



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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| GRADE IX | ENGLISH | 2023-24 |
| QUESTION BANK | THE LOST CHILD | |

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Question 1.

What did the lost child say when a man asked him, "Whose baby are you?"

- (a) **The child said, "I want my father, I want my mother."**
- (b) The child said, "I want to go home."
- (c) The child said, "I live in a village."
- (d) The child said, "I am feeling hungry."

Question 2.

At what point in the fair did the child lose his parents?

- (a) At the sweetmeat-shop.
- (b) At the flower-shop.
- (c) At the balloon-sellers.
- (d) **At the roundabout**

Question 3.

The child wanted to have balloons yet he walked on. Why?

- (a) He knew his parents would never buy him the balloons.
- (b) He knew his parents would say he was too old to play with such toys.
- (c) **Both A and B above.**
- (d) Neither A nor B.

Question 4.

What did the child want to have at the flower shop?

- (a) A garland of roses.
- (b) A garland of violets.
- (c) **A garland of gulmohur.**
- (d) A garland of lilies.

Question 5.

What did the child say as they passed by sweetmeat-shop?

- (a) **He said, 'I want that burfi.'**
- (b) He said, 'I want that jalebi.'
- (c) He said, 'I want that rasagulla.'
- (d) He said, 'I want that gulab jamun'

Question 6.

What shop was there at the entrance of the fair?

- (a) A toy shop.
- (b) A balloon shop.
- (c) A sweetmeat shop.**
- (d) A flower shop

Question 7.

What did the child start doing when a shower of young flowers fell on him?

- (a) He started collecting the flowers from the ground.
- (b) He started gathering the raining petals in his hands.**
- (c) He started dancing with joy.
- (d) He started climbing up the flowering tree

Question 8.

What did the parents do when they reached a shady grove?

- (a) They collected some flowers for the child.
- (b) They lay down to rest for some time.
- (c) They sat down on the edge of a well.**
- (d) They listened to the cooing of doves.

Question 9.

Who said to the child, "Come, child, come, come on to the footpath."?

- (a) The father.
- (b) The mother**
- (c) Both the father and the mother.
- (d) Neither the father nor the mother.

Question 10.

How did the flowering mustard-field look?

- (a) White like silver.
- (b) Red like a rose.
- (c) Pale like melting gold.**
- (d) Lovely like a rainbow.

Question 11.

What did the father do when the child said, "I want that toy."?

- (a) He at once bought the toy for the child.
- (b) He said, "Look, child, what is before you.
- (c) He looked at the child red-eyed.**
- (d) He began to beat the child.

Question 12.

What did the parents say when the child lagged behind?

- (a) **'Come, child, come.'**
- (b) 'Come, or you'll be lost.'
- (c) 'Come, have these toys.'
- (d) 'Come, we're getting late.'

Question 13.

Who was the little boy going with?

- (a) With his father.
- (b) With his mother.
- (c) **With his father and mother.**
- (d) None of the above.

Question 14.

How were the people dressed for the festival?

- (a) Shabbily.
- (b) **Gaily**
- (c) Carelessly.
- (d) Scantily.

Question 15.

Why did the child say "No" to everything he had earlier cried for?

- (a) lost interest
- (b) his interest was changed
- (c) **because his lost parents were in his top priority.**
- (d) none

Question 16.

What does the child's refusal of all the attractive things show towards the end?

- (a) child lost his interest
- (b) child's obstinacy
- (c) **bond of love between child and parents is above everything.**
- (d) None

Question 17.

Why were the parents holding the hand of their child?

- (a) **to protect him from the crowd**
- (b) because of their fears
- (c) to help him
- (d) None

Question 18.

What is the theme of the story?

- (a) Close bonding between parents and children**
- (b) village people are good
- (c) we must go to village fairs
- (d) None

Question 19.

What does the story show?

- (a) working of a fair
- (b) working of a village
- (c) village people are good
- (d) working of a child's mind**

Question 20.

How did the generous man try to calm down the child?

- (a) showing him different toys
- (b) taking him to rides
- (c) talking to him and diverting his attention
- (d) All**

Question 21.

