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In the bazars of Hyderabad.

Sarojini Naidu was born on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1879 in Hyderabad and died on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1949 in Lucknow. She is renowned freedom fighter and was nicknamed 'Bharatiya Kokila' (the nightingale of India). She was a poetess and politician. She was very interested in literature and wrote a number of books such as the "Golden Threshold". She spent much of her early life in Hyderabad before becoming the governor of Uttar Pradesh.

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A. Let us find the answers from the poem.

1. What do the Merchants sell?

Ans: The Merchants sell torbans of crimson and silver, tunics of purple brocade, Mirrors with panels of amber and jagg-ers of jade.

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

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

3. Who are pedlars? What are they selling?

Ans → pedlars are people who go from place to place selling things. In the poem, they are selling chessmen and ivory.

4. What fruits are the fruit men selling?

Ans = The fruit men are selling  
citrons (lemons), pomegranates  
and plums.

5. ~~The flower girls~~ Who are the  
flower girls wearing the  
garlands for?

Ans = The flower-girls are wearing  
the garlands for the bridegroom  
and also for the dead.

B. Let us read between the lines:

1. Why does the speaker say that  
the wares of the merchant  
are richly displayed.

Ans = 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.

2. Why are the goldsmiths making bells for the feet of blue pigeons?

Ans = In the olden days, 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 belong to royalty.

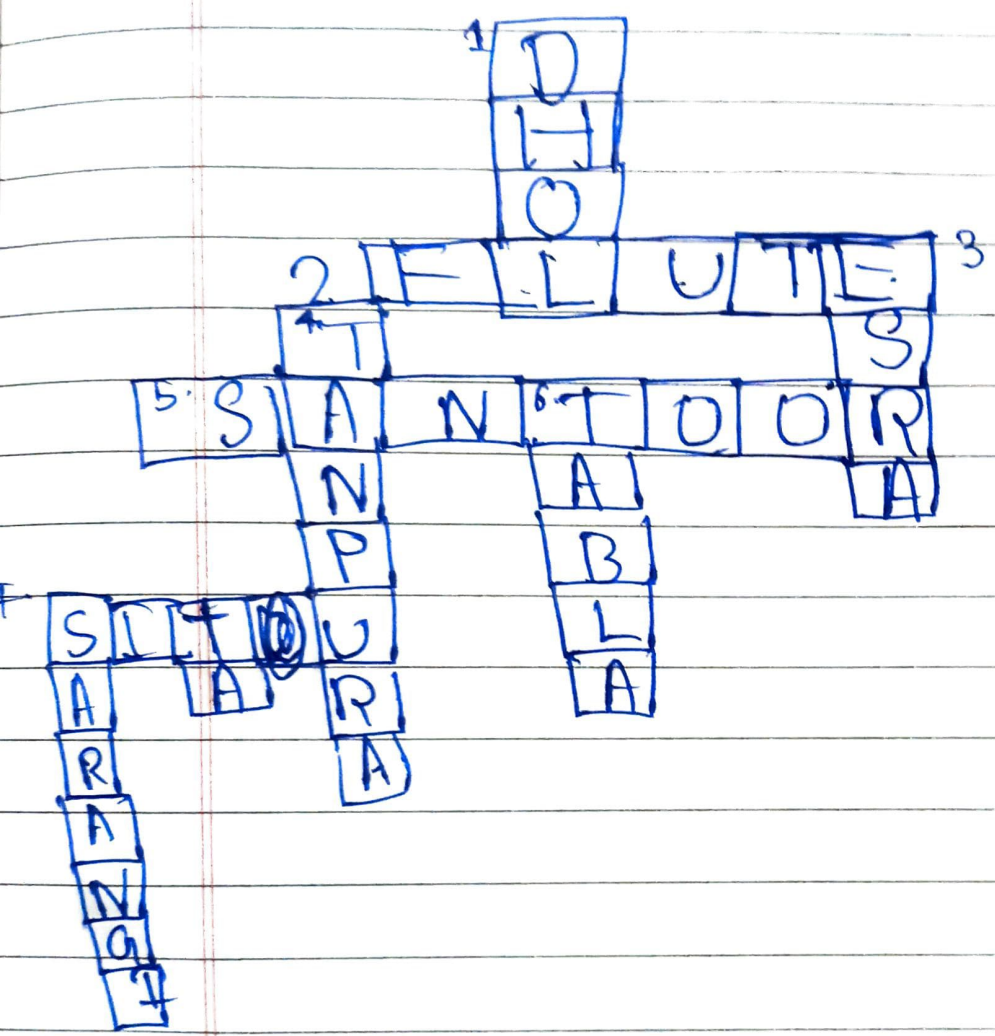
3. In the bazars of Hyderabad there are sellers of all kinds: Merchants, fruit sellers and flower girls. What does this tell you about the story?

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



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# Vocabulary Junction



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| 1. Cherry  | 5. Turquoise |
| 2. Magenta | 6. Mulberry  |
| 3. Mint    | F. Apple     |
| 4. Canary  | 8. Teal      |