

Class 12 chapter 2 lost spring

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Answer the following questions:

1. How in your opinion, can Mukesh realize his dream?

Ans. Mukesh is the son of poor bangle maker of Firozabad. Most of the young men of Firozabad have no imitative or ability to dream. But Mukesh is an exception..He has the capacity to take courage and break from the traditional family occupation. He has the strong will power also. He doesn't want to be a pawn in the hands of the middle man or money lenders. He insists on being his own master. By becoming a motor mechanic. .He can realize his dream by joining a garage and learn the job of repairing cars and driving them. He will have to overcome many hurdles before he over comes he succeeds. Then comes transport problem. Money is the first one..He will have to earn some money himself. The garage is a long away from his home.. He will have to cover up twice a day anyhow by walking on foot.paitence, hard work, firm will and determination to learn will help him realize his dream.

2. Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry?

Ans. The glass bangle industry has many health hazards. It usually employs small children. It is illegal to employ very young children in hazardous industries, but certain forces like, middle men, money lenders, police and politicians combine to entrap the poor workers. Let us consider the place where bangle maker's work. It is a cottage industry. They work in glass furnace with high temperatures. The dingy cells are without air and light .Boys and girls work hard next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps. They weld pieces of colored glass in to circles of bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. That is why they often end losing their eyesight before they becomes adult. Glass blowing, welding and soldering pieces of glass all are health hazards .Even the dust from polishing the glass of bangles adversely affects the eyes and even adult go blind. Thus surroundings, prevailing conditions and the type of job involved all prove risky to the health of the workers.

3. What are the dreams of the people like 'Saheb-e-Alam' and Mukesh? Could these be realized? What is the reality of the situation?

Ans. Poor rag-pickers like Saheb spend the early years of their lives looking for gold in garbage dumps. The parents of these street children have no fixed income. They wage war against poverty and hunger. They have no dreams except finding the means of survival. Garbage to them is gold. It is the source of their daily bread. And provides a roof over their heads. He ends up as a servant at tea stall and loses his freedom. Mukesh the son of bangle maker of Firozabad has a dream of becoming a motor mechanic. He wants to learn to drive a car. He thinks of joining a garage to fulfill his dream. He knows that the garage is a far away, yet he has decided to walk. He realizes his reality and is willing to overcome the obstacles. His daring to rise and decision to get free from the trap laid by vicious money lenders and middle men arouse a sense of hope. Deprived of education, proper food and upbringing, these children are forced into labor early in life.

4. Firozabad presents a strange paradox. Contrast the beauty of the glass bangles of Firozabad with the misery of the people who produce them. Firozabad the centre of India's glass-blowing industry, is famous for its bangles. Spirals of bangles of various colors can be seen lying in mounds in yards or piled in four-wheeled carts. These bangles have shining bright colors, sunny gold, royal blue, pink etc. every color is born out of seven colors of the rainbow. The bangle makers lead a miserable life. They know no other work than bangle making. They neither have courage nor money to start a trade or job. They spent generations in the clutches of middle men and money lenders. Extreme poverty forces them to remain hungry and they work all day. Mukesh's father has failed to send his two sons to school. Young boys are tired as their fathers. Their work at hot furnaces makes them blind prematurely.

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Dear students,

Please note: Kindly write down all these notes in your new note book and learn don't waste your time.

I am giving you English assignment prepare a 5 minutes presentation in any given topic and bring it in a pen drive when you come to the school. Write your names in your pen drive .It will be included for the internal assessments.

Topics are given below choose any one:

- 1 Biography of any important sports person in the world.
- 2 Dependence of technology making human less intelligent
- 3 Tourism in India
- 4 Sports and games
- 5 The trip I enjoyed the most
- 6 My favorite TV program me.
- 7 Poverty in India
- 8 Hobbies and Interest
- 9 Important historical event in India from 2016 to 2020.
- 10 Current education system in India.
- 11 Digital India