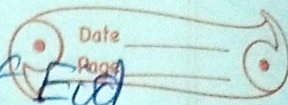


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IDRAH, Festival of Eid



(A) 1) The village is agog with excitement. Everyone is up early to go to the Eidgah 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) Hamid is poorly dressed, thin and famished looking. Hamid has no shoes on his feet; the cat on his head is curled and battered; its gold thread has turned ~~to~~ black.

3) Aameena is ~~not~~ worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself because Hamid is only four and the Fudgah is four miles away. Besides, ~~he~~ ~~she~~ is also concerned about ~~the~~ knowledge that she is also concerned about Hamid getting lost in the crowd.

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

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

Q6 Ans- Hamid bravely defends his choice of buying a pair of tongs by giving witty reasons, that more than his purchase is better than their toys.

Q7 Ans- Noor's lawyer met an end by forfeiting 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 Ans- Mahmood changes his constable into a holyman by cutting off one leg to match the broken leg and making him sit on one

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place as if he was guarding
the village. He is forced to
do so when the constable stirs
and falls from his horse.
make shift palanquin and breaks
his legs.

① Hamid shows his intelligence
at two places in the
story. When he bargains with
the shopkeeper and buys
a pair of boots with three
pice and when he outwits
other children in defending
his choice of buying a
pair of boots.

② 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.

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

3) Ans - The thought that a pair of tongs will help save granny's hand from burning makes Hamid realize that the tongs are the best way to spend his three pice. It shows that Hamid is a ~~very~~ loving and thoughtful child.

4) Ans - The shopkeeper initially refuses to sell the tongs to Hamid as he ~~thinks~~ thinks the tongs are of no use to a child as young as Hamid. But later sensing Hamid's feeling for a

family members, he sells them at a much lower price.

5) There is a sudden change in Hamid's demeanour and self-confidence after he buys the toys as the thought of doing something for his poor old granny fills his heart with joy and pride.

6) A ~~meera~~ meera starts crying, seeing little Hamid's sacrifices. She spreads her apron beseeches Allah to bless the little child.

⑦) The prayer is ~~done~~ done in perfect coordination. Hundreds and men they all stand erect, bow down and sit on their knees. The scene looks as if hundreds and thousands electric bulbs are switched

and off at the same time. It ~~is~~ is referred to as a spectacular sight. I thought that all people, in the ~~of~~ of their wealth and status stand together to offer their ~~to~~ prayers makes it so special.

2) 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~~ buy something for his old grandma too.