

1. Who is the author of “The Lost Child”?

A) Rabindranath Tagore  
B) Mulk Raj Anand  
C) R.K. Narayan  
D) Ruskin Bond  
Answer: B) Mulk Raj Anand

2. What festival was the child’s family going to attend?

A) Diwali  
B) Dussehra  
C) A village fair  
D) Eid  
Answer: C) A village fair

3. What did the child see on the way to the fair?

A) Birds and butterflies  
B) Toys in shops  
C) People walking  
D) All of the above  
Answer: D) All of the above

4. What did the child ask for first at the fair?

A) Balloons  
B) Toys  
C) A sweet  
D) A ride  
Answer: B) Toys

5. How did the parents respond when the child asked for things?

A) They bought everything  
B) They shouted at him  
C) They ignored or diverted him  
D) They agreed happily  
Answer: C) They ignored or diverted him

6. What was the child’s reaction to the colorful sweetmeat seller?

A) He cried  
B) He ran away  
C) He wanted sweets  
D) He ignored him  
Answer: C) He wanted sweets

7. What did the child see near the balloon seller?

A) A monkey show  
B) A snake charmer  
C) A merry-go-round  
D) A juggler  
Answer: D) A juggler

8. What did the child do when he saw the roundabout (merry-go-round)?

A) He sat on it  
B) He ran away  
C) He asked to go on the ride  
D) He ignored it  
Answer: C) He asked to go on the ride

9. When did the child realize he was lost?

A) At the entrance of the fair  
B) While watching the juggler  
C) When he turned and found his parents missing  
D) When he fell down  
Answer: C) When he turned and found his parents missing

10. How did the child react after realizing he was lost?

A) He remained calm  
B) He started playing  
C) He cried loudly  
D) He ran home  
Answer: C) He cried loudly

11. Who helped the lost child?

A) A policeman  
B) A kind-hearted man  
C) A shopkeeper  
D) His teacher  
Answer: B) A kind-hearted man

12. What did the man try to do for the child?

A) Scold him  
B) Buy him toys and sweets  
C) Send him to jail  
D) Ignore him  
Answer: B) Buy him toys and sweets

13. What did the child want after being lost?

A) Toys  
B) Balloons  
C) Sweets  
D) Only his parents  
Answer: D) Only his parents

14. What does the story mainly highlight?

A) Importance of toys  
B) Child’s love for sweets  
C) Innocence and parental bond  
D) Village life  
Answer: C) Innocence and parental bond

15. What was the weather like on the day of the fair?

A) Rainy  
B) Cloudy  
C) Sunny and spring-like  
D) Cold and foggy  
Answer: C) Sunny and spring-like

16. What is the main theme of “The Lost Child”?

A) Greed  
B) Love for fun  
C) Attachment to parents  
D) Festive joy  
Answer: C) Attachment to parents

17. How did the child describe the sweets?

A) Sticky  
B) Colored and tempting  
C) Sour  
D) Old and dry  
Answer: B) Colored and tempting

18. What does the story reflect about human nature?

A) Selfishness  
B) Materialism  
C) Emotional priorities change in distress  
D) Hatred  
Answer: C) Emotional priorities change in distress

19. What did the child see on the footpath?

A) A snake  
B) Insects  
C) Little insects and worms  
D) Ants  
Answer: C) Little insects and worms

20. What lesson does “The Lost Child” teach us?

A) How to enjoy a fair  
B) Importance of sweets and toys  
C) Children are demanding  
D) Emotional security of children lies with parents  
Answer: D) Emotional security of children lies with parents

Extract 1

"It was the festival of spring. From the wintry shades of narrow lanes and alleys emerged a gaily clad humanity."

Question: What does the phrase *"gaily clad humanity"* suggest?  
A) People were sad and silent  
B) People were dressed in bright, festive clothes  
C) People were returning from work  
D) People were wearing uniforms  
Answer: B) People were dressed in bright, festive clothes

Extract 2

"A sweetmeat-seller hawked, ‘Gulab-jamun, rasgulla, burfi, jalebi ...’ The child murmured, ‘I want that burfi ...’"

Question: Why did the child murmur instead of demand the sweet?  
A) He was shy and afraid of being scolded  
B) He didn’t like sweets  
C) He already had sweets  
D) He had no money  
Answer: A) He was shy and afraid of being scolded

Extract 3

"But he half knew as he begged that his plea would not be heeded because his parents would say he was greedy."

Question: What does this line reveal about the child’s relationship with his parents?  
A) He was scared they would beat him  
B) He trusted them completely  
C) He knew their reactions well and feared disapproval  
D) He never talked to them  
Answer: C) He knew their reactions well and feared disapproval

Extract 4

"He ran towards the shrine, where people seemed to be crowding. Every little inch of space here was congested with men."

Question: What was the child doing in the crowd at the shrine?  
A) Selling sweets  
B) Searching for his parents  
C) Performing a ritual  
D) Playing with balloons  
Answer: B) Searching for his parents

Extract 5

"A man in the crowd heard his cries and, stooping with great difficulty, lifted him up in his arms."

Question: What does this man's action show?  
A) People were indifferent to children  
B) The man was cruel and wanted to kidnap him  
C) The man was kind-hearted and tried to help  
D) The man was the child’s relative  
Answer: C) The man was kind-hearted and tried to help