that a pair of tongs will help save grandma's hand from burning, made Hamid realise that the tongs are the best way to spend his 3 piece. It shows that Hamid is a lovely and thoughtful intelligent boy.

Q4. Why do you think 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 he thinks the tongs are of no use to a child as young as Hamid. But later seeing Hamid's feeling for a family member, he sells them at a much lower price.



Q5. There is a sudden change in Hamid's demeanour and self-confidence after <sup>he</sup> buys the tongs? Why do you think this happens?

ans:- There is sudden change in Hamid's 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.

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

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

### Q1 Ans

Q1. Why is the prayer described as a 'wonderful spectacle'? What, in your opinion, makes it so special?

ans:- The prayer is done 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 health and status, stand together to offer their prayers make it so special.

Q2. Imagine Hamid having as much money as the other children? How do you think he will spend? 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

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have forgotten to buy something for his granny also-