

20. Chapter: Lost Spring

Q.No	Answers	Marks
Multiple Choice Question		
Q.231	<p><i>But promises like mine abound in every corner of his <u>bleak</u> world.</i></p> <p>Which of these has the same meaning as 'bleak' as used in the above sentence from 'Lost Spring'?</p> <p>A. unfair</p> <p>B. chaotic</p> <p>C. isolated</p> <p>D. hopeless</p>	1
Q.232	<p>Which of these options best captures the author's point of view in the following lines from 'Lost Spring'?</p> <p><i>"I will learn to drive a car," he answers, looking straight into my eyes. His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad, famous for its bangles.</i></p> <p>A. Saheb's understanding of the world is limited to what he has seen in his hometown.</p> <p>B. Saheb's determination is in contrast to how indifferent the adults of Firozabad are.</p> <p>C. Saheb's dismal situation makes it unlikely that his fantasy will ever come true.</p> <p>D. Saheb's sense of hope despite his reality shows how courageous he is.</p>	1
Free Response Question / Subjective Question		
Q.233	<p>How does the following line from 'Lost Spring' tie into its theme of being 'stories of stolen childhood'? Explain your answer in 40–50 words.</p> <p><i>The steel canister seems heavier than the plastic bag he (Saheb) would carry so lightly over his shoulder.</i></p>	3

Q.234	<p><i>The old woman beside her...still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes.</i></p> <p>Why does the old woman from 'Lost Spring: II' lack 'light in her eyes' despite working with colourful bangles? Answer in 40–50 words by providing two reasons based on the text.</p>	3
Q.235	<p><i>Years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream.</i></p> <p><i>In the above line from 'Lost Spring', why has bangle-making been described as 'mind-numbing toil'? Answer in 40–50 words.</i></p>	3

Answer Key & Marking Scheme

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Q.231	D. hopeless	1
Q.232	C. Saheb's dismal situation makes it unlikely that his fantasy will ever come true.	1
Q.233	<p>Sample Answer: This line shows how quickly children from poor backgrounds have to grow up for financial reasons. They don't have the luxury of having a carefree childhood, free of responsibilities. Thus, it ties into the 'stories of stolen childhood' theme.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ States how the line ties into the theme of 'stories of stolen childhood'</p> <p>(this line shows how quickly children from poor backgrounds have to grow up for financial reasons/they don't have the luxury of having a carefree childhood, free of responsibilities/it reveals the loss of dreams that happens due to the burden of reality/childhood is marked by freedom and doing what one wants to do, but this line shows that children like Saheb cannot be their own masters even in childhood)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid response.</i></p> <p><u>Expression</u></p> <p>◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas [0.50 marks]</p> <p>◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics [0.50 marks]</p> <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met.</i></p>	3
Q.234	<p>Sample Answer: The old woman lacks 'light in her eyes' as even though she has been making bangles for ages, she still has insufficient income to have a full meal. She comes from a poor family and oppressed caste because of which she is left with very few options to pursue other opportunities.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ Mentions two reasons why the old woman lacks 'light in her eyes' based on instances from the text [2 marks]</p> <p>(due to her hard life over the years/lack of options/does not know how to do anything else/her life is riddled with poverty and lack of opportunities/for a long time, she has been doing a job that hurts her eyes/her life does not give her sufficient reasons to be interested or excited/becoming a bride or having a husband did not give her any privileges/her hard work has not yielded in any results)</p>	3

	<p><u>Expression</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas [0.50 marks] ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics [0.50 marks] <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met. Award half of the allotted marks if only one criteria has been met. Award 0 marks if none of the criteria have been met.</i></p>	
Q.235	<p>Sample Answer: Bangle-making has been described as 'mind-numbing' because it is very mechanical work which requires no thinking or creativity from the makers. It has been described as 'toil' because it is physically demanding work in unfavourable conditions.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Locates supporting detail for bangle-making being 'mind-numbing' [1 mark] (mechanical work/does not require thinking or creativity/hands move automatically to complete the task) ◆ Locates supporting detail for bangle-making described as 'toil' [1 mark] (hard work/long hours of work/physically demanding/work that has completely exhausted them/conditions of work are extreme and unfavourable) <p><i>Accept any other valid interpretation supported by the text.</i></p> <p><u>Expression</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas [0.50 marks] ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics [0.50 marks] <p><i>Award the full allotted marks if both the criteria have been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award half of the allotted marks if only one criteria has been met.</i></p> <p><i>Award 0 marks if none of the criteria have been met.</i></p>	3