What did the child realize?

- (a) The fair was charming
- (b) the toys were attractive
- (c) that parents are the most valuable asset**
- (d) None

Question 22.

What did the child do when he realized that he had lost his way?

- (a) cried and ran here and there**
- (b) felt happy
- (c) reported to the office
- (d) none

Question 23.

What did the child want to eat at the fair?

- (a) Burfi**
- (b) pastry
- (c) laddoo
- (d) jalebi

Question 24.

Why did the child lag behind his parents?

- (a) because of the stops he took to look closely at his favourite things
- (b) because he was walking slow
- (c) because he was crying
- (d) all

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Question 1.

What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why does he lag behind?

Answer:

On his way to the fair the child sees toys, balloons of different colours, garland of gulmohur, a swing and a snake-charmer playing a flute. He gets attracted towards all these things. So, he lags behind.

Question 2.

In the fair he wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an answer?

Answer:

The child wants many things in the fair. He wants to have toys, different sweets, garland, balloons of different colours and has a keen desire to enjoy the roundabout. He moves on without waiting for an answer because whenever he stops to see things, his parents gave him a cautionary call, "come, child, come!"

Question 3.

When does he realise that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?

Answer:

The child sees a roundabout in the fair and gets attracted to it. He wants to have a ride on it. He asks his parents for permission to enjoy it. Having no response on the part of his parents he realises that he has lost his way. He starts crying bitterly at once and runs here and there in search of them.

Question 4.

Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

Answer:

The lost child loses interest in the things he had wanted earlier because he got lost in the fair. He is panic-stricken for being lost. Now he first wants his parents. He is afraid and feels unsafe.

Question 5.

What do you think happens in the end? Does the child find his parents?

Answer:

Yes, I feel that the child finds his parents at last. The kind-hearted person must have tried his best to find his parents. On the other hand, the parents of the child must have left no stone unturned to find their child. Moreover, in a village, everyone knows each other also could be an advantage in finding the parents of the child.

Question 6:

How did the child react when there was no sign of his parents?

Answer:

The child was very innocent. He gets confused and panic-stricken on not seeing his parents. He felt lonely without his parents amidst so much of crowd. The man who tries to console the child also does not achieve any success as the boy only needs his parents and no monetary benefit.

Question 7:

Where did the child go with his parents? What did he want there?

Answer:

The child went to a fair with his parents. He wanted garlands, balloons and sweets over there. He also wanted to see the snake and take a ride on the swing.

Question 8:

How did the mother distract the child's mind from the toy seller?

Answer:

The mother distracted the child's mind from the toy seller by pointing towards a flowering mustard field. He saw colourful dragonflies and started running after them.

Question 9:

How was the child separated from his parents?

Answer:

The boy was attracted to toys, balloons and sweets in the fair. He got fascinated with the flute music being played by the snake charmer. While watching the roundabout swing he got separated from his parents.

Question 10:

What happened when the lost child reached the temple door?

Answer:

When the child reached the temple door men jostled each other. The poor child struggled to thrust his way out but was knocked. He might have been trampled if he had not shouted at his highest pitch.

Question 11:

Who rescued the lost child? What did he offer to buy him?

Answer:

The man in the shrine rescued the lost child. He lifted him up in his arms and tried to soothe him. He took him to the nearest roundabout swing and offered to buy him flowers, balloons and sheets.

Question 12:

Parents were in a hurry to reach the fair but the child was delaying them. How?

Answer:

The boy got distracted by toys which he wanted to buy, butterflies and dragon flies which he wanted to catch and flowers that he wanted to gather. And, out of pure innocence he delayed his parents to reach the fair.

Question 13:

What was the first reaction of the child when he realized that he had lost his parents?

Answer:

The child panicked when he realized (hat he had lost his parents. He was puzzled, angry and

desperate. He cried and shouted for his parents. He ran here and there to look for his parents.

Question 14:

Why didn't the boy wait for an answer after he had pleaded for sweets?

Answer:

The boy didn't wait for an answer after he had pleaded for sweets because he knew that his parents would say that he was greedy and would refuse to buy the sweets.

