

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Moments Chapter-1 The Lost Child**  
**Test Paper-03**

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**Read the following passages and answer the questions**

1. His father looked at him red-eyed, in his familiar tyrant's way.
  - a. Who father is spoken of in the above lines?
  - b. What made the father angry?
  - c. Why do you think 'familiar tyrant's way' mean?
  - d. How did the mother react to this?
2. But he half knew his parents as he begged that his plea would not be headed because his parents would say he was greedy.
  - a. What was the child hesitating for?
  - b. What was the child's plea?
  - c. Why do you think his father was not granting his plea?
  - d. What nature of the father is being reflected from the above extracts?

**Answer the following questions in about 30 words:**

3. Why didn't the child wait to listen the snake charmer's music?
4. How and where does the child meet the man?
5. What does the child do when the man took him to the snake charmer?
6. Describe the way the child enjoyed with the dragon flies and butterflies.
7. What efforts has the child made before meeting the man?
8. What picture do we get about the child's mother?

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words:**

9. Describe the man's helpful nature.
10. Narrate the child's own activities to be united to his parents?

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**Answers**

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  - a. The extract speaks about the father of the lost child.
  - b. The child's demand for the toy made the father angry.
  - c. The phrase means the unkind looks of father which the child was familiar with.
  - d. The mother tried to distract the child elsewhere.
2.
  - b. The child was hesitating to ask for his favourite sweet, burfi.
  - c. The child wished his father to get him sweets.
  - d. The father might not want the child to be pampered, so he didn't grant him his wishes.
  - e. The father seems to be unkind, but basically practical person.
3. The child was attracted towards snake charmer's music which made the snake raise its head. The child went to the snake charmer but he didn't dare to wait there as he knew his parents had forbidden him from listening such kind of coarse music.
4. The child was frantically searching the parents after getting lost. He ran towards the shrine where he could see the rushing crowd. Every little inch of space was crowded with people. The child was struggling to get his way through the trampling crowd. He might have been crushed underfoot, if he had not cried loudly. A kind man saw him and lifted him gently into his arms.
5. When the kind man took the child to the snake charmer in the hope that he would stop crying, the child shut his ears with his fingers and shrieked in double pitched tone for his father and mother. It shows his loss of interest in the things which he was interested in earlier.
6. The child followed the dragon flies in the air with his gaze, till one of them would still its wings and rest, he would try to catch it. But it would fly fluttering its wings, when he thought he had almost caught it. This shows his enjoyment on the way.
7. The child, after getting lost tried to look for them all around. A full deep cry rose from his dry throat and he called for father and mother in fear. He jerked his body and ran to and fro in search of them. He tried to look the yellow patches in the crowd. He displayed his

presence of mind to find his parents till he could meet the kind man.

8. The child's mother appears to be simple and considerate lady. When the child asks for something, she is well aware that the father wouldn't fulfill his wish. So she tries to divert his attention to something else. We can conclude her concern as she frequently gives him cautionary calls.
9. The story 'The Lost Child' gives a beautiful description of the childish curiosity and psychology. The author Mulk Raj Anand describes the details of the activities of the child who gets separated from his parents in the fair.

The child makes his own efforts to get back to his parents, but he fails. He comes near the shrine and loudly keeps screaming for his father and mother. No one in the crowd is sensible enough to pay heed to the child. Suddenly a kind man hears the child lifts him in his arms. He understands well the child's situation. He wanted to help him finding his parents but also expects child to be pacified. He takes the child to the roundabouts, balloon seller, flower seller, sweetmeat vendor, the snake charmer and kindly asks the child if he wanted those things. The man is also very well aware of the child's mind. He tries his best to help the child. The man stands for goodness, kindness among the crowd of thousands of insensible hearts .

10. The story 'The Lost Child' by Mulk Raj Anand evoke the feelings of love and sympathy for the lost child in the story. Fortunately this child finds a kind man who tries to comfort him, helps to find him his father and mother.

The story describes child's activities before and after getting lost. He appears to be very innocent child when he is with the parents and keeps demanding the things of his interest. He seems to be sensible and courageous when he searches his parents. He moves to and from keeps calling them. He intently looks for yellow patches in the crowd as his parents might have dressed yellow. This shows his presence of mind even when he is panic stricken. He doesn't lose his hopes. He meets the kind man who wants to help him.