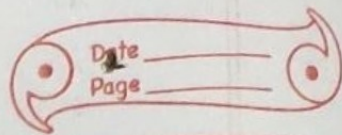


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Eidgah, festival of Eid.



Get going

A) Let us find the answer from the story.

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

ans: 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 ~~the~~ 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 ~~the~~ their oxen.

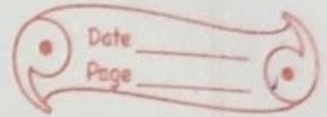
2) What are the things that tell us how poor Hamid is?

ans: Hamid is poorly dressed, thin and ~~poor~~ famished-looking. Hamid has no shoes on his feet; the cap on his head ~~was~~ is soiled and tattered: its gold thread has turned black.

3) Why is Ameena worried about Hamid going to the fair all by himself?

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Idgah, Festival of Eid



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.

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5) What do the people do after the prayer is over?

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

6) 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 proves that his purchase is better than their toys.

7) Describe the fate that befalls Nooney's lawyer.

ans- 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 either the breeze or the fan that was responsible for this accident on falling.

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ground, the lawyer was reduced to dust.

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 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 its makeshift palanquin and breaks its leg.

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

ans- Hamid shows his ~~int~~ intelligence at two places in the story: When he bargains with the shopkeeper and buys a pair of tongs with three pice and when he outwits other children in defending his choice of buying a pair of tongs.

10) Name	Toy	Description
1) Mahmood	Policeman	Khaki uniform, red turban and a gun on the shoulder

Mohsin	water-carrier	Back bent, water bag on the back
Nooray	lawyer	Black gown, long white coat, gold watch chain in the pocket and a law book in hand.

B) Let us read between the lines.

1) What does the author mean when he says 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.

2) 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 ~~see~~ sesame candy. This shows that the children are insensitive and don't care much for Hamid.

3) What makes Hamid realise that the tongs are the best thing to spend his three pice on? What does this tell us about him?

ans- The thought that a pair of tongs will help save granny's hand 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 thoughtfull child.

4) 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 sensing Hamid's feeling for a family member, 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 tongs. Why do you think this happens?

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

6) Find sentences from the story that shows how well Amree Aameena understands the sacrifice little Hamid makes for her.

ans- Amree Aameena starts crying, seeing little Hamid's sacrifice. She spreads ~~her~~ her ~~apron~~ 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?

ans- The prayer is done in perfect coordination. Hundreds and thousands of head bow together in prayer and then they all stand erect. Bow down and sit on ~~at~~ their knee. The scene looks as if hundreds and thousands electric bulbs are switched on and off at the same time. It is referred to as a spectacular sight, thought ~~that~~ that all people, irrespective of their wealth and status, stand together to offer their prayers makes it so special.

2) Imagine Hamid having as much money as the

Other children, how do you think he will spend it? Do you think his behavior will be any different?

ans. In my opinion, Harold 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 something for his old grandma too.

