

3. LOST SPRING

Q. No	Question	Marks
Multiple Choice Question		
	<p>Read the extract given and answer the FOUR Questions that follow.</p> <p>Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more.</p> <p>"I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten-rupee note," Saheb says, his eyes lighting up. When you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don't stop scrounging, for there is hope of finding more. It seems that for children, garbage has a meaning different from what it means to their parents. For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival.</p>	1
Q.14	<p>Why is garbage equivalent to gold for the people of Seemapuri?</p> <p>A. because they can find food only through rag-picking</p> <p>B. because they can become wealthy only through rag-picking</p> <p>C. because rag-picking helps them earn money for their basic needs</p> <p>D. because rag-picking helps them use garbage to build their houses</p>	1
Q.15	<p>Why is garbage 'wrapped in wonder' for the children?</p> <p>A. because the children don't find it demeaning to be rag-pickers</p> <p>B. because the children only go through the garbage to look for notes</p> <p>C. because the children find the possibility of finding treasure in the garbage exciting</p> <p>D. because the children don't get disappointed if they can't find money in the garbage</p>	1
Q.16	<p><i>And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking.</i></p> <p>Which of the following assumptions can you make from the above sentence?</p> <p>A. Rag-picking is the only easily available job option in Seemapuri.</p> <p>B. People from places like Dhaka come to Seemapuri to collect garbage.</p>	1

	<p>C. People in Seemapuri enjoy rag-picking as a way of earning their livelihood.</p> <p>D. No one in Seemapuri is interested in learning skills other than collecting garbage.</p>	
Q.17	<p><i>When you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don't stop <u>scrounging</u>, for there is hope of finding more.</i></p> <p>Which of these can replace the underlined word without changing its meaning?</p> <p>A. loitering</p> <p>B. grappling</p> <p>C. searching</p> <p>D. wondering</p>	1
Free Response Question/Subjective Type		
Q.18	<p>Why does Anees Jung spend a significant portion of 'Lost Spring' talking about shoes? Explain any one reason in 30–40 words with relevant examples from the story.</p>	2
Q.19	<p>Despite the difficulties that Mukesh's family goes through, his grandmother believes that their occupation is their destiny. What could be a reason behind this belief? State your response in 30–40 words with evidence from the text 'Lost Spring'.</p>	2

Answer Key & Marking Scheme

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Q.14	C. because rag-picking helps them earn money for their basic needs	1
Q.15	C. because the children find the possibility of finding treasure in the garbage exciting	1
Q.16	A. Rag-picking is the only easily available job option in Seemapuri.	1
Q.17	C. searching	1
Q.18	<p>Sample Answer: The rich take their shoes for granted but poor people have to come up with justifications for not having shoes. Anees Jung tries to highlight the difference between the rich and the poor by showing how shoes are a luxury to Saheb and his friends who either don't own them or wear them only occasionally.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ States a reason behind the author's focus on shoes [0.50 marks]</p> <p>(to highlight the difference between the rich and the poor/to underscore how differently the rich and the poor respond to basic necessities/to emphasise the challenges faced by the poor because of their poverty/to show readers the extent of poverty amongst people like Saheb/to reveal the reality of poor people like Saheb)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid interpretation supported by the text.</i></p> <p>◆ Supports the stated reason with evidence from the text [0.50 marks]</p> <p>(Saheb's mother doesn't allow him to wear shoes because shoes are a luxury item for them/one of Saheb's friend is okay with wearing mismatched shoes/one of Saheb's friends wishes for shoes because he has never owned them in his life/the poor consider it a tradition to walk barefoot/a priest's son prayed for a pair of shoes/another boy prayed so that he would never lose his shoes/Saheb is okay with wearing discarded shoes that have holes in them)</p> <p><i>Accept any valid response supported by the text.</i></p> <p><u>Expression</u></p> <p>◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas [0.50 marks]</p>	2

	<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> <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>	
Q.19	<p>Sample Answer: Most bangle makers like Mukesh's family are convinced that they are not capable of doing anything else because of their lack of awareness about any other occupation. They are not allowed to imagine another way of life because of their poverty. This is one of the reasons behind Mukesh's grandmother's belief, who also belongs to this community.</p> <p><u>Content</u></p> <p>◆ States a reason behind Mukesh's grandmother's belief [0.50 marks]</p> <p>(they try to justify their way of life through this statement/their poverty and lack of awareness about other occupations prevent them from doing anything else/poverty doesn't allow them to seek out other job opportunities or dream about an alternative way of life/their families have been trained in this profession for generations/they deny how cruel their reality is through this justification/they are conditioned to believe that this is the only thing they are capable of doing)</p> <p><i>Accept any other valid interpretation supported by the text.</i></p> <p>◆ Supports the reason with relevant examples from the text [0.50 marks]</p> <p>(a woman's husband says that he knows nothing besides making bangles/Mukesh's grandmother saw her husband go blind from polishing glass/children lose their eyesight before reaching adulthood because of their involvement in bangle making/the vicious circle of the <i>sahukars</i>, the middlemen, the policemen, the keepers of the law, the bureaucrats and the politicians have kept them burdened with caste that doesn't allow them to try out other occupations/their fathers are too tired to show them another way of life/there is no leader among them who can help them see things differently/to do anything else would mean to dare and daring is not encouraged)</p> <p><i>Accept any valid evidence supported by the story.</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 mark]</p>	2

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