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THE LOST CHILD

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1. There were some things he knew his parents would not buy for him, so he did not ask for them. What were those things?

The child knew his parents well. He wanted burfi but knew that his parents would say he was greedy. He wanted to have a garland of gulmohur flowers. But he knew that his parents would say that the flowers were very cheap. Then he wanted to buy balloons. But he knew that his parents would say that he was too big to play with them. So, he did not ask his parents for burfi, garlands and balloons.

2. What was the first reaction of the child when he realised that he had lost his parents?

On realising that he had lost his parents, the child got confused. He panicked when he could not spot his parents in the large crowd of people around him. He ran all over looking for them. Feeling lonely and afraid, he cried inconsolably.

3. How can you say that the child was an obedient boy?

The child was fascinated by the fair. He was attracted towards many things in the fair, but he did not insist his parents buy any of them. He followed his parents in the fair like an obedient child. Though he longed for the things, yet he did not express his desire before his parents because he knew that his parents would not allow him to get them.

4. How can you say that the child was scared of his father?

The child was tempted by many things, but he asked for them only in slow murmurs. This shows that he was scared of his father and could not express his demands as rightfully as some other children.

5. Why did the man offer to buy things for the child?

The child kept weeping inconsolably in the arms of the man who had rescued him from getting trampled at the shrine. The man offered to buy him things in order to pacify the child, to make him feel secure and to ask him about his parents and home.

II. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow in one or two lines.

1. “But he half knew as he begged that his plea would not be heeded because his parents would say he was greedy.”

(a) Who is 'he' in this line?

Ans: 'He' is the little boy from the story "The Lost Child".

(b) What was the plea made by him?

Ans: He made the plea to his parents to buy him the *burfi* being sold at the entrance of the fair.

(c) What did he do after this?

Ans: He moved on without waiting for an answer from his parents, assuming their silence to be a refusal.

2. "The poor child struggled to thrust away between their feet but, knocked to and fro by their brutal movements, he might have been trampled underfoot, had he not shrieked at the highest pitch of his voice."

(a) Where was the child at this time? Why?

Ans: The child was amid a crowd of people in the shrine because he had got separated from his parents and was desperately looking for them.

(b) What was he trying to do?

Ans: He was trying to make his way through the feet of the crowd in order to find his parents.

(c) Why could the child have got trampled?

Ans: The child could have got trampled because the shrine was crowded and he was so small that people did not realise his presence around their feet.
