Chapter 12: Idgah

Fill in the blanks

1. The story begins on the morning of _____ when the village was full of excitement.
2. Hamid was a _____-year-old orphan boy living with his grandmother.
3. Hamid's grandmother's name was _____.
4. Amina cried because she didn't have even a _____ of food in the house for Eid.
5. Hamid had only _____ paise in his pocket when he went to the fair.
6. The total money in their house was _____ paise - three with Hamid and five with Amina.
7. Hamid had to walk _____ miles to reach the Idgah fair.
8. At the Idgah, people were praying in rows beyond the _____ courtyard.
9. After prayers, people embraced each other and went to _____ shops.
10. Hamid's friends rode on wooden _____ and camels at the fair.
11. Hamid didn't ride because he didn't want to waste _____ of his money.
12. The other boys bought _____ toys while Hamid watched longingly.

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13. Hamid got attracted to a pair of _____ at the hardware shop.
14. The shopkeeper initially said the tongs were of no _____ to Hamid.
15. The tongs cost _____ paise but Hamid bargained for three.
16. Hamid carried the tongs on his shoulder like a _____.
17. Mohsin teased Hamid that the tongs would burn its _____ in fire daily.
18. Hamid replied that only the _____ dare to jump into fire.
19. The boys finally admitted Hamid's _____ was the best purchase.
20. Mehmood shared _____ only with Hamid, showing respect for his wisdom.
21. When Hamid returned, Amina rushed forward and _____ him up.
22. Amina was _____ when she saw the tongs in Hamid's hands.
23. Hamid had bought the tongs because Amina burned her _____ while making chapatis.
24. Amina's anger turned to _____ when she understood Hamid's intention.

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25. The narrator describes how the _____ boy was playing the role of an old man.
26. Amina _____ Allah's blessings for her grandchild.
27. The chapter shows how Hamid's _____ triumphed over poverty.
28. Unlike his friends, Hamid showed _____ by buying something useful.
29. The tongs became a symbol of Hamid's _____ for his grandmother.
30. The story teaches us about the purity of a _____ heart.

Multiple choice questions

1. Why was Amina crying at the beginning of the chapter?

a) Because she had no food for Eid celebrations

b) Because Hamid refused to go to the Idgah

c) Because she was angry with the villagers

d) Because Hamid lost their money

2. How much money did Hamid have when he went to the fair?

a) Five paise

b) Eight paise

c) Three paise

d) Ten paise

3. What did Hamid's friends spend their money on at the fair?

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a) Clothes and shoes

b) Toys and sweets

c) Books and pens

d) Food and drinks

4. Why did Hamid decide to buy tongs instead of toys?

a) Because they were cheaper than toys

b) Because the shopkeeper forced him

c) To show off to his friends

d) To help his grandmother who burned her fingers cooking

5. How did the other boys eventually treat Hamid's tongs?

a) They threw them away

b) They wanted to trade their toys for it

c) They broke it

d) They gave him money for it

6. Why did Hamid's grandmother eventually cry?

a) Because she was still hungry

b) Because she lost money

c) Because she missed Hamid's parents

d) Because she realized Hamid's loving sacrifice

7. What does the narrator compare Hamid to at the end?

a) An old man

b) A brave soldier

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c) A wise teacher

d) A playful child

8. How did Mehmood show respect to Hamid?

a) By giving him money

b) By carrying his tongs

c) By sharing bananas only with him

d) By apologizing

9. How does the narrator describe hope in the chapter?

a) As something dangerous

b) As unnecessary for poor people

c) As only for adults

d) As a wonderful thing, especially in children

10. What made Hamid different from his friends?

a) His ability to bargain

b) His knowledge of tools

c) His selfless thinking about others

d) His physical strength

11. Why didn't Hamid ride the wooden horses?

a) He wanted to save money

b) He was scared of them

c) They were already full

d) His grandmother forbade it

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12. What shows that Hamid was mature for his age?

a) His understanding of his grandmother's needs

b) His ability to count money

c) His walking three miles alone

d) His knowledge of tools

13. How does the chapter portray poverty?

a) As something shameful

b) As completely hopeless

c) As an obstacle overcome by love

d) As the villagers' fault

14. What literary device is used in "Hope is a wonderful thing"?

a) Simile

b) Metaphor

c) Personification

d) Hyperbole

15. What makes Hamid's character inspiring?

a) His ability to make money

b) His intelligence at school

c) His popularity with friends

d) His self-sacrifice and thoughtfulness

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