Question 15:

What happened when the "lost child" entered the grove? How did he enjoy there?

Answer:

When the "lost child" entered the grove, a shower of young flowers fell upon him. He began to gather the raining petals. He heard the cooing of doves and ran towards his parents. He had a fun-filled splendid time in the grove.

Question 15:

What kind of a lady was his mother?

Answer:

His mother was a very kind lady. Her attitude was very tender. Whenever the child wanted to buy something, she tried to divert his attention to something else. She didn't scold him.

Question 16:

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

Answer:

The child was an obedient boy. He wanted to buy many things from the shops in the fair. Whenever he demanded, his parents refused and he obeyed quietly. He did not complain for anything. It proves that he was an obedient boy.

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (ABOUT 80-100 WORDS)

Question 1:

What changes do you notice in the behaviour of the child, once he is separated from his parents in the story "The Lost Child"?

Answer:

A child along with his parents had been to a fair. He was very excited and happy with the stalls of toys and sweets. He gets separated from his parents and starts crying. He runs hither and thither in search of his parents, but in vain. Since the place was overcrowded he got really scared. He started crying as he was all alone. A kind-hearted man offers him many things but he refuses. The child who wanted everything from the fair was now not interested in any of these things as he only yearned to be with his parents.

Question 2:

Compare the attitude of the child before and after his separation from his parents.

Answer:

Before separation the child was very happy and excited at the fair. He was fascinated with all the things that were displayed at the stalls. He wanted to have all the things like his favourite

toys, sweets, flowers, etc. He also wanted to go for a ride. But after separation the boy just wanted to be with his parents. He was not interested in any of those things which he kept longing to have from the stalls. In the absence of his parents these things did not give him any satisfaction.

Question 3:

How did the man who found the little boy in the fair, try to soothe him?

Answer:

The man who found the little boy in the fair tried every possible way to soothe him. He took him to a roundabout swing then offered a horse ride, tried to make him listen to the snake charmer's song and offered him a balloon, as he thought that this would distract his mind, but in vain. He offered him flowers and sweets, but the child kept crying. The child could not be distracted by any of the things at the fair as he longed to be with his parents.

Question 4:

How do you know that the lost child was a nature – lover?

Answer:

The child was attracted to the nature's little aspects because of his innocence. When his mother diverted his attention towards the mustard field he saw the flowers which were in the nascent stage and flowering. The flowers of the field were pale like melting gold. He then saw a group of dragon flies which were bustling about on their purple wings, intercepting the flight of a lone black bee or butterfly in search of sweetness from the flowers. The child wanted to catch those dragons but they went away fluttering and flapping. He also got attracted to the little insects and worms along the foot that were teeming out from their hiding places to enjoy the Sunshine. A shower of young flowers fell upon the child as he entered the fair. He forgot about his parents and began to gather the raining petals in his hands. Again, when he heard the cooing of doves, he ran towards his parents shouting about them.

Question 5:

What all things did the child get attracted to, once he entered the fair? Was he able to get all the things he desired? What happened when he made a bold request to his parents?

Answer:

With a wide mouth, he stared at the sight of burfi. Later he was attracted to a garland of gulmohur and was carried away by the rainbow glory of the coloured balloons. He wanted them all but, on the other hand, he also knew the answers of his parents, so he convinced himself and did not ask them for anything. Finally, he made a bold request for going on the roundabout. As he turned to get their reply, he could not find them behind him.

Question 6:

If I had been the lost child, what would you have done to find your parents in the fair?

Answer:

If I had been the lost child, my condition would have been the same. I would have run here and there in the fair, looking for my parents. I would have also cried bitterly. But, I would have acted in a more sensible way. I would have avoided the crowded places. I would have gone to the office of the fair and would tell them my address and name of my parents and would

request someone to make an announcement. If there was no help from him, I would have waited for my parents at one place. If some kind-hearted man helps me to locate my parents, I would definitely accompany him. I know they would not have gone back home without me and would have gone back to the places in the fair we visited. I wouldn't have lost patience and waited for them.