

CHAPTER-2 | Lost Spring

QUIZ-01

1. What is the meaning of Saheb's full name, "Saheb-e-Alam"?

- A. King of kings
B. Owner of the land
C. Lord of the universe
D. Servant of the city
(C)

Explanation: Saheb is unaware that his name means "lord of the universe," which contrasts sharply with his impoverished reality.

2. What is Seemapuri most associated with in the story?

- A. A market for second-hand goods
B. A government housing colony
C. A settlement of ragpickers
D. A tourist destination
(C)

Explanation: Seemapuri is a slum colony on Delhi's outskirts where ragpickers like Saheb and his family reside.

3. What do children find in garbage that adults do not?

- A. Money only
B. Rotten food
C. Employment
D. A sense of wonder
(D)

Explanation: For children, garbage holds excitement and curiosity, while for adults, it is purely a means of survival.

4. What does Saheb lose after joining the tea stall job?

- A. His family
B. His name
C. His freedom
D. His money
(C)

Explanation: Saheb's carefree spirit disappears as he begins working under someone else, losing his independence.

5. What is Firozabad famous for?

- A. Silk weaving
B. Glass bangle industry
C. Leather tanning
D. Carpet making
(B)

Explanation: Firozabad is known for its traditional glass-blowing and bangle-making industry.

6. Why do many children in Firozabad lose their eyesight?

- A. Due to malnutrition
B. Working in darkness with glass dust
C. Exposure to chemicals
D. Overexposure to light
(B)

Explanation: Children working in poorly ventilated rooms filled with glass dust often lose their vision at a young age.

7. What does Mukesh dream of becoming?

- A. A pilot
B. A teacher
C. A bangle merchant
D. A motor mechanic
(D)

Explanation: Mukesh aspires to become a motor mechanic, breaking away from his family's bangle-making tradition.

8. What keeps the workers of Firozabad trapped in poverty?

- A. Weather
B. Lack of skills
C. Vicious circle of sahuks and middlemen
D. Illiteracy
(C)

Explanation: A cycle of exploitation by sahuks, middlemen, police, and politicians keeps the workers in a state of helplessness.

9. What reason do people give for children being barefoot?

- A. Religious ritual
B. Poverty
C. Tradition
D. Medical issue
(C)

Explanation: Some justify children being barefoot as tradition, though it is often just an excuse to hide poverty.

10. What metaphor is used to describe the burden imposed on children?

- A. A locked door
B. A chain
C. Baggage
D. Fire
(C)

Explanation: The "baggage" metaphor signifies the burden of poverty and oppression imposed on children from an early age.