

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.

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.

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?

- 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

- 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

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