

THE LOST SPRING

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① What is Sahel looking for in the garbage dumps? Where is he and where has he ~~is~~ come from?

Ans Sahel is looking for coins in the garbage dumps. He is in the neighbourhood ^{money} of the author Sahel has come from Bangladesh.

② "But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world." ~~is~~ What promise does the author recall? In what context was it made? Was it ~~full~~ fulfilled?

Ans The author promisingly as well as half jokingly asked Sahel whether he would come, if the author starts one. ~~to school~~ Sahel smiled broadly and agreed to come. After few days, he ran up to the author and asked if the school was ready. He had made a promise that was not meant.

③ How does the author relate the story of man of Udiipi with the contemporary barefoot rag-pickers?

Ans The author relates the story of a man from Udiipi with the contemporary barefoot rag-pickers because the former and latter both were desirous of a pair of shoes and the former got them by praying everybody for a pair of shoes to god.

④ Who is Mukesh? What is his dream? Why does it look like "a mirage amidst the dust"?

Ans Mukesh is the son of a poor bundle maker of Ferozabad, where every other family is

~~are~~ engaged in making bangles. His poor father has failed to renovate his house or send his 2 sons to school. Mukesh insists on being his own master. His dream is to be a motor mechanic. He wants to drive a car. Given the conditions of existence, his dream looks like a mirage amidst the dust.

(5) What contrast do you notice between the colours of the bangles and the atmosphere of the place where these bangles are made?

Ans The bangles are of every colour born out of the 7 colours of the rainbow. These are sunny gold, paddy green, royal blue, pink and purple. Boys and girls work in dark hutments, next to the flickering flames of oil lamps around furnaces, blowing glass, welding and soldering it to make bangles.

(6) What could be some of the reasons for the migration of people from villages to cities?

Ans People migrate from villages to cities in search of livelihood. Their fields fail to provide them means of survival. Cities provide employment, jobs or other means of getting food. The problem in case of the poor is to feed the hungry members. Survival is of primary concern.

(7) Which 2 distinct worlds does the ~~cat~~ author notice among the bangle-making industry?

Ans The 2 distinct worlds that the author noticed was one of the family which was caught

in a web of poverty and burdened by the stigma of caste in which they were born. The other was the vicious circle of shukars, middlemen, ~~po~~ policemen, keepers of the law, bureaucrats and the politicians.